

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Walsingham in Norfolk has been chosen by the Cardinal as the place for our Diocese to gather to honour Our Lady in this Year of Mercy. The Diocese will go on pilgrimage on **Saturday 9th July** led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. 4000 people are expected!

Just to remind you that Walsingham has been a place of holiness and mystery for almost a thousand years since Richeldis de Faverches was inspired by Our Lady to build a Shrine in perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. One of the greatest Shrines in Mediaeval Christendom – when travel to the Holy Land was virtually impossible – the original Shrine was destroyed at the Reformation. Many barren years passed until the Slipper Chapel, a 14th century wayside pilgrim chapel, was restored and pilgrimage to Walsingham began once more. In 1934, the English Bishops named the Slipper Chapel, the Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady.

The Diocesan Day Pilgrimage will include Mass, time for picnic lunch (so bring food and drinks to keep you going the whole day!), procession along the Holy Mile to the ruins of the Mediaeval Shrine where there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Our coach will leave from Our Lady's Church at 7.30am sharp and leave from Walsingham around 5pm returning to WGC at about 7.30pm.

If you would like to join us on the coach, please sign your name on one of the sheets at the back of our churches. Cost: £10 for adults and £5 for children payable in advance or on the coach. If you have never been before, why not come?

DAY FOR LIFE Today (Sunday) will focus on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides the opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. For more information visit www.dayforlife.org.

FIRST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS for all the children of our three churches today at 3pm in Our Lady's. We thank the catechists of our three churches for all their hard work over many months to prepare our children for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Also those who supported the parents at their Wednesday sessions.

POSTCONFIRMATION DAY Bishop Paul will be gathering all the young people he has confirmed this year at St. Edmund's College, Old Hall Green, Ware SG11 1DS on Saturday 2nd July at 2pm. There will be tours of St. Edmund's followed by catechesis, Mass and a barbecue. Bishop Paul has asked Mike and Anita Cade from WGC to give the major input! The whole event will finish around 6pm. It would be great if many of our newly confirmed from our three parishes were able to attend. Please let Mike know.

WORLD YOUTH DAY We will now be flying on Monday 25th July and returning by air on Monday 1st August. We are still staying in the Hollywood Hostel in Krakow and will take part in all the World Youth Day activities that week. The highlight will be time spent with Pope Francis and 2 - 3 million young people! **Decisions will soon have to be made for the World Youth Day Registration, so why not sign up even at this stage?**

You need to be 16 - 30. Brochures and booking forms are at the back of our churches. The price is £750 including a deposit of £80. We are subsidizing each young person by £300. The young people will put on a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 8th July at 7.45pm. Why not put together a team and support our young people by coming on the night. Details soon.

CARDINAL'S VISIT Don't forget that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be coming to Our Lady's Church on Sunday 3rd July as part of the Year of Mercy. He will preach on the 'Jubilee of Consolation' at 4pm; there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5.30 - 6.30pm and Mass at 6.30pm followed by a Social. It is vital that we support the Cardinal as he comes to us in WGC in this Jubilee Year. **Please remember that there will not be Mass at Holy Family Church at 6pm on 3rd July.**

PILGRIMAGES Last Saturday a group walked to Our Lady's Church from St. Alban and St. Stephen's Church in St. Albans to enter through the Doors of Mercy - well done! Loreto College's Year 9 will be coming to Our Lady's on Wednesday 29th June and Friday 1st July at 10 - 11.30am. The younger pupils from Nicholas Breakspear School will be coming on Monday 4th July all day.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) The SVP are publishing their annual report this week and having a retiring collection next weekend so that they can plan for the months ahead. They are very grateful for your continued support and ask you to please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes to increase the value of your donation. Thank you.

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TEA Last Sunday afternoon was absolutely wonderful as hundreds gathered in Howardsgate for the celebrations organised by the Churches in Welwyn Garden City. So many were there to help set up, to offer hospitality and to clear up at the end. All the Churches reached out to everyone to offer a pride in Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's achievements and our joy in Faith. Thank you for supporting the event by your presence, by taking part in the Songs of Praise and through the teas and cakes - which were absolutely delicious! A special word of thanks to Holy Family School for the children's heavenly singing. We are so proud of you all.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Fr. Norbert will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday 29th June at 8pm in Our Lady's Church** (after 7pm Mass) with parents of Year 4 and Year 5 children at Primary School who will need a Priest's Reference when it comes to Secondary Transfer to a Catholic School this year or next. The Bishops of England and Wales introduced a Certificate of Catholicity last year which was used for Nursery and Reception entry. Now it will be in use for Secondary School. The requirements are very clear and Fr. Norbert wants to explain what the process will be here in the Welwyn Garden City parishes.

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL Wednesday 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation when the Church asks Catholics to come to Mass to mark the Solemnity - major feast. The Vigil Mass will be on Tuesday 28th at Our Lady's at 7pm. On the Wednesday Masses will be as follows: 9.30am at Holy Family, 12noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's. It feels as though it has been a very long time since we had a Holy Day on a weekday!

SAVE THE CHILDREN are having a Quiz Night on Saturday, June 25th at 7.30pm in St Francis church hall. Teams of four to six. Tickets are £8 and include a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ring 34234 for tickets or come on the night.

AFRICAN MASS will take place on Sunday, 10th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's. The rehearsal is set for Sunday, 26th June after 11.30am Mass. All African Parishioners, (in particular, choristers and readers) are requested to remain in church after Mass for the rehearsal.

FILIPINO MASS Our thanks to the Filipino Community for leading us so beautifully and prayerfully in our Mass last Saturday. The food and entertainment were great too!

FATHER'S DAY Happy Father's Day to each and every Father and honorary Dad. God bless you.

ORDINATIONS Cedric de la Serre was ordained to the priesthood yesterday (Saturday) in the Cathedral of St. Genevieve in Nanterre on the west side of Paris. Next Sunday (26th) David Krupa will be ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. Denis on the north side of Paris. May God bless each of them and support them in their ministry as his priests.

SEMINARIANS Fran Trigo and Alfonso Pascual from the Seminary in Seville will come to share in the life our WGC parishes arriving on 2nd July and leaving on 22nd July. We are sure you will make them welcome and help them improve their English!

THE CWL are still collecting for the Women's Refuge and are nearing 1000 items. They now ask for any baby (and children's) clothes, and children's toys Phone Pat Kennedy 01707 372097 for collection or leave in the Family Centre or at the rear of Our Lady's. They are also collecting items for the tombola for the Peartree fun day.

MEETING FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS AND THOSE WHO TAKE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND Saturday 2nd July after the 10 am Mass in St Bonaventure's. The reasons for this meeting are:

- **to make sure people who are sick, elderly or housebound are registered on our list.**
 - **To support carers and special ministers**
 - **To discuss any problems and give some guidelines regarding Holy Communion and pastoral care of carers and ministers**
 - **Safeguarding requirements**
 - **Future formation and spiritual input**
- If you cannot attend this meeting, please let Kathryn know as well as the names of those you are visiting with Holy Communion**

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Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

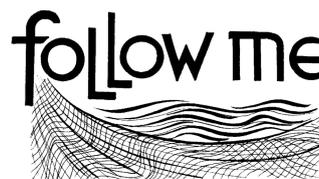
WORLD REFUGEE WEEK On Monday 20th June, the local Quakers are holding a meeting, as part of World Refugee week, at their meeting-house (109 Handside Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6SP) and Herts Welcomes Syrian Families will talk about the work that they are doing. The meeting, to which all are welcome, starts at 7.30pm, with tea and cake being served from 7pm.

DEANERY MISSION OF MERCY There has been so much positive feedback from the visitors who came to WGC last week for the Mission of Mercy. They truly felt welcome and enjoyed the warm hospitality. For us as Stevenage Deanery it was an opportunity to experience the gifts of various parishes: priests, readers, musicians and singers. Fr. Norbert is so grateful to those who were able to lend a hand and to those able to come and share in the Services.

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

MASS TIMES

20 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Alban
21 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
22 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	SS John Fisher and Thomas More
23 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Etheldreda
24 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Nativity of John the Baptist
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
25 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
Thirteenth Sunday of the Year				
25 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
26 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	



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