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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st September 2024

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The **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, celebrated on 1st September, kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which ends on 4th October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Prayer Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you with all your creatures
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build
your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and
reign, world without end, Amen.

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 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

LISTER HOSPITAL Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (and ask for duty chaplain), 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.

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 Wednesday 4th September. The pilgrims will keep you all in their prayers.

SCHOOLS We wish all involved in Education a wonderful start to the new academic year. May all your planning and dedication bear much fruit!

MISSION APPEAL Fr. Tom Ryan and Fr. Kevin McDonagh will be joining us next weekend to seek support for the Columban Missionary Family in their work throughout the world. Throughout the Diocese there is an annual Mission Appeal; this year we are receiving the Columban Fathers. There are priests, sisters and lay missionaries working in China, Chile, Fiji, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Peru, Pakistan, the Philippines and Taiwan. The Appeal will include extending readership of 'The Far East' - their Mission magazine, requesting the prayers of the Parish and asking for material support. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass and a chance to meet these missionaries. *Thank you!*

FUNERALS

MAT HARDYMAN RIP Mat's Funeral Service will be at Our Lady's on Friday 13th September at 2.30pm.

JOHN McDONALD RIP John's Funeral Service will be at Oakhill Crematorium on Monday 23rd September at 11am.

BILLY MORAN RIP Billy's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 24th September at 11am

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER Bishop Paul McAleenan has kindly offered to celebrate 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's. So, there WILL be Mass that day!

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.

RCIA 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? *Come and see!*

CAFOD GROUP CAKE SALE at Holy Family after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 15th September. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Buy a cake on the day!

FOCOLARE COMMUNITY MEETINGS at Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG. Everyone is welcome! 3-5 pm on Sunday 15th September, Sunday 20th Oct., Sun-day 17th Nov. Includes separate specific programmes for children in two age groups (4-8 and 9-13) supervised by adults with safeguarding training. Refreshments provided.

NEWSLETTER has started up again after the summer. Please let Fr. Norbert have any items by next Wednesday.

MASS INTENTIONS

31st August Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Mary Pearce's Intention
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	Sheila and Dave Thomas RIP
10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Roy D'Cunha RIP
11.30am	Our Lady	Maria D'Costa RIP
6pm	Holy Family	

2nd Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Vincent Matthews Mampilly (80th Birthday)
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3rd Tuesday *ST. GREGORY THE GREAT*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Charles D'Costa RIP Anniv
7pm	Our Lady	

4th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Basil Leonard RIP Anniv
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5th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Tereza D'Souza RIP
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6th Friday

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Neville Davis in thanksgiving (85th Birthday)
7pm	Our Lady	Dominic D'Souza RIP Anniv

7th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Agnelo D'Souza (Special Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Con Gilhooly RIP

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Thursdays 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family

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

CHAPEL This is close to the Trinity Hall and open Monday to Friday 7.30am until 6pm. Come for a moment of quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Light a candle for an intention. Experience a moment of peace and serenity!

ST. ALBANS There is a Catholic Mass every Friday in the Lady Chapel in St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon. *Fr. Norbert will next be celebrant on 11th October.*

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