

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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***Sixteenth Sunday of the Year 21st July 2013 (page 112)
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Today we journey with Jesus to the house of Martha and Mary. If you knew that Jesus was coming to visit, what would you do to prepare? Would you worry about the place being tidy? Would you wonder what he would inspect? Is it the catering which would be high up on the list of priorities? We know that Jesus is travelling towards Jerusalem with a huge crowd; he is teaching them and forming them. We are not told by St. Luke what happened to these people when the Lord stopped off at Martha and Mary's. Perhaps this is why the former was so distracted - wondering about how many she was cooking for!

The focus in the passage is on Jesus with Mary sitting at his feet listening. Martha's attempts to take over and disrupt the proceedings are comical and swept to one side by Jesus. His disciple Mary has chosen the correct attitude: she listens attentively and is caught up in the Word of God. I am sure that she makes place in her heart and soul for the message she is receiving and in time will find the opportunity to share this Good News with others. Near the beginning of St. Luke's Gospel, we enter into a powerful scene involving a different Mary. At the Annunciation Our Lady encounters the Angel Gabriel, listens attentively to the message of invitation to be Mother of God and says 'Yes!' Her listening is an active process whereby she is totally receptive to the Spirit and allows the Word to become flesh in her womb. Martha is active in a busy, bossy way! She shows great hospitality by welcoming Jesus into her home and yet she probably has no room inside herself to receive his word.

As the summer continues to seize hold of us with sunshine and heat, I'm sure we would rather be with Mary resting at the Lord's feet than with Martha in the hot kitchen! However, let us try to have that attentive ear, the receptive heart and a willingness to let the Word of God be alive in us. Have a good fortnight! God bless you. ***Fr. Norbert***

SAN DAMIANO CROSS of St. Francis will be with Julio and Maria Vargas from the weekend of 27th/28th July. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Wednesday 31st at 6pm at 14 Moor End AI7 4QL. If anyone would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses please let Fr. Norbert know.

CATHOLICISM COURSE Our thanks to all who attended and contributed through prayer, discussion and refreshments. These last few months have certainly been enriching in faith.

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. Please note: the Minibus will collect you from your home.

FILIPINO MASS AND PROCESSION

Our Filipino Community will be holding a Santacruzán and Sagala Procession on Sunday 4th August. Men, women AND CHILDREN dress in beautiful costumes with Filipino customs and culture being celebrated. The statue of Our Lady will also be carried in the Procession.

Participants are asked to gather in Our Lady Primary School grounds at 9 am and those coming to watch will need to be in there for a 10 o'clock start. The Procession will then make its way to Our Lady's Church for Mass at 11.30am. Afterwards there will be a wonderful Reception with Filipino delights to eat and a time to be together. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

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.

SPONSORED WALK Nuala Milbourn is fundraising for Oxfam. Next Saturday (July 27) she will set off to attempt a 100km/62 mile walk over the South Downs, from Petersfield to Brighton, in under 30 hours. If you would like to support Oxfam, please consider sponsoring her and her team at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/squeakygaits> or after 10.30am Mass today. Thank you.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP STRAWBERRY TEA TODAY! The Holy Family CAFOD Group is holding a Strawberry Tea in Sandy Leys garden at 401 Knightsfield WGC today 21st 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.

THANK YOU Marion Brogan and her daughter Mary Kelly thank all those who sponsored them in their recent sponsored run for Crohns and Colitis UK.

SCHOOLS We wish the staff of our schools a wonderful and restful holiday. We are so grateful to them for their dedication and hard work. Fr. Norbert would like to thank our parents and governors for their constant support.

SVP A single bed, chest of drawers and a small fridge/freezer are required for an SVP client. If you can help please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH The cleaning of the church and the maintenance of the grounds will take place on **Saturday 3rd August at 10am** for just one **hour**. New helpers are always welcome. Refreshments will be available

FUNERALS

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

PHYLLIS O'CONNOR R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Phyllis will be in Our Lady's Church on Tuesday 23rd July at 11.30am.

PATRICIA NEWTON R.I.P. The Funeral Service for Patricia Newton will be in St. Bonaventure's on Wednesday 31st July at 11.30am.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to family and friends.

OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson 01707 377442 or 07790 135458 peartreepomegranatecafe@googlemail.com

PRAYER LISTS FOR THE SICK AND ANNIVERSARIES will be on at the back of St. Bonaventure's and Holy Family for this fortnight.

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

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

NEWSLETTER The next newsletter will be published on 3rd/4th August.

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*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.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

20 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	Thomas Hogan (anniversary)
21 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	Lily McGoldrick (R.I.P)
	9.30am	Holy Family	Diana Tranfield (R.I.P.)
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Francesca Staniforth (18th birth R.I.P.)
	11.30am	Our Lady's	Colin McDonagh (R.I.P.)
	6pm	Holy Family	Fr. Norbert (intentions)
22 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mary Moran (R.I.P.)
	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	St. Bonaventure Kathleen Campbell
23 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Ian Bailey (R.I.P anniversary)
	11.30am	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's Phyllis O'Connor
	7pm	Our Lady's	Eileen Sheehan (R.I.P.)
24 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Sean and Ellen (wedding anniversary)
25 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Charles Brophy (R.I.P)
26 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Margaret Humphreys (R.I.P. anni)
	7pm	Our Lady's	Jan Zabinski (R.I.P.)
27 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Leo and Gladys Candon (R.I.P)
Seventeenth Sunday of the Year			
27 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	Pauline and Packie McEleney (ints)
28 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	Dora Howe (R.I.P)
	9.30am	Holy Family	Private intention
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Private intention
	11.30am	Our Lady's	William Queenan (R.I.P.)
	6pm	Holy Family	People of the Parish
29 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr. Jeffrey's intentions
30 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Mary and Michael Gallagher (R.I.P.)
	7pm	Our Lady's	Eileen Sheehan (R.I.P)
31 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Private intention
	11.30am	Funeral Service	St. Bonaventure Patricia Newton
01 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Private intention
02 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Ruby Slack (R.I.P.)
	7pm	Our Lady's	Pat and Cyril Crawley (intentions)
03 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Maureen Nelson (car accident)

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