

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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LENT

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT There will be times of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 10.00 - 10.30am at Our Lady's, Thursday 10.00 - 10.30am at Holy Family and Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am at St. Bonaventure's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS There will be Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 10am at Holy Family, Friday 10am at St. Bonaventure's and 7.30pm at Our Lady's. Why not come and follow the path the Lord took to the Cross, reflecting on his deep love for the world and each one of us?

EARLY MASS The next First Friday 6.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's (followed by breakfast) will be on 7th April.

LENTEN LUNCHESS Come to Our Lady's Hall on a Saturday 12 noon - 1.30pm for a Lenten Lunch provided by the Catholic Women's League, enjoy a bowl of soup and roll, cake and tea for a reasonable £3. All money raised goes to CAFOD. Thank you

LENTEN ALMS Should you wish to contribute to the Cardinal's Fund which supports a variety of causes in the Diocese, there are special envelopes available at the back of our churches.

CONFIRMATION The young people will be leading Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's on Friday 24th March at 7.30pm followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All present are welcome to take the opportunity of going to Confession. There will be a number of priests available.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE in Holy Week for our three parishes will be in Our Lady's Church on Tuesday 11th April at 8pm. Visiting priests will join Fr. Martin and Fr. Norbert to help with Confessions.

LENTEN TALKS IN ST ALBANS These are about the Bible and will take place in St. Alban and St Stephen's Church, Beaconsfield Road AL1 3RB at 8pm in March on Wednesday 22nd and Wednesday 29th. All are welcome. More details on poster on church noticeboards.

HERTS WELCOMES SYRIAN FAMILIES The good news is that WelHat council has a house almost ready to receive our first family of Syrian refugees, hopefully towards the end of April. Final preparations are now being made. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday March 22nd, at the Quaker Meeting House, 109 Handside Lane, WGC AL8 6SP. The meeting will start at 7.30, with refreshments from 7pm. HWSF and other volunteer groups supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Herts will describe what they do and ways in which we can collaborate in order to work as effectively as possible. Come if you can.

MARY O'NEILL - CAFOD (Westminster) has organised a Papal Blessing for Mary in thanks for the work that she has performed in partnership with all at Holy Family CAFOD Group. This will be presented on Sunday 2nd April at 9.30 Mass.

TRANSPORT TO MASS The Project Group writes: Pope Francis in his publication, the Joy of the Gospel, encourages us to be 'Missionary Disciples' where ever we may be. He gave us the 'Year of Mercy' to bring some small work of mercy to fruition. So a group of parishioners across all three parishes has chosen the 'Transport to Mass' project as our local expression of 'reaching out to the community'. We now need your help.

Our mission is simply to bring people to Mass. For this we need volunteer drivers. If you have one spare seat in your car and you come to Mass on a Sunday or weekday and are willing to give a person a ride please consider joining up as a volunteer driver. You need to have a full driving licence, insurance and a willingness to help. The Diocese also requires drivers to obtain a DBS check which will be done through the parish on your behalf.

There will be flexibility in terms of commitment, it is not expected that drivers would be required every week or for the same church / Mass each time. This scheme will not impinge on any private arrangements anybody has. There are forms to complete for driver details in the pews and members of our team will be at the back of the church to answer any questions. We also need to know of people who might like a lift to Mass so if you know of someone who would benefit from this please take a form, have them fill it in and return it to church. Please also take this information out to parishioners who are not here at Mass today. Thank you.

CAKE SALE Loreto College have been asked to raise funds to support the Rainbow Trust, a charity that supports families with terminally ill children. Aku and Emily will sell cakes today (Sunday 19th) after the 11.30 Mass at Our Lady's to support the charity. Donations are welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

EASTER RAFFLE Loreto school pupils are expected to do Lent Fundraising. Jenny Wilson a pupil at the school and one of our altar servers is holding an Easter Raffle after the 10.30am Mass on 26th March. As a year group they are raising money for the Shooting Star Hospice. Shooting Star is a leading children's hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

RON OXLEY RIP Ron's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 24th March at 1pm.

NANCY HOGAN RIP Nancy's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 7th April at 12.30pm. Her body will be received into the church on Thursday 6th at 6pm..

ST PATRICK'S DAY Our thanks to everyone who made last Friday's celebration so enjoyable!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our First Holy Communion families have a Retreat Afternoon in St. Albans today (Sunday). The next parents' session will be on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

RCIA The next session will be this Monday at 7.30pm in the sacristy of Our Lady's Church.

DON'T FORGET that the clocks go forward one hour next weekend at the start of British Summer Time!

CARDINAL'S MASS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES will be on Saturday 3rd June at 3pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more, and would like to be invited to this Mass, please give the details of your names and address, email, phone and date of wedding to Fr. Norbert and he will send them on. *Friday 24th March is the closing date, so please be quick!*

OUR LADY SCHOOL Our Lady School PTA Quiz Night on Friday 24th March, 7.30pm. Tickets (available from the school) are £10 which includes a Fish and Chips supper and nibbles. There will also be a licensed bar.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S BAND If there are any youngsters out there who play a musical instrument roughly to approximately Grade 3 standard who would like to play once a month at our Children's Masses please contact Sally Kee 01707 261394, 07870 402510, sallyamkee@gmail.com. We would be delighted to welcome new members into our fold. Looking forward to hearing from you.

HOLY FAMILY COFFEE mornings after 9.30am Mass on Sundays need more helpers. The more people involved the less frequently you would be on duty and we normally work in groups of 2 or 3. If you think you could help out with the coffee mornings please contact Sally Kee 01707 261394, 07870 402510, sallyamkee@gmail.com.

REPOSITORY at Our Lady's. Mother's Day, Easter, and general cards, with many new items now in stock. Open before and after most Masses. A big thank you to all who do support the shop, and to the volunteers who run it.

HOLY FAMILY Church is looking for more Eucharistic Ministers at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. If you are already a minister and are willing to be added to the Eucharistic Minister rota then please contact Spencer White. If you are not a minister but are considering this wonderful ministry then please also speak to Spencer or any of the other Eucharistic Ministers. Spencer can be contacted at: spencer.white4@gmail.com or on 07425137469

THE WHITES namely Bethany, Aidan, Anna and Spencer White - are swimming 5km through the Swimathon challenge on Sunday 9th April. They are hoping to raise over £500.00 for the wonderful charity Marie Curie. To date they have raised almost half the amount but need you help to hit their target!

If you would like to donate electronically then please visit their Just Giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/swimathon-2017-TheWhites>

Or make your donation in person to them at Mass. You will normally find them at the 9.30am Mass at HFC and on occasion at the 11.30am at Our Lady's.

THANK YOU Phyllis McKeogh would like to thank all those who kindly donated to several charities of their choosing on the occasion of her 95th birthday. People who donated directly to Phyllis will be pleased to know that their contribution has been divided between CAFOD and the SVP. God bless you.

GHANAIAN CHAPLAINCY The new Chaplain to the Ghanaian Community is Fr. Dominic Asuahene and his induction will take place at Mass at Our Lady's Church on Sunday 26th March at 2pm followed by a reception in the hall. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate the Mass and requested that it be in Welwyn Garden City. Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN OF VALOUR is a Prayer Group made up of women who meet every Saturday at 5pm in Our Lady's Chapel (near the entrance to the Hall) to say the Rosary and to share the Word. They would like to invite you to join them and encourage you to bring your children.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings
 should be made with Phil Johnson 01707
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Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD Tradycyjne Święcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę 15.04.17 o godzinie 16.00 w kościele Our Lady's. Serdecznie zapraszamy. The traditional blessing of the food will take place in Our Lady's Church on Holy Saturday 15.04.17 at 4pm. All are welcome.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE This Diocesan Agency is seeking to recruit volunteers to be involved in social action. For more information pick up one of the leaflets at the back of our churches or email Verity Sykes on caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS The Diocese is always looking for volunteers to take on the role of being a foundation governor in our Catholic schools. Indeed here in Welwyn Garden City we need more. If you are interested take one of the leaflets at the back of the church and let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

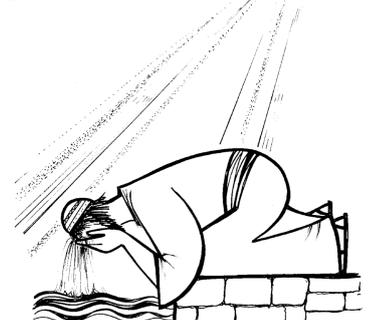
CONFESSIONS	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm -5.30pm.

MASS TIMES

20 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Joseph
21 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
22 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
23 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
24 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	1pm	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
25 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Annunciation of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) **Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7)**
Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net