

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes    Assistant Priest: Fr. Michael Mannion*  
*Deacon: Rev. Jeffrey Downie    Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

## ***Tenth Sunday of the Year 9th June 2013 (page 94)***

A number of people have asked me recently whether or not the last twenty-five years have gone by quickly. That's a difficult question! Time is a strange phenomenon: there are those days when you are waiting for a train to come and it takes forever and yet other days when the train is at the platform in a flash! The years have raced by at times; the years have also taken time to unfold. My first appointment in Watford lasted for seven years; the next at St. Charles Sixth Form College was three. I was Parish Priest in Fulham for ten years and now I am coming up to five years completed in Welwyn Garden City. I STILL have twenty-six years to go until I officially retire! Time is amazing!

God is eternal and everlasting and yet he chose to enter into time at a particular moment in history and in a specific place. God revealed himself in and through his Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In our Gospel passage today, Jesus shows such great compassion to the widow who lost her only son; Jesus really feels her grief - a sign of God's understanding of what we face. As with time, it can be really hard to fathom God's mind completely, how and why in one case he intervenes and in another no response seems to come. And yet to keep trusting, hoping and being open to Divine Love definitely does make a difference.

In our passage from Galatians, St. Paul speaks of being specially chosen in his mother's womb, of being called through God's grace, of God choosing to reveal his Son in Paul through his preaching. These are very deep and apt words for a priest! The Lord finds ways of reminding me of what really matters, of the calling and the ministry entrusted to me and of the awesome task of reflecting Jesus Christ through my words and actions. He is very patient and helps me to keep learning!

I am so grateful to all of you for the hard work going into the Jubilee celebrations. Thank you so very much. Keep praying for me. God bless you. With much love, ***Fr. Norbert***

**FR. NORBERT'S 25TH EDGWARE CELEBRATION** Everyone is most welcome at St. Anthony's Church, Garratt Road, Edgware HA8 9AN on Tuesday 11th June at 12noon for Mass followed by lunch. Everyone is welcome. Those travelling by car are advised to park in the Broadwalk Shopping Centre Car Park on Station Road, Edgware HA8 7BD with a five-minute walk along Church Way to Garratt Road. If anyone can offer a lift or any need a lift, please contact Kathryn Hubbard.

**\*\*\*\*\* FR. NORBERT'S JUBILEE IN WGC - 6PM ON SATURDAY\*\*\*\*\***  
***YOU ARE ALL VERY WELCOME!***

Practice for musicians and singers of our 3 churches on Thursday at 7.30pm in Our Lady's. Setting up of tables etc on Saturday 9 - 11 am. Volunteers needed.

Food to be left at Hall from 4pm. Help needed to receive the food.

After Mass there will be a 'Family Disco', entertainment, food and drink. We aim to finish by 11pm. Help with the clear-up would be much appreciated.

**JUBILEE MASS CAR PARKING** Our Lady School has kindly offered the use the upper playground for Saturday as well as the usual staff car park. This should help on Saturday as the church car park will be for dignitaries and people with limited mobility. Both car parks will have stewards helping. Further parking is available at the Woodhall shops. Please park carefully, keeping in mind the safety of pedestrians and respecting the access neighbours need to their property. Thank you.

**'SOLSTICE FOR SYRIA'** Saturday, 22 June from 4.30pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity. Join in a fun midsummer's evening, for all ages, to raise money for those affected by the Syrian crisis. BBQ at 5pm with games, face painting for children, quiz, live music including some ceilidh dances. There will also be a brief live link with young people in Jordan who are working directly to support Syrian refugees. The BBQ (including soft drinks) will cost £5 and donation baskets for Syria will be available.

**CWL** There will be a C.W.L. Meeting next week on Tuesday 11th June at 8pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE TRAINING DAY** the dioceses of Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood are combining to offer a Training day, on Saturday the 22nd of June (at Brentwood Cathedral), for anyone who is interested in Justice & Peace work. There will be talks and workshops, it is free and travel could be by car, round the M25, or by train, going to Kings Cross and then from Liverpool Street to Brentwood. For more information, please contact John Fogarty (tel' 01707 327771, e-mail john.fogarty@ntlworld.com).

**SAVE THE CHILDREN** are holding their open gardens on Sunday, June 16th at 5, Russellcroft Rd and 120, Parkway from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £2.50 for 2 gardens. There will be cream teas, plants, cakes and Pimms. Thank you for supporting us.

**FR. MICHAEL** Fr. Michael has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Thomas More Church in Wheathampstead. Fr. Michael will be with us until his summer holidays after which he will move to Wheathampstead. We are grateful to him for his ministry and wish him well in his new appointment.

**NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST** the new Assistant Priest for our parishes will be Fr. Vincent Malone who is currently in Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate.

**DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE** Jeffrey has been appointed Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George Parish in Enfield. He will start after he has taken a summer holiday. If you would like to go by coach to Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. Don't forget the Holy Hours of Prayer for Jeffrey: Tuesday 18th June 10am at St. Bonaventure's and 8pm at Our Lady's and Wednesday 19th June 10am at Holy Family. Jeffrey will go on retreat soon after in readiness for the Ordination.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion in recent weeks. Don't forget the Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 23rd June at 3pm in Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall.

**CATHOLICISM COURSE** The next session will be on Monday 17th June at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room when we will reflect on 'What is the Church?' (The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church). The evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. All welcome.

**AFRICAN MASS** Next planning meeting in Our Lady's sacristy on Friday 21st June at 7.45pm.

**EILEEN SHEEHAN RIP** Eileen's Funeral Mass will be in Our Lady's Church on Friday 21st June at 1.30pm. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends.

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** on Saturday 6th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's organised by the SVP. All welcome.

**OUR LADY SCHOOL** Our Lady Catholic School will be marking its 60th anniversary on Monday 24th June with a very special Mass celebrated by Bishop John. We are very keen to have as many past pupils, staff and governors attend and would very much like to extend an invitation, in particular to those who joined the school between 1953 and 1978. The school are also planning to exhibit photographs and memorabilia from the last six decades. Please could you contact the school office for further information - Tel: 01707 324408.

**PEACE GARDEN** Many thanks for the gifts of plants which arrived this week - willing hands are still needed to plant them! A new garden bench has been purchased with a loan; donations to make us solvent would be appreciated! Please contact Anne on 328516

**MEMORIAL LECTURE** H.E. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will be giving a memorial lecture entitled "The Ecumenical Legacy of the Second Vatican Council" to mark the fifth anniversary of Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement. Saturday 6 July 2013, 3.00 pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, WGC, AL8 6JG. The lecture will be followed by a reception. RSVP: email: [cfu@focolare.org.uk](mailto:cfu@focolare.org.uk) or tel. 01707 323620.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH DOG WALKING?** Local to St. Bonaventure's. An elderly parishioner needs more people to help with dog walking. If you think you can help please contact 321432 or the parish office 322579.

**PLEASE SPONSOR US** Marion Brogan and Mary Kelly will be doing a sponsored run of 5km on 22nd June to raise funds for Crohn's and Colitis UK. Forms are at the back of church.

**INTER FAITH MATTERS** Beginnings, How our Faiths came to be..... a panel of five will explain the origins of their faith, Reverend Jeffrey Downie has offered to chair it. Place: Jim McDonald Centre, Hatfield on Wed 12th June 7.30 for 7 45pm. Further information 01707 880941.

**LORETO SCHOOL REUNION** Saturday 29th June 2.30 - 5.30pm, Afternoon Tea (£5) is served at 3.30pm. Past Loreto pupils come and see how the school has changed.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**

Bookings should be made with Phil  
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**Holy Family Church**  
**194 Knightsfield AL8 7RQ**

<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

**MASS TIMES**

10 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
11 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Barnabas
	7pm	Our Lady's	
12 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
13 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Anthony of Padua
14 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
15 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

**Eleventh Sunday of the Year**

<b>15 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady's
<b>16 Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family
	<b>10.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b>11.30am</b>	Our Lady's
	<b>6pm</b>	Holy Family

*Lord, Let me see your face,  
 Know your heart and  
 experience your love in my life.  
 Strengthen in me  
 the precious gift of faith.  
 I believe Lord;  
 Help my unbelief. Amen.*

**CHAPLAINS TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS:** If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplains:  
 Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle, on 07884187463