

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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The summer is now really upon us. This week our schools break up and a different routine will unfold. There will be less traffic. The shops and parks will be busier on weekdays. Teachers and school staff will have a well-earned rest. Parents and grandparents are going to be kept occupied! Perhaps the sun will continue shining?! In the midst of these changes, Jesus keeps us on our toes.

‘Who is my neighbour?’ is the question put to Jesus in today’s Gospel passage from St. Luke. We are then treated to one of the most beautiful (and challenging) parables of all as we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. It is so easy to marvel at the story, laughing at the poor priest and busy scribe who pass on the other side of the road. We are aware of the terrible plight of the person who was attacked. It is only the foreigner who has a different religion whose heart is truly moved to compassion and responds in a real, helpful and God-like way. ‘Go and do likewise’ are the final words of Jesus. This means that today we must put into practice the power of the Gospel message! Who will be the person I come across who will need my help? Who are the people we will witness displaying Christ-like love to someone in need and are not part of our circle or our faith? Will we be ready to give them the credit which will be their due? Jesus will find ways of challenging us this week!

I hope that this summer will be a time of refreshment for you. We have had some extremely busy weeks in addition to all the usual parish activities - a huge amount of work has been done. Thank you for all you have done to welcome visitors and to offer tremendous hospitality. I really appreciate the support you give in so many ways. May the coming weeks be a time of blessing for you and your loved ones. ***Fr. Norbert***

CATHOLICISM COURSE concludes on Monday 15th July with a session on 'The Last Things' at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room. The evening will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. All welcome.

SATURDAY 27TH JULY A meeting is taking place at 24, Longcroft Lane at 10.45am following morning Mass to discuss the possibility of setting up a joint hospitality group to organise parish celebrations which involve all three churches. Everybody with an interest is welcome.

A MINIBUS OUTING to Stockwood Discovery Centre has been arranged for a group of parishioners with limited mobility. This is free and will be on Friday 26th July; if you are interested in going please contact Kay Mason on 01707 335633.

POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL Some Polish ladies are hoping to set up a Polish Saturday School. There will be an Open Afternoon on Sunday 14th July at 3pm in the Focolare Centre for those who might be interested. See poster at the back of each church for details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014 Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available at the back of church. Forms for Holy Family and Our Lady's will be available in due course. Children must be born before 1st September 2006 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2013) to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2014.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK Our thanks to the SVP for organising last Saturday's celebration. It was a moving occasion and the reception in the hall was wonderful. Thank you to all involved.

FILIPINO MASS AND PROCESSION on Sunday 4th August at 11.30am in Our Lady's. Watch this space!

ST. BONAVENTURE'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday is our last meeting for this term and we will have fun and games and tea in the garden (weather permitting) Please bring some food to share. Next term we meet again on Tuesday 10th September. More details later.

CHILDREN'S MASS Next Sunday 10.30am - we will remember to thank God for all he has given us.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FEAST DAY will be celebrated next Sunday when there will be refreshments after 8am and 10.30am Mass. Donations of cakes for after 10.30am Mass will be very welcome.

LEN SMITH R.I.P. Former pupils of Holy Trinity School will be saddened to hear of the recent death of their former headteacher Len Smith. May he rest in peace.

PRIEST'S REFERENCE FOR SCHOOL Fr. Norbert would like to meet with all parents who will need a Priest's Reference in the coming year. Obviously, the first group will be those applying for Secondary School. However, parents who will need a Priest's Reference for Reception and for Nursery are advised to come. The meeting will be in Holy Family Church on Sunday 14th July at 7pm and will probably last an hour and a half. It is really important for parents to attend. Fr. Norbert will give advice about the process involved and try to answer questions. Children do not need to come. Please let others know.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP STRAWBERRY TEA The Holy Family CAFOD Group is holding a Strawberry Tea in Sandy Leys garden at 401 Knightsfield WGC on Sunday 21st July at 3pm. There will be no charge for the event but donation boxes will be available for contributions. Please do come along and give us your support.

QUIZ NIGHT! On 20th July from 7.30 to 9.30pm at a cost of £4 with sandwiches provided during the interval. There will also be a raffle. It will be held in the hall of Our Lady's parish centre and to book your table ring 377442 or pop into Pomegranate Cafe Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm.

AFRICAN MASS The African community give thanks to the Almighty God for the celebration of another unforgettable African Mass and enjoyable reception last Sunday, may His name be praised forever. The community also express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to: Fr. Norbert for celebrating the Mass, his support and full participation (especially the boogie boogie) at the reception, Ciaran Pugh and John Rowland for their help with the PA systems, the choir for adding reflective melody to the Mass, Sera, Carol, Phil and all the others for their contribution at the reception. Welwyn Garden City parishioners who came in their numbers to support and participate in the Mass, and family and friends. May the good Lord bless all who contributed in various ways to make 2013 African Mass a memorable one.

Fr. Norbert writes: The African community did us proud last Sunday as they gave us the opportunity to share in the richness of their languages, food and culture at the Mass and reception. Our thanks to the committee which co-ordinated the celebrations and to all who gave their support.

FUNERALS

ROBERT WINKLEY R.I.P. Robert's Funeral Mass is this Friday 19th July at 1.30pm in Holy Family Church.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to family and friends.

KATHLEEN CAMPBELL R.I.P. Kathleen's Funeral Mass will be at 1.30pm on Monday 22nd July in St. Bonaventure's Church.

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400 CLUB: June Draw Results: 1st £100 J. Galloway No. 336, 2nd £50 K. Meenan No. 382 and 3rd £25 E. Allardice No. 142. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all members for their support.

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

MASS TIMES

15 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Bonaventure
16 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
	7pm	Our Lady's	
17 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
18 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
19 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	1.30pm	Funeral Mass Holy Family	
	7pm	Our Lady's	
20 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria



Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

20 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
21 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Our Lady's
	6pm	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