

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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## *Summer Newsletter 2016 to include 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August*

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### MASS TIMES

Mondays	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
Tuesdays	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Wednesdays	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
Thursdays	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
Fridays	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Saturdays	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	<b>6pm</b>	Mass	Our Lady's
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8am</b>	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	<b>9.30am</b>	Mass	Holy Family
	<b>10.30am</b>	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	<b>11.30am</b>	Mass	Our Lady's
	<b>6pm</b>	Mass	Holy Family

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**Website for our 3 parishes**

**www.wgc-catholics.org.uk**

**ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY** In this country the Solemnity of the Assumption will be transferred to Sunday 14th August, so Monday 15th will NOT be a Holy Day of Obligation.

**LISTER HOSPITAL** is looking for host families for nurses coming from the Phillippines to work here, either to host for a month or for longer. Hosts need to be within walking/bus journey of the Lister. Rent (up to £450 a month) will be paid for the first month by the Trust, and afterwards by the nurses themselves. For more details, contact Pawel Tamberg (pawel.tamberg@nhs.net or 01438 286 543/ 07879 11 36 71.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** The young people from WGC and the Deanery parishes had a brilliant time and prayed for you all. They are very grateful for the financial support given. The whole group will lead Mass at Our Lady's WGC on Saturday 24th September at 6pm and there will be a gathering in the Hall afterwards.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER** Fr. Norbert writes: It is important for parents to go to school open days/evenings with their children in September/October and see the options. Read the admissions criteria carefully to ensure you have a good chance of getting into the school if it is oversubscribed. Get hold of your child's Baptismal Certificate in good time. Think about the environment in which your child will flourish. In terms of the Certificate of Catholicity, the form will be given by the schools and will have to be signed by Fr. Norbert. The Certificate of Catholicity is a statement that the child comes from a practising Catholic family which means there is attendance at Mass every week. To facilitate this, Fr. Norbert will give out an 'extra' form for WGC parishes for parents to fill out for him. Meetings will be scheduled in early October when parent/s and child will come to meet with Fr. Norbert. These dates of the meetings will be published after the holidays.

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER** This newsletter covers the whole month of August so that the next one will be 3rd/4th September.

**FUNERALS** The Funeral Mass for Margaret Hurst R.I.P. is at 12noon on Wednesday 10th August at Holy Family Church. The Funeral Mass for Noreen Patterson R.I.P. is at 9.30am on Tuesday 16th August at Our Lady's Church (Reception of the body is at 4.30pm on 15th) and the Funeral Service for Joe Kelly R.I.P. is at 1pm on Friday 19th August at Holy Family Church.

**CYCLE RIDE** John Beckett, a parishioner of Holy Family and President of the SVP Conference in Hatfield completed the the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 mile cycling event. He has a very heavy medal as proof of his achievement! He was riding to raise funds for the SVP to purchase cold weather clothing for the homeless in England & Wales. The clothing will go into 15,000 Vinnie Packs at a cost of about £3.15 a pack. You can still make a donation via: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnBeckett1](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnBeckett1) or you can send your donation to Vinnie Packs, PO. Box 72264, London, SW1P 9EZ. Cheques should be made payable to SVP. Thank you for your support.

**EARLY MASSES** The next Year of Mercy early Mass at St. Bonaventure's will be on Friday 2nd September at 6.30am followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome!

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S 90TH** Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at St. Bonaventure's Church on Wednesday 14th September at 7pm the 90th Anniversary of the First Mass. The Mayor will be coming and so will Ursula Howard, the granddaughter of Ebenezer Howard. We are hoping that priests of the Deanery and representatives of the Christian Churches will be there too. Keep the date free and come. All welcome.

**PRAGUE & HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES** 31 people are signed up for Prague in 22nd - 26th October and 10 so far for the Holy Land Sat 27th May - Sunday 4th June, 2017. Brochures and booking forms are at the back of our churches.

**HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH** Fr. Norbert invites parishioners to a meeting to plan for Holy Family Church's 50th Anniversary. It will be in the Parish Room on Thursday 15th September at 8pm (after the HF Finance Committee Meeting at 7pm). The Cardinal will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 7th May. What else would you like to happen?

**ST. ALBANS** Bishop John Sherrington will be preaching at an Ecumenical Evensong at St. Alban's Abbey Cathedral on Saturday 8th October at 4pm for this Year of Mercy. Bishop John would like all the schools of Hertfordshire to lead a procession from Verulamium Park at 2.30pm which will enter the Abbey and prepare for Evensong. Watch this space!

**ALTAR SERVERS MASS** The annual National Altar Servers Mass will be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th September 2pm for 2.30pm start. We will be going for this Mass and it would be great to have many of our servers. We will get the 12.53 train from WGC Station. Every server must be accompanied by a supervising adult and purchase their train tickets. After the Mass we will return to WGC for something to eat which will be on the parishes!

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** will be on Sunday 11th September. Holy Family School will lead 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church and Our Lady School will lead 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's Church.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY** for our Deanery will be on Saturday 24th September in Our Lady's Hall starting with Coffee at 10am and ending at 3pm. There will be Mass at 12noon with the Renewal of Marriage Vows. The Day will build on last year's WGC Parishes' Day and will be led by Edmund Adamus and his team.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY** will be on Saturday 4th February in Our Lady's Hall. Couples who wish to get married here in WGC or in another place in 2017/18 are invited to come. Keep the date free. After the summer, please contact Fr. Norbert so that all the necessary paperwork can be arranged.

**FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** At St. Bonaventure's preparation for the children happens on a Saturday morning once a month starting in September. At Holy Family and Our Lady's the children's classes will start in the new year. Parents sessions will also be in the new year. Enrolment meetings: **St. Bonaventure's - Friday 9th September at 6pm; Our Lady's - Tuesday 1st November at 8pm; Holy Family - Sunday 6th November after 9.30 Mass.** Children should be at least in Year 3 at school.

**CONFIRMATION** Young people (at least in Year 9 at school) who wish to be confirmed should come with their parents to a meeting on Sunday 9th October at 7pm in Holy Family Church. Preparation starts in November.

**RCIA** If you are an adult who wishes to join the Catholic Church or if you are a Catholic who missed out on Confirmation when younger and now feel ready to be confirmed, come to Our Lady's Sacristy on Monday 3rd October 7.30pm. There will be a chance to meet others and find out more about what is involved.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** 'Breathe in Mercy. Breathe out Mercy' led by Bishop John Crowley, retired Bishop of Middlesbrough on Saturday 10th September for our Deanery in Our Lady's Hall, WGC. We will begin with Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee. The Day will end at 3pm. Please bring food to share at lunchtime. This Day will provide a great time of enrichment for us all but especially Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Welcomers. Here in WGC in our parishes we will then have the Recommissioning of Ministers the following weekend (17th/18th September) at all the Masses.

**OPEN PARISH MEETING** on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall. You are all invited. Please come and hear what is already planned; make your contribution to the life of our parishes!

**BISHOPS' VISITS** Two other Auxiliary Bishops of our Diocese will be coming to preach on Mercy at Our Lady's: Bishop John Wilson on Sunday 9th October at 11.30am and Bishop Nicholas Hudson on Sunday 30th October at 11.30am.

**END OF YEAR OF MERCY** In our Diocese the Doors of Mercy at the Cathedral will be closed at Vespers on Sunday 13th November. Here in WGC, the Doors at Our Lady's will be closed on Friday 18th November. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate Mass at 7.30pm. In Rome Pope Francis will close the Doors of Mercy in St. Peter's on the Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday 20th November and formally conclude the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASSES** on Saturday 1st October at 6pm at Our Lady's (hopefully followed by a Barn Dance) and Saturday 3rd December at 6pm followed by a Curry Night.

**POLISH/ENGLISH MASS** on Saturday 15th October 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a Get-together in the Hall.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** (For those of you who want the dates for your diaries!) Hatfield Hyde (Hollybush Lane) Sunday 6th November at 2pm. Hatfield Lawn (Southway) Sunday 20th November at 2pm. Welwyn New Cemetery Sunday 27th November at 2pm.

**HERTS WELCOMES SYRIAN FAMILIES** is arranging a social event/sale of **high quality** clothing and other items for our Syrian families later this month. The goods will be sold to the families at VERY low prices. Specifically we are looking for:- Men' clothing - including coats, jackets, track suit bottoms - including xx sizing for one gentleman.

Women's clothing - long skirts and dresses, pyjamas, longish jackets, cardigans, jumpers and loose trousers. (Some for older women, some for young, very slim women.) Children's clothing - all sizes but not baby clothes. Toys. Cushions. Rugs.

Please bring donations to the Quaker Meeting House, 109 Handside Lane. WGC AL8 6SP **any time on Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th August**. There will be a box in the foyer for donations, which will then be delivered to St Albans.

**HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP** would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who supported the Strawberry tea which raised an amazing final total of £283. We were also lucky to have the Lampedusa Cross with us for this event and we thank everyone who wrote messages of **SAVE THIS DATE!**

The annual **CAFOD BBQ** will take place on Sunday 21st August from 1.30pm at 401 Knightsfield WGC. Tickets will be £8 for adults and £6 for children aged 6 and under. Food and drink included in price and vegetarian options will be available.

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

**CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS:** If you are going into hospital and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon)

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