

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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DEANERY MISSION OF MERCY The Cardinal asked that every church with Doors of Mercy should have a 'Mission of Mercy'. Hence the week which starts on Monday. Help will be needed throughout the Mission Week at Our Lady's as we prepare to welcome parishes from across the Deanery (Stevenage) to the various Services: especially to have welcomers available at the Doors of Mercy to lead visitors through and share with them the Windows of Mercy; the visiting parishes will be providing refreshments but they will need 'locals' to show them where everything is and to lend a hand. Please let Fr. Norbert know if there are any ways that you might be able to offer support.

This week (6th - 10th June) will be a unique time. Come and enter into the prayerful reflection of these days!

Monday 6th June

7.30pm Reflections on Mercy led by Hitchin Parish

Tuesday 7th June

7.30pm Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation led by Letchworth Parish with priests available for Confession

Wednesday 8th June

7.30pm Mercy through Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament led by Baldock Parish with reflections and silence

Thursday 9th June

7.30pm Mercy through healing in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick led by Stevenage Parishes with priests available for the Anointing of the Sick

Friday 10th June

7.30pm Mercy poured out in the Mass led by Welwyn Garden City Parishes

There will be Social time and refreshments each evening at 8.30pm

FRIDAY'S MISSION MASS AT 7.30PM We need altar servers from our three churches. Come with your albs to Our Lady's at 7pm. Singers and musicians from our three churches are asked to gather at 7pm in Our Lady's for a practice before Mass. Any volunteers willing to help with refreshments should contact Ann Chappell on 01438 714 846 or ahchappell@aol.com *Thank you!*

PETER MORRIN RIP Peter's Funeral Service will be at Harwood Park Crematorium on Thursday 9th June at 10.15am.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL will be going on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Church on Friday 10th June starting at 8.30am and finishing at 2.50pm. The whole school will go through the Doors of Mercy and reflect on God's mercy in our lives.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE The final celebration will be at St. Bonaventure's next Sunday (12th) at 10.30am.. There will be refreshments provided for all after the Mass. Please keep the children in your prayers. The Mass of Thanksgiving for all the children of our three churches will be on Sunday 19th June at 3pm in Our Lady's.

FILIPINO MASS The Filipino Community will lead Mass at Our Lady's on Saturday 11th June at 6pm. There will be a Reception after the Mass with song numbers and dances. Those able to help with food are asked to contact Rizza 07960083681 or Joy 07749 864287.

PRAGUE & HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES Brochures are at the back of our churches. Please note Pax Travel's new address: Pax Travel Ltd, Second Floor, 102 Blundell Street, London N7 9BL.

MINIBUS OUTING THIS TUESDAY (7th) to Van Hage Garden Centre. Seats still available. Anybody welcome. Please telephone Kay on 01707 335633.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 24th July - 2nd August in Krakow, Poland. Stevenage Deanery is definitely on for Krakow! Brochures and booking forms are at the back of our churches. The price is £750 including a deposit of £80. Here in WGC our finance committees have agreed to subsidise each young person by £300. So sign up! The young people will put on a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 8th July at 7.45pm. Why not put together a team and support our young people by coming on the night. More details soon.

CARDINAL'S VISIT Don't forget that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be coming to Our Lady's Church on Sunday 3rd July as part of the Year of Mercy. He will preach on the 'Jubilee of Consolation' at 4pm; there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5.30 - 6.30pm and Mass at 6.30pm followed by a Social. It is vital that we support the Cardinal as he comes to us in WGC in this Jubilee Year.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION 'Breathe in Mercy. Breathe out Mercy' led by Bishop John Crowley, retired Bishop of Middlesbrough on Saturday 10th September for our Deanery in Our Lady's Hall, WGC starting with Mass at 9.30am (in the church) and finishing around 3pm. This Day will provide a great time of enrichment for us all but especially Catechists, Eucharist Ministers, Readers and Welcomers. Here in our WGC parishes we will then have the Recommissioning of Ministers the following weekend (17th/18th September at all the Masses).

ST. ALBANS Bishop John Sherrington will be preaching at an Ecumenical Evensong at St. Alban's Abbey Cathedral on Saturday 8th October at 4pm for this Year of Mercy. This will be preceded by tours of the Cathedral and prayer at the Shrine of St. Alban (the first martyr in this land). More details still to come but please put the date in your diary.

PLEASE HELP - SPANISH STUDENTS VISITING WGC We have a small group of children (boys and girls aged 12 to 16) from the Canary Islands who are staying in WGC from 23 June-21 July, to learn English. They are on a full time educational programme and stay with English host families. We are desperately short of places for them to stay and we would like to ask that you consider becoming a host family. It is more important that you are someone who will offer a warm welcome rather than have a 'perfect house'. You will be paid for having them in your home. Some of our most successful families don't have children at home, but it is a bonus if you do. Please call Elizabeth on: 07986 468736 if you would like to talk about what it involves.

FIRE DRILL Thank you for your co-operation with last weekend's fire drills in each of our churches. These need to happen at least once a year.

TANDEM BIKE RIDE After 14 wonderful years at Lakeside Special Needs School, Lemsford Lane, WGC, Joseph Heymoz is raising money to help the school continue with the wealth of care and opportunities it provides. Joseph who is one of our parishioners, comes to the Saturday 6pm Mass and delights in the music and liturgy . One of Joseph's other loves is riding on the back of a tandem ! To raise money, Joseph and his dad will be cycling 33 miles from the Olympic Velodrome to Lakeside Special Needs School. Joseph, his dad and the tandem will be collecting any donations on Saturday 4th after the 6pm Mass at Our Lady's. Donations can also be made via Fr. Norbert. Thank you for your support!

INTER FAITH EVENTS 'Money and Faiths' come and find out how different faiths approach the matter of good stewardship of our money on Monday 13 June at 7.15 at the Jim Macdonald Centre in Hatfield and the following day, Tuesday 14 June an invitation to our monthly Ladies' Lunch for conversation on topics of mutual interest in the Focolare Centre from 12.30 - 2pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided.

OUR LADY'S Thanks to all who came to clean the church and maintain the grounds on Saturday morning. Your help is much appreciated.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CLEANING Thank you to all who came to our first monthly clean on Thursday; as well as cleaning there was time for refreshments and chat. Next clean is July 7th. Why not come along?

CAFOD There will be a meeting of the CAFOD group on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the parish room at Holy Family. Anyone who would like to attend will be made very welcome.

CWL The Catholic Women's League will be having a speaker from Guide dogs for the blind accompanied by his dog, on Tuesday 14th June at 8pm. Everyone is invited.

CONFESSIONS Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463
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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE
 Bookings should be made with Phil
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 Website for our 3 parishes
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QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TEA The Christian Churches in WGC are going to put on an afternoon tea in Howardsgate next **Sunday 12th June 3 - 5pm followed by a 'Songs of Praise' (5.00 - 5.45pm)**. There will be tea and cakes, bouncy castles, games and face painting - all FREE and in the open air! There are still some ways to get involved with helping to make this day a great time: . Come to Howardsgate at 12 noon and help set up, putting up gazebos, tables, and bunting or join the Stewarding team by being a welcomer for the day. Help with the clear up afterwards from 6-8pm. Bring bunting for us to put up (red/white/blue/union jack). Speak to Fr. Norbert or email Simon Cragg, Minister at Christchurch if you can help in any of these ways - simon@christchurchwgc.org.uk In terms of cakes, the following help is needed: 12 people to bake 20 portions of cake, cupcakes, cookies (Drop off at United Reformed Church, Church Road, near Sainsbury's) on Friday (11 - 12), Saturday (11 - 12) or Sunday (from 12 noon); 12 people to serve tea and cakes on the day from 2.30 to 4.00 or 4.00 to 5.30 at Howardsgate; and finally 6 people to help set up on the day from 12 noon at Howardsgate.

If you can volunteer, please contact Ann Chappell (01438 714 846 or ahchappell@aol.com) for more details. **Most important of all, COME! Bring family, neighbours and friends.**

MASS TIMES

06 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Norbert
07 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	6.30pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
08 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
09 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
10 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7.30pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
11 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Barnabas

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

11 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
12 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family

