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## **WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH**

**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13<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

Today at all Masses we will hear words from the Cardinal about the forthcoming debate in Parliament about assisted suicide. This is such an important issue for our country and will have an impact for many years to come. The Cardinal urges us to reflect deeply, to pray and to write to our MPs. *Let us listen and respond!*

*'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him'* This is such a powerful image in our Gospel passage today from St. Mark. Someone comes to the Lord and wants to inherit eternal life. He is faithful in keeping the commandments but wants to do even more. The Lord lovingly asks him to give up everything *and follow him*. This results in the man walking away sad because he has great wealth. What does Christ ask of us personally? What does it mean for you to feel the Lord's loving gaze? Sometimes we can think ourselves unworthy of this love. At other times we can experience discomfort and challenge. Giving up everything isn't asked of everyone. However, putting Christ first in our lives and seeking God's Kingdom are essential elements of our journey of discipleship.

As we start another week, let us ask the Lord to help us see possibilities - 'for nothing is impossible to God...' Let us use our resources of time, money and energy to bring life to those around us. Let us not be afraid to let others help us when we are in need. May God bless each one of you and those you carry in your hearts.

With love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

**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 - 8.30pm. *Forms at back of church or on parish website*

**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. The meeting should last around 35/40 minutes.

**RCIA** Last Monday, 8 adults came to find out more! There's still time to join if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you are a Catholic who missed out on Confirmation as a child. Come to Our Lady's Sacristy at 7.30pm on Monday 14th. The meeting lasts an hour.

**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.

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

**'STONES AND FLOWERS'** Fr. Marco has arranged an evening in the Trinity Hall at 7.30 today (13th) to hear about the true story of suffering and redemption. There will also be a book launch about child sexual exploitation in Brazil. More info about this charity at [menindanca.org](http://menindanca.org) There will be dance, snacks and refreshments. All are welcome.

**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)

**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** If anyone would like to contribute towards new Mass books (with the new Scripture translation) for use in our 3 churches, let Fr. Norbert know. Thank you.

**TELEPHONE SYSTEM** Our new digital system has had some teething problems. Apologies to those who have not got through. We hope it is working! Email if necessary.

**CAFOD COLLECTION** this weekend to support people in developing countries. Please use a special envelope and GiftAid if possible. Thank you for your generosity.

**FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER** Morning Mass will be at Holy Family School (Crookhams AL7 1PG) at 9.30am. All welcome. *So, no 9.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's that day.*

**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!*

**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.

**INTERFAITH GROUP** Tuesday 22nd October 7.30pm in the Focolare Centre, Parkway. The second in a series of talks on different faiths - 'Christianity'.

**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!*

**ALL SAINTS DAY** Friday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be as follows: 9.30am at Holy Family Church, 12 noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's.

**ALL SOULS DAY** Saturday 2nd November is a day when we especially remember and pray for the dead. There will be morning Mass at 10am at St. Bonaventure's and the 6pm at Our Lady's will be an All Souls Day Mass (which counts for Sunday!)

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** Lists for you to write the names of loved ones who have died will soon be at the back of the churches. Please return to the Presbytery. And they will be remembered throughout November. *There is no need to give money!*

**FIRST FRIDAY** The next early morning Mass for First Friday will be on 6th December

**SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)** The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the northern half of the Westminster Diocese, with a particular focus on Hertfordshire parishes, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. Ideally, the successful candidate will be based in or around Hertfordshire. This is a part time, home-based role (15 hrs pw with a salary of £11333 pa). Having own transport is essential. If interested, submit CV ref: Westminster MSO post, to [HR@svp.org.uk](mailto:HR@svp.org.uk) More info from Lance Philpott at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 12th October Saturday

6pm Our Lady Nellie Cremins RIP

### 13th Sunday *TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am St. Bonaventure Justin Gill and Aaron Dowell

9.30am Holy Family

10.30am St. Bonaventure Truda Kollmann RIP

11.30am Our Lady Michael Caulfied RIP Anniv

6pm Holy Family

### 14th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Dr. Lucas Agnelo Monteiro RIP (month's mind)

12.30pm St. Bonaventure Funeral of Truda Kollmann

### 15th Tuesday *St. Teresa of Avila*

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady + Novena to Our Lady Luisa Rebello RIP Anniv

### 16th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family

### 17th Thursday *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

9.30am Holy Family Kathy Breslin RIP

### 18th Friday *ST. LUKE*

9.30am St. Bonaventure NO MASS

9.30am MASS AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL Crookhams, AL7 1PG

7pm Our Lady Linnette Gurjao Menezes (Birthday Intention)

### 19th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Alan and Margaret Staples (Intentions)

6pm Our Lady Leona Harper RIP

## CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

**Thursdays** 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

**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. *Chapel will be closed during half-term (28.10 - 3.11)*

**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)