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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

TRINITY SUNDAY 15th JUNE 2025

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In this period after Pentecost, the Church gives us many celebrations! Today is Trinity Sunday, next week it will be Corpus Christi and the following Sunday will be St. Peter and St. Paul. The usual sequence of Scripture Readings from St. Luke will be put on hold until July. Feasts are important. They give us opportunities to be joyful and highlight various aspects of our Christian Faith. Today we contemplate the Mystery of who God is as a Trinity of Persons, yet One God. This is baffling and awe-inspiring. From all eternity God has been *the* Relationship of Love - dynamic, generous, creative and self-giving. Our God chose to create the world and especially to let us as humanity bear his image and likeness. The nobility of our identity as the human race is revealed in Jesus Christ who is truly God and one of us - another amazing mystery for us! The power of our life as Church is climaxed in the Eucharist which is truly the Real Presence of Jesus Christ who suffered and died, who rose from the dead and is now seated in glory with the Father. Bread and wine, the work of human hands with their source in God's Creation, have the capacity through the Holy Spirit to become Jesus Christ, helping us worship the Father and nourish us with the Divine! Finally, through the preaching and martyrdom of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the City of Rome, we are reminded of the message proclaimed by the Apostles, spread throughout the world and sealed in their blood as they gave their lives for Christ. We *are* immersed in these realities and they define who we are as Catholic Christians.

We do face challenges and the enormity of what is asked of us is demanding. However, the Holy Spirit shared with us by God, the strength of Jesus Christ radiated in his loving Sacrifice and the majesty of God the Father whom we worship, enrich us, enliven us and spur us on to be Apostles in our day...as Pope Leo XIV constantly reminds us! God bless you on this great day! With love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to each and every father and honorary dad. God bless you!

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS on Sunday 15th June at 12 noon at Our Lady's.

Congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion. Our thanks to all who have worked hard to get everything ready for the celebrations!

CONFIRMATION MASS Congratulations to the 43 young people confirmed last Friday evening by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Fr. Norbert is very grateful to Fr. Marco and the team of catechists who prepared the candidates. We also appreciate everyone who has worked hard in the Liturgy and who made everything look so beautiful.

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: tins, pasta, rice & toiletries.

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

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

MEDJUGORJE Fr. Norbert will lead a group to this Shrine of Our Lady in Croatia from Tuesday 21st - Tuesday 28th October 2025. There are 42 people signed up and room for up to 49! Book using: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1035/>

VISITORS Fr. Julio from Mallorca is with us this weekend. Fr. Javier & Fr. Jose Antonio from Cordoba, Spain, will come in September to improve their English. These 3 priests study in Rome and have the necessary safeguarding and Church documentation in place.

CLEANING Thanks to all who helped last Wednesday at Holy Family Church.

CHILDREN'S MASS on Pentecost Day. Thank you to all involved in the celebration!

SUMMER YOUTH EVENT Fr. Marco and the Confirmation Catechists are organising a Summer Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Kent on Saturday 5th July. This is open to young people aged 13-16. It promises to be a day filled with prayer and fun, featuring Mass, a formative talk, various activities, sports, recreation, and adoration. Participants should bring their own packed lunch and may invite a friend to join them. The cost of the event is £20, departing from Our Lady's car park at 8am and return at 8pm. To pre-book and for further details, please email Fr. Marco at marcosalvagnini@rcdow.org.uk.

FILIPINO MASS Saturday 14th June at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall with food, drink and cultural entertainment. All welcome!

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Saturday 28th June at 12 noon at Focolare Centre followed by refreshments. *ALL ARE WELCOME!* Anyone needing a lift should contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. *No 10am Mass + Confessions on 28th.* The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a powerful experience not only for the person to be anointed but also for those who gather. *Come!*

AFRICAN MASS on Sunday 29th June at 12 noon at Our Lady's. Everyone is welcome. Preparations are well underway!

SATURDAY CLUB We are hoping to start a Saturday Club for people with learning disabilities and their families/carers. The Club would meet once a month for two hours offering a variety of activities, social time and refreshments. There are a number of these clubs across the Diocese and they are supported by Caritas St Joseph's, the agency of the Diocese for those with Learning Disabilities. If you are interested in volunteering for this important work, and can offer a couple of hours once a month, please come to a meeting in Our Lady's Sacristy on Mon. 14th July at 7pm (for an hour).

JUBILEE YEAR *Pilgrims of Hope*

Our Lady's WGC has been designated as the Jubilee Church for Hertfordshire. This means that by receiving Holy Communion, going to Confession, saying the Creed and praying for the Pope's Intention, you can receive a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or for someone who has died - helping you or the deceased towards eternity. In addition to Mass and devotions, works of charity or mercy are possible elements.

CARDINAL'S VISIT TO OUR LADY'S Sunday 6th July. 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Confessions. **4pm** Cardinal will offer catechesis. **5pm** Mass. This is for the whole of Hertfordshire. We will host a Get-together afterwards inside and out-side the Trinity Hall. *There will NOT be 6pm Mass at Holy Family Church that evening.* **After Mass** we will host a reception for the anticipated 600 guests/visitors. We will need lots of help! We will require up to 50 platters (1 loaf of bread makes 1 platter) of sandwiches and finger savouries. Also, tray bakes, cakes, cookies would be welcomed. If you can provide food, please contact Ann Chappell by 1st July (ahchappell@aol.com or 07784 7811780) Thank you to all those who continue to support our Church with their contributions.

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE Old Hall Green, Ware SG11 1DS

Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday 12th July

Programme 11am Pilgrims arrive and gather. Confessions. Ample parking

12noon Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by Cardinal Nichols in the school grounds – please bring suitable clothing etc in the event of rain.

1.30pm Picnic lunch (bring your own); College tours. Adoration + Confessions

2.45pm Procession of Blessed Sacrament, starting outside the College Chapel.

4pm Departures. *All who hope to attend are asked to register their participation by filling in one of the forms at the back of our churches and emailing to the Diocese. This is necessary for health and safety reasons even if you are going in your own car.*

FRIENDS OF WELWYN CARE HOMES AGM 26TH JUNE 7.30 pm. All are welcome to hear about the new Hertfordshire project on enhancing the wellbeing of people with dementia through personalised music playlists. Contact: friendsofwelwyncare-homes@gmail.com/Anne Horsman 07771931063

LEARNING ABOUT BUDDHISM from Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group. Speaker: Julian Wall. Tuesday 1st July 7.30 - 9pm at Focolare Centre for Unity AL8 6JG. Also re trip to the Coptic Cathedral on 24th June. Those booked need to be in the Focolare car park at 10.15 with a packed lunch. Further details from Frank Marsh on 07855 460541

FOCOLARE MARIAPOLIS 24th - 27th July in Shropshire. Leaflets at the back of our churches. Booking at <https://shorturl.at/7THjz>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (WGC) 70th Anniversary Mass on Saturday 19th July at 11am at Our Lady's with Reception in Trinity Hall. Friends/supporters welcome.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL'S 60TH on Thursday 26th June. Mass at 9.30am in the school (Crookhams AL7 1PG). If you would like to join the celebrations, please let the school know by 18th June. There will be some of the first intake of pupils present, ex staff & governors, first dinner lady and tours of the school with pupils. *Come+celebrate!*

WEEKDAY MASSES On **Wednesday 18th June**, parishioners are invited to Our Lady's School, Woodhall Lane AL7 3TF for Mass at 9.30am. *No Mass at Holy Family.* On **Tuesday 24th June**, morning Mass at St. Bonaventure's will be at 9am. On **Thursday 26th June**, parishioners are invited to Holy Family School for 9.30am Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan for the School's 60th Anniversary. *So, no Mass or Confessions at Holy Family Church.*

MASS INTENTIONS

14th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Josie Purcell RIP
6pm Our Lady Filipino Mass

15th June *TRINITY SUNDAY*

9am St. Bonaventure Linda O'Hora RIP
10.30am Holy Family Elias and Noemi Gonzalves RIP
12 noon Our Lady John Michael Murphy RIP
6pm Holy Family Clare Cooper RIP

16th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Sean O'Neill RIP Anniv

17th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure In honour of St. Jude
7pm Our Lady Jim Houlihan's Intention

18th Wednesday

9.30am Mass at Our Lady's School, Woodhall Lane AL7 3TF

19th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Sheila Almeyda's Intention

20th Friday *St. Alban*

9.30am St. Bonaventure Jean Hundley RIP
7pm Our Lady Christie O'Riordan RIP

21st Saturday *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

10am St. Bonaventure Mary Faithfull's Intention
6pm Our Lady Kitty Coakley RIP Anniv (50years)

22nd *CORPUS CHRISTI*

9am St. Bonaventure Maureen Bell RIP (10th Anniv)
10.30am Holy Family Clare Cooper RIP
12 noon Our Lady Mary Davin RIP Anniv
6pm Holy Family Special Intention (CW)

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Holy Family Thursday 10 - 10.30am

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am

Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL at Our Lady's near Trinity Hall open 8.30am - 4pm (Monday to Friday).

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass at St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel

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