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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12th January, 2025

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THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF 2025

Understand the Jubilee Indulgence This is a gift of grace granted by the Church. You should be: Truly repentant and free from attachment to sin. Purified through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Nourished by Holy Communion.

Praying for the Pope's intentions. *Usually one Our Father, Hail Mary + Glory be* The indulgence can also be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

To fulfil the Jubilee requirements:

A. Make a Pilgrimage to a Sacred Jubilee Site in the Diocese of Westminster:
Westminster Cathedral St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
Corpus Christi, Covent Garden The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

Participating in Holy Mass or the Rosary, or the Way of the Cross Spending time in **Eucharistic adoration** + private prayer. Our Father, Creed, Hail Mary.

B. Perform Works of Mercy or Penance

Corporal Works of Mercy Feed the hungry, visit the sick or imprisoned, or assist those in need. Dedicate time to volunteer work or offer financial support to charitable causes.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead. Comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, or patiently bear wrongs.

Friday Acts of Penance: Fast, abstain, or refrain from unnecessary distractions (e.g., reduce use of social media). Offer donations or time to benefit others in need.

C. Obtain the Indulgence Without Travelling (for the Sick, Elderly, or Confined) Recite the **Our Father**, the **Creed**, and prayers for the Holy Year + offer your **sufferings or hardships** in union with Christ.

BAPTISMS Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. Marco to arrange the Baptism of your child.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The first session for parents and children is today (Sunday 12th) at 3.30pm in Our Lady's Church. If you missed the registration meeting last October, please come a little early to fill out the forms.

RCIA Next session in Our Lady's Sacristy at 7.30pm on Monday 20th January.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY on Saturday 22nd February in the Trinity Hall 10.30am until 5pm with Blessing of Engaged Couples at 6pm Mass. Contact Fr. Norbert. Couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church in this Diocese are asked to give 6 months' notice so that all the paperwork and preparation can be initiated. *Valentine's Day is fast approaching!*

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. Items received from 8am on a Wednesday at 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. Email foodbank@newzioncf.net if you wish to donate money. Please use the Food Bank Baskets at the back of our churches if you wish to give items such as tins, pasta, rice and toiletries. *Many thanks.*

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Drivers are needed. Health & Safety training and Safeguarding requirements will be arranged. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham on 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com *We are grateful to the volunteers who signed up. There is still time to offer your service in this way!*

LISTER HOSPITAL Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (and ask for duty chaplain), emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net

ROME PILGRIMAGE led by Fr. Marco Monday 31st March to Saturday 5th April. All places have now been taken. If you wish to put your name on awaiting list, please contact Fr. Marco.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at St. John's, Monks Rise AL8 7NX on Sunday 19th January at 4pm. *GATHER, WORSHIP, PRAY!* There will be Scripture, music and song, prayer and an address given by Matt Penny, the Lead Chaplain in Hertfordshire's OneYMCA. Afterwards there will be tea and cake. *Come and join your fellow Christians in this act of faith and worship!*

CIVIC SERVICE in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 26th January at 3pm. Councillor Frank Marsh, Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, invites you to come to his Civic Service. Mayors of borough councils in Hertfordshire will be present as well as the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, the High Sherriff and the Chair of Hertfordshire County Council. You are also welcome at the reception which will follow in the Trinity Hall. The children of Holy Family and Our Lady Primary Schools will sing. *It should be a great occasion. Why not come?*

EPIPHANY CHALK The blessed chalk was all taken last week; so more has been blessed. The chalk is now available at the back of our churches and the prayers which accompany the inscribing.

FOCOLARE COMMUNITY MEETING at Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL6 6JG. Sunday 19th January 3-5 pm. All welcome! Includes separate programmes for children in 2 age groups (4-8 and 9-13). Supervised by adults with safe guarding training. Refreshments provided.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN BALLROOM DANCING? Shimmy Dance have a new Strictly Beginners Ballroom & Latin Course, starting at Trinity Hall on 22nd January 2025. It is open to all adults, and they say that they will even get those that think they have two left feet dancing! The beginners course runs for 8 weeks on Wednesdays from 8.45pm to 9.45pm and costs £96 per person. For further information please contact info@shimmydance.co.uk or call 07824 581381. *Happy Dancing!*

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on Saturday 25th January 6pm at Our Lady's Church followed by a gathering in the Trinity Hall with food, drink, a simple quiz and two rounds of bingo! It is a wonderful way to enjoy one another's company as well as supporting members of our community with learn disabilities and special needs. *All are welcome.*

SOUTH ASIAN CARNIVAL MASS Saturday 1st March 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a party in the Trinity Hall. This is last weekend before Lent begins! We need people from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India to lead the Mass in different languages, costumes and customs and afterwards share food, dance and song! Everyone is invited! There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 26th January at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy - lasting an hour. *Please let Fr. Norbert know if you would like to be involved.*

FILIPINO MASS on Sat. 14th June at 6pm at Our Lady's and then the Trinity Hall.

AFRICAN MASS on Sunday 29th June at 12 noon at Our Lady's and Trinity Hall.

POLISH MASS on Saturday 27th September at 6pm at Our Lady's and Trinity Hall.

OTHER EVENTS:

Christian Churches' Outing to Winchester on Saturday 7th June. There will be a Bible and Praise Service, guided tours, picnic lunch and free time - a whole day affair!

Jubilee Afternoon for Hertfordshire at Our Lady's, WGC on Sunday 6th July culminating in catechesis given by the Cardinal and a concelebrated Mass at 4pm.

Jubilee Day at St. Edmund's Old Hall Green on Saturday 12th July. Time to be confirmed. The Cardinal will lead the day in the former Seminary of our Diocese.

A YEAR OF HOPE: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18th Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

MASS INTENTIONS

11th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Sean and Kathleen Kennedy's Intentions
6pm	Our Lady	Sean Cox's Intention

12th Sunday *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Eric Fishwick RIP 1st Anniv <i>remembering Edwin and Leena Rodrigues 40th Wedding Anniversary</i>
10.30am	Holy Family	David Carrick RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Peter and Gabrielle Sealey's Intentions
6pm	Holy Family	Ann Marie Redmond RIP <i>remembering John Flynn RIP Anniv</i>

13th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Dorothy Bagge RIP
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14th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	John Harte's Intention
7pm	Our Lady	Marianne Zammit (health)

15th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	
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16th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	
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17th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	
7pm	Our Lady	Special Intention (HM)

18th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Alexander and Agnes Kennoy's Intentions
6pm	Our Lady	Bill Smith RIP

CONFESSIONS (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Thursday at Holy Family 10.00 - 10.30am with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am Our Lady's 5.00 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL near the entrance to the Trinity Hall. Open Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4pm. Come and enjoy peace and quiet in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

ST. ALBANS There is a Catholic Mass every Friday in the Lady Chapel in St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon.

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches)