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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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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

Fr. Norbert writes: *There is so much to think about in our world today with the intensity of warfare and the huge suffering of so many. Please consider the call of Pope Francis below. Also, with the CAFOD Fast Day transferred here in WGC, we have the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters in developing countries. We are invited to make sacrifices and raise funds. Let us reflect on our global family today and reach out in a prayerful and loving way. God bless you.*

**POPE FRANCIS** has called for day of fasting and prayer on Monday 7th October, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks in Israel. 'I ask everyone,' he says, 'to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world.' The Vatican News website has more detail at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-10/pope-7-october-to-be-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-peace.html> Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, speaks of the 'need to pray, to bring our pain and our desire for peace to God. We need to convert, to do penance, and to implore forgiveness.' You can read the Patriarch's message at <https://www.lpj.org/en/news/a-day-of-prayer-fasting-and-penance>.

**CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION** will take place next weekend (12th/13th). Please take an envelope with you today. The money collected will be used by CAFOD to help people around the world learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. £10 can teach someone how to read. £60 can provide training like carpentry and sewing for those who missed out on school so they can earn a living. £400 can buy all the tools equipment and teaching materials for 6 months carpentry training. *Thank you!*

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

**CONFIRMATION COURSE 2024/25** The Enrolment Evening with Presentation for parents and young people (at least in Year 9 at school) will be on Sunday 3rd November at Holy Family Church 7.15 – 8.40pm.

**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. Not long to go, if you are thinking of becoming a Catholic or missed out on Confirmation as a teenager! *You'd be most welcome!*

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY** will be on Saturday 22nd February in the Trinity Hall 10.30am until 5pm with the Blessing of Engaged Couples at the 6pm Mass. Let Fr. Norbert know if you would like to attend. In this Diocese, 6 months' notice is required to prepare all that is needed for Marriage. Couples getting married in 2025/26 are invited.

**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)

**HCPT GROUP 183** Volunteers needed on Easter pilgrimage 2025 to help look after disa-bled/disadvantaged children. Contact Emma 07740858313 or [group183@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group183@hcpt.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S MASS** at 11.30am at Our Lady's on Sunday 13th October. There will be a practice at 11am beforehand. All welcome to take part. Children need parents with them.

**VISIT** Staff and children from Year 6 at Our Lady's School in Hitchin will be joining us for 9.30am Mass on Monday and then staying for a day of retreat.

**RESTORATION HOLY HOUR** on Friday 11th October in Our Lady's Church after 7pm Mass. Enjoy the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament-music, prayer and silence.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Thank you to all who look after our churches inside and outside!

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER** Parents/carers together with their child are asked to make an appointment to meet Fr. Norbert at Our Lady's Church for him to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School transfer. He will be available: Friday 18th October 4.00 - 6.30pm, Monday 21st October 4.00 - 6.30pm, Tuesday 22nd October 4.00 - 6.30pm and Friday 25th October 4.00 - 6.30pm. There is a *blue* parish form at the back of each church. This should be filled in and brought to the meeting. Please wait in church until called. Please ring Jacqui on 01707 323234 for an appointment

**NEW BOOKS** The new Lectionaries have arrived and will go into use on the First Sunday of Advent. We are grateful to all who contributed towards them. Our Lady's has new hymn books; our thanks to the donors. If anyone would like to contribute towards new Mass books (with the new Scripture translation) for use in our 3 churches, call Fr. Norbert

**TELEPHONE SYSTEM** The Diocese has installed a new digital system which has had some teething problems. Apologies to those who have not got through. It is now working!

**ROSARY PROCESSION** in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary on Saturday 12th October starting with Mass at Our Lady's Church at 10am and ending at 11.45am with refreshments in the Trinity Hall. All welcome. *More details on flyers in churches.*

**OPEN PARISH MEETING** on **Sunday 27th October 7.30pm - 9pm** in the Trinity Hall. All groups in the parish are asked to give a short presentation about their work. It will be a chance to plan for the Jubilee Year 2025. *Cardinal Nichols has asked that Our Lady's be the Jubilee Church in Hertfordshire for the Holy Year.* There's lots to prepare and we need many volunteers. PLEASE put this date in your diary and **COME!**

**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE** for ALL children and young people who serve at Our Lady's 11.30 Mass on Sunday 20th October at 10.45am including those who occasionally serve at this Mass. New altar servers are welcome to come to this training. *Thank you.*

**RETREAT DAY** for catechists led by the Agency for Evangelisation in our diocese. 10am - 3.30pm, Saturday 19th October, Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG More details from [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

**ESTHER MICKLEBURGH** Esther's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 9th October at 12.45pm.

**REBECCA BROWN RIP** Rebecca's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Thursday 10th October at 2pm.

**GIOVANNI NEGRI RIP** Giovanni's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Friday 11th October at 2pm.

**TRUDA KOLLMANN RIP** Truda's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Monday 14th October at 12.30pm.

**MARIA STELLA WORTHINGTON RIP** Maria (from the Focolare Community in London) will have her Funeral at Our Lady's on Monday 21st October at 11.30am.

**POLISH MASS** The organisers of the Polish- English Mass and the gathering last Saturday would like to express their gratitude to everyone who came to the Mass and the party afterwards. We hope you all had a wonderful time. *What a great celebration!* Serdecznie dziękujemy wszystkim uczestniczącym w naszej mszy oraz tym, którzy pomogli zorganizować nasze wspólne spotkanie w Trinity Hall. Mamy nadzieję, że wszyscy wspaniale się bawili.

**INTERFAITH GROUP** Tuesday 22nd October 7.30pm in the Focolare Centre, Parkway. The second in a series of talks on different faiths - 'Christianity'. Monsignor Francis Jamieson who worked as a priest in Abu Dhabi for 35 years will be the speaker.

**COFFEE/TEA** Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church and Thursdays 10.30am - 12 noon in Our Lady's Sacristy. Come and meet fellow parishioners!

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

**Oakhill Cemetery**, Southway, (formerly Hatfield Lawn) AL10 8HS Sunday 3rd November at 3pm. *The Council would like to take the opportunity to open up the Chapel for people to see. There will be light refreshments on offer and the availability of toilets.*

**Hatfield Hyde Cemetery**, Hollybush Lane AL7 4JU Sunday 10th November 2pm

**Welwyn New Cemetery**, Fulling Mill Lane AL6 9NJ Sunday 17th November 2pm

**RED BOXES/MISSIO** Please leave your box with us in church if you would like us to count and bank the contents and return the box to you in due course. Or send a cheque payable to Missio-Mill Hill to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, SW1V 1NU Online [missio.org.uk/redbox](https://missio.org.uk/redbox) Bank Transfer: Account Name Missio, Sort Code 16-00-16, Account number 10824230 (Reference RB+ your postcode) *Thank you very much!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 5th October Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure In thanksgiving (EA)  
6pm Our Lady Andrew Myles RIP

### 6th Sunday *TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP and  
Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP  
9.30am Holy Family  
10.30am St. Bonaventure Peter Morter RIP  
11.30am Our Lady Mary Laggan's Intentions  
6pm Holy Family

### 7th Monday *Our Lady of the Rosary*

9.30am Our Lady Deirdre McDaid RIP

### 8th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Truda Kollman RIP  
7pm Our Lady + Novena to Our Lady

### 9th Wednesday *St. John Henry Newman*

9.30am Holy Family  
12.45pm Holy Family Funeral of Esther Mickelburgh

### 10th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family  
2pm Holy Family Funeral of Rebecca Brown

### 11th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure  
2pm Holy Family Funeral of Giovanni Negri  
5pm Our Lady Memorial Mass for Virginia Chinyere Odenigbo RIP  
7pm Our Lady

### 12th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Truda Kollman RIP  
10am Our Lady Mass and Rosary Procession  
6pm Our Lady Nellie Cremins 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 next 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)