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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**18<sup>th</sup> Aug TWENTIETH SUNDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup> Aug TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sept TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY**   **8<sup>th</sup> Sept TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY**

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**TRINITY HALL** Bookings + enquiries can be made through [www.wgc-catholics.org.uk](http://www.wgc-catholics.org.uk) which has terms and conditions of hire, as well as a live diary. General enquiries please call 01707 537464

I hope your summer is going well. We have been scorched by blazing sunshine and the rain has come our way...*we love talking about the weather!* There is great tension in so many parts of the world with terrible suffering...*our prayers are needed!* Exam results have been published...*we should be beacons of hope to those considering their next steps!* Scripture continues to nourish and challenge us. The last two weeks of August has the Church giving us the final part of St. John's Gospel Chapter 6. On 18th, the people are arguing about the Lord teaching that his Body and Blood are real food and drink. There is much consternation about this doctrine. On 25th, we are told that many disciples part company with Jesus because of his intolerable language - such a sad moment! 'What about you?' the Lord asks the Twelve. Simon Peter's response is '...we believe...we know..' - a powerful affirmation of faith. In September we return to St. Mark's Gospel, initially with the Lord criticising superficiality and lip-service. On 8th September there is the wonderful picture of a deaf man with an impediment in his speech who is brought to Jesus. 'Ephphatha! Be opened!' are Christ's words which change the man's life totally! On Monday 7th October, the RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) will start again at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy. Do YOU want to join the Catholic Church? Are you interested in finding out more? Are you a Catholic baptised but never confirmed...and NOW seems the right moment to complete your initiation into the Church through Confirmation? Is there someone you know waiting to be invited to this meeting and you could give them support and encouragement? *There is God's time but God needs instruments!* You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you! With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

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

**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](mailto:foodbank@newzioncf.net) to donate. Use Food Bank Baskets at the back of church.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** on **Saturday 21st September**. The coach is now full. *We hope everyone has a brilliant, prayerful day!*

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS** Saturday 14th September at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a gathering in the Trinity Hall with a quiz and bingo. *Please bring food to share.*

**POLISH-ENGLISH MASS** and party on Saturday 28th September 6pm at Our Lady's. More information in due course.

**ROSARY PROCESSION** in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary on Saturday 12th October starting with Mass at Our Lady's Church at 10am. All welcome. *Watch this space!*

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST** 6th Sept. at St. Bonaventure's at 6.30am.

**ROSARY** in St. Bonaventure's on First Friday (6th September) after 9.30 Mass and on First Saturday (7th September) at 9.30am before Mass.

**RESTORATION HOLY HOUR** on Friday 13th September at Our Lady's after 7pm Mass. Share in Scripture, prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**CHURCH CLEANING Our Lady's** on Saturday 7th Sept. at 10am and the maintenance of the grounds. **St. Bonaventure's** on Tuesday 3rd Sept. after 9.30 Mass. **Holy Family** on Wed. 4th Sept. after 9.30 Mass. *Come and lend a hand if you are free!*

**DONATIONS** over £500 need to have an accompanying form attached to satisfy the Diocesan requirements in regard to Charity Law. There are 'One-off Payment' forms available at the back of our churches. Also for those who make their Sunday offering annually.

**FREE ITEMS!** Free Standing CREDA cooker with Hob, double oven & fast grill. STOVES – Cooker Hood BOSCH- ¾ size dishwasher. All in good working order. Collection date 2/3 Sept tbc. Contact [Theresa.whifg@gmail.com](mailto:Theresa.whifg@gmail.com)

**MISSION APPEAL** by the Columban Fathers the weekend 7th/8th September. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass to support their work. *Thank you!*

**PETITIONS FOR LOURDES** If you would like Fr. Norbert to take petitions to the Grotto at Lourdes, please put them in an envelope (with no money!) and give them to Fr. Norbert by 4th September. The pilgrims will keep you all in their prayers.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER** Parents/carers who will need a Certificate of Catholicity for their son/daughter's transfer to a Catholic Secondary School are reminded that they need to attend Mass every week. Fr. Norbert will explain the process later in September. *This applies to St. John Henry Newman and Nicholas Breakspear Schools.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION** There will be a meeting for parents and children (at least in Year 3) at Our Lady's Church on Monday 14th October at 6pm.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER** 14th/15th September. Any items to Fr. Norbert by 12th Sept.

**17th August**

6pm Our Lady Mohamed Hatem RIP

**18th Sunday TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am St. Bonaventure Examination Success

9.30am Holy Family Special Intention (CW)

10.30am St. Bonaventure

11.30am Our Lady Eileen Costello RIP, Mary Hooks RIP, Mary Tarpey RIP Anniv, Maureen Monaghan RIP Anniv, Cathy O'Leary RIP Anniv, Danny O'Leary RIP Anniv. Also remembering Robert Piacentini RIP

6pm Holy Family Crespin De Barros RIP + Maria Das Dores RIP

**19th Monday**

9.30am Our Lady

**20th Tuesday St. Bernard**

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady Manoj Mampilly's 50th Birthday

**21st Wednesday St. Pius X**

9.30am Holy Family Christopher Wilkinson RIP (6 months)

**22nd Thursday Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Holy Family For all GCSE students (results day)

**23rd Friday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure

12.30pm Holy Family Funeral of Mary (Mayo) O'Neill

7pm Our Lady Fr. Peter Maher RIP

**24th Saturday ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady John and Josie Sheehan's Wedding Anniversary

**25th Sunday TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am St. Bonaventure Jimmy Frost RIP

9.30am Holy Family Elias and Noemi Gonsalves RIP

10.30am St. Bonaventure Patricia Grimer RIP Anniv

11.30am Our Lady Steven Mark Barracliffe RIP

6pm Holy Family

**26th Monday**

10am Our Lady

**27th Tuesday St. Monica**

9.30am St. Bonaventure

1pm St. Bonaventure Funeral Service for Peter Morter

7pm Our Lady

**28th Wednesday St. Augustine**

9.30am Holy Family Christopher Wilkinson RIP Birthday

**29th Thursday The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

9.30am Holy Family

**30th Friday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

**31st Saturday**

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady John and Mary Davin RIP

**1st September Sunday TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am St. Bonaventure Robi Brand's Intention  
9.30am Holy Family  
10.30am St. Bonaventure  
11.30am Our Lady  
6pm Holy Family

**2nd Monday**

9.30am Our Lady Vincent Matthews Mampilly (80th Birthday)

**3rd Tuesday ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

9.30am St. Bonaventure  
7pm Our Lady

**4th Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Family Basil Leonard RIP Anniv

**5th Thursday**

9.30am Holy Family

**6th Friday**

6.30am St. Bonaventure  
9.30am St. Bonaventure Neville Davis in thanksgiving (80th Birthday)  
7pm Our Lady

**7th Saturday**

10am St. Bonaventure  
6pm Our Lady Con Gilhooly RIP

**8th Sunday TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP and  
Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP  
9.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to Our Lady  
10.30am St. Bonaventure  
11.30am Our Lady  
6pm Holy Family

**9th Monday**

9.30am Our Lady NO MASS

**10th Tuesday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure  
7pm Our Lady

**11th Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Family

**12th Thursday**

9.30am Holy Family

**13th Friday St. John Chrysostom**

9.30am St. Bonaventure  
7pm Our Lady

**14th Saturday THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

10am St. Bonaventure Foundation Mass  
6pm Our Lady Ellen Castelo RIP Birthday

**CONFESSIONS (Reconciliation)**

**Thursdays** 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family

**Saturdays** 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure 5pm - 5.30pm Our Lady

**CHAPEL** closed for the holidays. Re-opens Monday 2nd September.

**ST. ALBANS** Catholic Mass Fridays in Lady Chapel St. Albans Cathedral 12 noon.

**STREAMED MASS** on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches