

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

*Third Sunday of Lent 28th February 2016 (page 160 of Mass book)*

**PROCLAIM '15** The Cardinal has asked every parish in the Diocese to have three priorities for the Year of Mercy which will strengthen parish life. When the Parish Advisory Council met on 25th November and then on 2nd February, there was much discussion about where the focus should lie. The Cardinal wants these priorities to be 'announced'. So here they are!

***Spiritual Works of Mercy: Console, Comfort***

Find additional ways to offer consolation in times of bereavement e.g.

- send a card from the parishes after bereavement/ anniversary
- during November could have a board to display photos for those who have passed away that year.

It was noted that some families may not like to provide a photo.

- celebrate a special Mass for the Bereaved.

***Corporal Works of Mercy: Care for the Sick***

Strengthen the care for the sick through improving the co-ordination of taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound in their homes.

- arrange a gathering of all who are involved with this including parish groups such as SVP and Friends of Welwyn Care Homes,
- offer instruction as necessary.

***Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct, Advise***

Reach out to young parishioners to offer support and strengthen their faith.

- The World Youth Day 2016 pilgrimage is an opportunity for parishioners to support young people through helping with funding for those who need financial support and encouragement when they return.

- Involve more young people in the liturgy. Include on Rotas, this will be a great sign to their peers and will hopefully inspire others.

Do you have any comments or suggestions on these priorities? Are there ways that you might be able to realise them here in Welwyn Garden City in our three churches? Thank you for your support. God bless you. ***Fr. Norbert***

**ST BONAVENTURE'S 90TH** Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate Mass at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 13th March at 10.30am to mark the 90th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone. **You are all welcome!** There will be extra seating in the Parish Hall with a video link. Altar Servers will have a rehearsal in the church on Saturday 12th March at 12.30pm. It is essential that their names are put on the list in the sacristy and that they come to the rehearsal. Musicians and singers will have a practice on Thursday 10th March 7.30 - 9.00pm in the church. The Reception will be in the Focolare Centre. We need parishioners to bring finger food to share. Please sign your name on the list at the back of the church.

**ST. DAVID'S DAY** Tuesday 1st March. There will be refreshments after the morning Mass at St. Bonaventure's

**FIRST CONFESSIONS** Please pray for our children who will be making their First Confession: at St. Bonaventure's on Saturday 12th March at 11am and at Holy Family on Saturday 12th March at 2pm. Congratulations to Our Lady's children who made their First Confession yesterday (Saturday).

**DEANERY MASS OF WELCOME** for Bishop Paul McAleenan on Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm in St. Hilda's Church, Shephall, Stevenage (9 Breakspear, Stevenage SG2 9SQ) . All our parishioners are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGES TO OUR LADY'S** St. Vincent de Paul Primary School in Stevenage will come on Monday 29th February (from 10.30am) and Wednesday 2nd March (from 10.45am). Our Lady School will come on Friday 4th March (from 9am). St. Philip Howard Primary School will be coming on Tuesday 15th March. St. Helen's Parish, North Watford will come at 6.30pm on Friday 11th March (After Stations of the Cross there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 9pm. Apparently 50 people have already signed up!) Holy Rood Watford's Ascent Group will come on Tuesday 3rd May. Holy Family School will choose a date after Easter.

**LENT** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes on Mondays at Our Lady's after 9.30 Mass, at Holy Family on Thursdays after 9.30 Mass (during Confessions) and at St. Bonaventure's on Saturdays after 10am Mass (during Confessions). The Stations of the Cross will be at Holy Family on Wednesdays after 9.30 Mass, at St. Bonaventure's on Fridays after 9.30 Mass and at Our Lady's on Fridays after 7pm Mass. The Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Tuesday 22nd March at 8pm at Our Lady's.

**EARLY MASS** This Friday 4th March there will be Mass at 6.30am at St. Bonaventure's followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall. This extra Mass is for the Year of Mercy and as it falls in Lent it is an excellent way of starting off a Lenten day! Why not come?

**CONFIRMATION** Please pray for the young people on retreat at Aylesford today(Sunday) with Fr. Norbert and the catechists. They are having workshops on different forms of prayer: with the Bible, before the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and contemplation. The candidates will be leading the Stations of the Cross this Friday (4th) at 7.30pm in Our Lady's.

**RCIA** The next session is on Monday 29th at 7.30pm in Our Lady's sacristy.

**KATHLEEN MURPHY RIP** Kathleen's Funeral Mass will be in Our Lady's on Wednesday 9th March at 9.30am

**BETTY FORBES RIP** Betty's Funeral Mass will be in Our Lady's Church on Thursday 10th March at 11.30am

**WINIFRED GUGAN** Winifred's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Thursday 10th March at 3.30pm.

**KATHLEEN ROBINSON RIP** Kathleen's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Friday 18th March at 9.30am.

**MASS FOR SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** at Cathedral on Saturday 14th May at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr. Norbert the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

**SCHOOL FORMS** Fr. Norbert will be available in Our Lady's Church for signing the Certificate of Catholicity Forms for parents applying to a Catholic School for Nursery on Tuesday 15th March 3.30 - 5.30pm. Parents should phone Kathryn Hubbard on 01707 322579 to book an appointment. On the day of the appointment, parent/s should come with their child and the necessary form together with the additional yellow form available at the back of our churches and wait in the church until called. *A reminder that the forms can only be signed for practising Catholic families*

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** organised by the SVP will be in Our Lady's on Saturday 21st May at 12 noon.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS** of our three churches have their next meeting on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS** The next Special Needs Mass will be on Saturday 5th March at Our Lady's at 6pm. Bishop Paul will preside. There will be a gathering in the hall afterwards. Please bring food to share. There will be bingo and a Lenten quiz!

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL** The minutes of the recent meeting on 2nd February are now available at the back of our churches. The next meeting will be on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm. The annual Open Parish Meeting will be on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** Time is running out! Young people of our parishes aged 16 - 30 are asked to think about joining the Deanery coach to Krakow in the summer (Sunday 24th July - 2nd August). 2 - 3 million young people will gather with Pope Francis and it will definitely be a memorable and unique experience. Why not be one of them?! The cost of a place is £750. Our Finance Committees have agreed to subsidise the first 20 young people by £300 each. Please speak to Fr. Norbert if you are interested in going. Booking forms and brochures are at the back of our churches.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** There will be an extra Mass at 7pm at Our Lady's on Thursday 17th March to mark St. Patrick's Day. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant. There will be a 'Get-together' in the Hall afterwards. If anyone would like to help with entertainment, please let Fr. Norbert know.

**OUR LADY'S** The monthly cleaning of Our Lady's Church and maintaining the grounds will take place next Saturday 4th March at 10am for ONE hour. There will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to come along. Can you help?

**THANK YOU** Ethna McShane would like to thank Fr Norbert & all the parishioners who helped immediately after her recent accident. She is also very grateful for all the cards, hospital visits and support since.

**HCPT Quiz night** on Friday 11th March 7.45pm in Our Lady's hall. Tickets are £5 per person with teams of up to 8 people. Bring your own drinks, to book a table please call Barbara on 07789743703

**INTER FAITH GROUP** The next evening meeting of the local inter faith group will be on the topic of 'Education and Faith' which will be held at the Quaker Meeting House, Handside Lane (next to the Barn Theatre) on Monday 7th March at 7.15. One of the speakers will be Pat Whitney - all welcome.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
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**STAINED GLASS** To commemorate the Year of Mercy and the Doors of Mercy at Our Lady's Church, new stained glass windows representing the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit have been installed. If any parishioners would like to contribute towards the £15k cost of the windows, there are special envelopes at the back of Our Lady's. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation that would be brilliant! Thank you.

**THE 400 CLUB** After each Mass on Saturday and Sunday this weekend, there will be members of the 400 club at the back of the church to collect any subscriptions, and to welcome any new members who may wish to join.

**EASTER TRIDUUM** Bishop Paul will be with us in the Garden City for the Easter Services.

**DVD** To all the Padua, Venice & Verona pilgrimage I have completed the DVD of the trip. If anybody would a copy they are £6 each including post and packing £5 without post. Please contact Martin By email at martinmoore452@gmail.com.

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

**MASS TIMES**

29 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	The Chair of St. Peter
01 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
02 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
03 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	
04 Friday	6.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
05 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
			<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	
05 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
06 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family	



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