

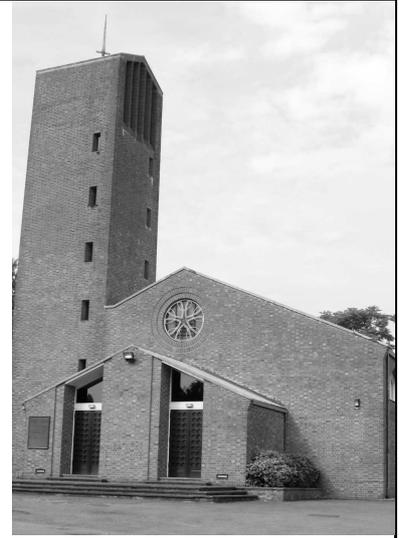
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year 6th July (page 99 of the Mass book)

Last week we entered the 'launch phase' of the Growing in Faith fundraising campaign in our churches. The Cardinal's initiative is important for us here in Welwyn Garden City and for our entire Diocese. As you know it will support our parishes, our priests and those in most need in our local communities.

I am happy to update you and tell you that that we have now raised almost £350,000. This has come from about 70 pledges from parishioners; for this I am most grateful. 75% of everything we now raise will stay in our parish - therefore the more we raise now, the easier and faster we can build the new parish centre to enrich the lives of everyone in our community.

This week, volunteers have started to contact you by phone. We are aiming to contact everyone in our parish personally. If you receive a call, made on my behalf, please welcome it. Volunteers are also available after all Masses this weekend, to answer your questions or to give you or accept a pledge form. I know some of you will be leaving for your holidays soon. If you have your details with you, I encourage you please to complete your pledge card after Mass today and place it in the box at the back of the church. To reach our target of £500,000, we need everyone to *consider* supporting the campaign. Sunday 20th July should be the final day as GiF concludes in Welwyn Garden City.

I ask you please to pray for the success of all that we undertake so that the fruits may be lasting, strengthening the bond between our churches here in the Garden City and making a difference to the wider Diocese of Westminster of which we are a part.

My thanks to all of you for your patience, co-operation, help and support.

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Fr. Norbert will have a meeting today (Sunday) at 7pm in Holy Family Church for parents who will need a Priest's Reference in the autumn for their child's application for a Catholic Secondary School. It will be an opportunity for Fr. Norbert to give parents helpful advice about the process and the expectations of the various schools. It might be useful for Year 4 parents to come. In January Fr. Norbert has to do references for Reception Class and then in March for Nursery admission; parents of these younger children might find coming today beneficial. The meeting itself will be for parents and not for children (though they are welcome to be present).

FR. GERARD O'BRIEN will be the new Assistant Priest in Welwyn Garden City. He was ordained in 2010 and is currently in Holy Trinity, Brook Green (Hammersmith). Fr. Gerard will take up residence in Holy Family Presbytery on 3rd September. We will formally welcome Fr. Gerard (and Samuel Ejeregebe, the seminarian) to WGC at the Special Needs Mass on Saturday 13th September at 6pm.

FR. NORBERT'S FATHER was sat in a wheelchair during the week. He continues to make slow but steady progress and is so grateful for your prayers. He needs many more in the weeks and months ahead!

PRIESTS We continue to be very grateful to Fr. Frank Leonard and Fr. John Helm for the tremendous support they give. This Sunday Fr. Bruce Burbidge, a priest of East Anglia Diocese who teaches in Rome, will celebrate 8.00 and 10.30 Masses at St. Bonaventure's and next Sunday the same plus 6pm Mass at Holy Family. In the month of August Fr. Patrick Mileham, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, will take up residence in WGC and celebrate Masses supported by retired priests. Fr. Patrick is a Birmingham University Chaplain and lectures in Scripture at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham. He is looking forward to coming!

FR. MICHAEL MANNION Fr. Michael will be going into hospital for surgery on Friday and will be out of action for about 4 weeks. He asks for no visitors during this time but would very much welcome your prayers.

SAMUEL EJEREGBE is a seminarian for Westminster Diocese who will come to live in WGC for a whole year starting in September. He came to visit during the week and met quite a number of people out and about. He is very excited at the prospect of coming to our 'beautiful, green town'.

WESTMINSTER SEMINARIANS At the beginning of September all the Westminster seminarians will be having an overnight stay at the Focolare Centre. We have been asked to give them a taste of our parishes' hospitality - in true WGC spirit! Watch this space.

JOAN BERESFORD RIP Joan's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 8th July at 12.30pm at St. Bonaventure's.

BRIDGET McNULTY RIP Bridget's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 10th July at 11am at Our Lady's.

MARJORIE CLEGG RIP Marjorie's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 15th July at 12.30pm at St. Bonaventure's.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH Thanks to all who came on Saturday morning to clean the church and maintain the grounds. Your help is much appreciated.

FR. DEREK HYETT Our congratulations to Fr. Derek on his Ordination to the Priesthood. We wish him well in his ministry and look forward to welcoming him back to WGC for a 'First Mass' on Saturday 30th August at 6pm followed by a 'get-together' in the hall.

PETER WEI The Chinese seminarian is settling well into the life of our parishes and is being introduced to much mischief! He has sung for us in Mandarin and is offering to teach us to prepare Chinese noodles. If any of you would like to invite him over to practise his English or take him out, please let Fr. Norbert know. He is with us until the end of July.

FRENCH SEMINARIANS David Krupa from St. Denis and Cédric de la Serre from Nanterres will be arriving on Monday 14th July. David will leave on Saturday 19th and Cédric on Thursday 24th.

CWL are holding a Beetle Drive on Tuesday 8th July at 8pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. There will be light refreshments and a raffle. ALL parishioners are welcome.

AFRICAN MASS Sunday 13th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall. There will be music and dance at Mass - and an amazing array of colour! Food and drink with an African DJ will keep the celebration going in the hall all afternoon. All welcome. The final planning meeting/rehearsal is this Sunday, 6 July after 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's church.

JULY MINIBUS OUTING for anyone with limited mobility. Tuesday 15th July. Door to door transport provided by the parish to Van Hage's Garden Centre, Great Amwell, Ware. Contact Kay on 01707 335633.

JUSTICE AND PEACE Network Meeting on 13th September at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, entitled The two world wars - warnings from history. 9.30am (for 10am start) until 2.30pm. Interesting talks and reflections. More details nearer the time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 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 2007 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2014) to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2015.

EXPERIENCED CARER An experienced carer is looking for the position of a Live-in Carer. Contact Alicja on 07772891750.

BABYSITTING Anyone looking for Babysitting in July? Contact Kate Anderson on 07772309010 or 01707 883770 or email: kateanderson_@msn.com.

THANK YOU Freda McKenzie would like to thank parishioners for their prayers during her son's illness and for the kindness shown to her since Andrew's death on 1st June at the age of 52.

BIG GIG Holwell Primary School, Polish Saturday School in Welwyn Garden City, Welwyn Hatfield Housing Trust, Oaktree Children Centre and Friends of Holwell would like to invite you ALL to a free event called: "The Big Gig" on 12th July 2014 between 10am - 2pm at Holwell Primary School, Holwell Road, WGC. AL7 3RP.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH: The next children's Mass will be on Sunday July 13 at 9.30am. As it is the last children's Mass of the school year it would be great if we could make this a really joyful celebration and have lots of youngsters volunteering to take part. Please bring your children along to the practice this Sunday (July 6) after 9.30am Mass, and we will be happy to find them a part, big or small. There will also be a quick practice for band members.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson
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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

07 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
08 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	12.30pm	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass
	7pm	Our Lady's	
09 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
10 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
	11am	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass
11 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Benedict
	7pm	Our Lady's	
12 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

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



CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463