

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

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JOE FERNANDES R.I.P. It is with great sadness that we let you know of the death this Friday of Fr. Norbert's dad. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Fr. Norbert, his brothers and all his family. We pray that Joe may rest in peace.



THY KINGDOM COME is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth. Acts 1,2

There are Novena Prayer cards at the back of each church. Please take one and each day say the Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come. For each day there are words of Scripture for us to meditate on and also a prayer intention.

*Come, Holy Spirit, come,
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES Our Lady's: Sunday 11th June at 11.30am. St. Bonaventure's: Sunday 25th June at 10.30am.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK Our annual celebration organised by the SVP will be on Saturday 10th June at 12 noon at Our Lady's. Afterwards there will be a reception in the Hall. This year there will also be a Blessing of Carers - part of the Diocesan follow-up to the Year of Mercy. This will be an acknowledgement of the many people who devote themselves to the support and care of loved ones and a chance to ask God's blessing upon them. Please let others know about this celebration.

PARISH MEETING Fr. Norbert invites representative/s of every group in our three parishes to come to a meeting in Our Lady's Hall on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm. It will be an opportunity for everyone to hear about the good work which takes place to enrich our community and beyond. There could be photos/slides etc on a big screen too. This initiative comes from the Parish Advisory Council and the hope is that the information could form a link on the website and also be available to new parishioners. It would be a tremendous help to know who is going to come and which groups will be represented. Please contact Ellen Allardice (01707 375231 or ellen.allardice@outlook.com). Thank you very much.

RCIA For those who want to join the Catholic Church or to find out more, the next RCIA Course will begin after the summer. Please let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet every Tuesday during term time to learn a little more about our faith in a fun and relaxed way. 3.45pm - 4.45pm. All children are welcome and parents too. St. Bonaventure's hall. We meet next after half-term when we celebrate Pentecost.

MOTHER AND TODDLER This friendly group meets every Wednesday in St. Bonaventure's hall from 10am. Come along with your little ones - lots of toys to play with and it is good opportunity for mums and dads, grandparents, carers, to get to know one another.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CLEANING This Thursday 10am All welcome to come and help.

OUR LADY'S The monthly cleaning of Our Lady's Church and maintenance of the grounds will take place next Saturday 3rd June at **10am** for ONE hour. Refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome to come along, Can you help?

ST. BONAVENTURE'S PARISH GARDEN (at the back of the hall) A special thank you to the Children's Tuesday group who did a lot of weeding last Tuesday. There is still more to do so if you feel like helping a bit please go round and pull a few weeds out!

DO YOU NEED? a Mobile Hairdresser or a Decorator /Handy man? Competitive rates offered.

Contact Tracey (MOBILE HAIRDRESSER) 07581212941
Jamie (DECORATOR/HANDY MAN) 07572527731.

ST. BONAVENTURE will be 800 years old this year! We will mark this on the Feast of St. Bonaventure, Saturday 15th July, at the 10am Mass followed by cake and coffee/tea in the parish garden.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP on Saturday 1st July 10am until 3pm in Our Lady's Hall. This 'Day' will discuss mental health awareness in parishes, faith and mental health and how to support those with a mental health problem so that the parishes become even more welcoming and inclusive. Ben Bano who has championed 'Welcome me as I am' will lead prayer and give input. Sonia Clarke from MIND Mid-Herts will speak about local services. The Day is aimed at care-givers and key leaders in parish groups who would then be able to inform/train others. The outcomes/hopes are: A few parishioners trained with the mental health 'first aid' course, Carers Support Groups, to strengthen the 'ministry of welcome', displays in parishes for MIND services and signposting to find help for mental health support. For more information and to book a place visit www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth or email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

THE HEBREW COMMUNITY of Welwyn Garden City cordially invite you to visit the synagogue on Thursday 8th June from 8 - 9.30 pm. If you would like to go, please give your name and postcode to Paul Gatheshill email: paulghill@hotmail.com or tel: 01707 695351. The synagogue is situated behind the Barn Theatre in Handside Lane.

YOU ARE INVITED on Monday 12 June 7.15pm at the Focolare Centre to an evening on Music and Religion. The keynote speaker will be Brother Stephen, who is sub prior of the Norbertine Community in Chelmsford. Whilst at university he was a choral scholar at Oriel College, Oxford. The other speakers will be from the Hindu and Jewish faith.

HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH PRAYER SERVICE AND BARBECUE Sunday 16th July at 3pm. There will be a 30-minute Service with Benediction followed by a Parish Barbecue hosted by the Hedgehog.

BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES have organised a 'Mega Youth Poll'. In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you: what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

CALLED TO SERVE THE SICK ROADSHOWS Three evening meetings have been arranged to allow clergy and laity an opportunity to discover and question.....

- **What hospital chaplains do:** *St Dominic's Priory Haverstock Hill, Camden London Wednesday 7th June 2017, 7pm for 7.30pm*
- **How Catholics can realise their unique vocation of being of service the sick:** *Our Lady and St Michael's, Garston, Watford, Hertfordshire Monday 19th June 2017, 7pm for 7.30pm*
- **How to think theologically about health:** *St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing, London Tuesday 27th June, 7pm for 7.30pm*

For registration please email Fr Peter Scott: peterscott@rcdow.org.uk

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings
should be made with Phil Johnson 01707
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Website for our 3 parishes

www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE This Diocesan Agency is seeking to recruit volunteers to be involved in social action. For more information pick up one of the leaflets at the back of our churches or email Verity Sykes on caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS The Diocese is always looking for volunteers to take on the role of being a foundation governor in our Catholic schools. Indeed here in Welwyn Garden City we need more. If you are interested take one of the leaflets at the back of the church and let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

AFRICAN MASS Sunday 9th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a reception in the Hall.

POLISH/ENGLISH MASS will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October at 6pm at Our Lady's.

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

MASS TIMES

29 Monday	*10am*	Mass	Our Lady's	Easter feria
30 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
31 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Visitation of Blessed Virgin
01 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Justin
02 Friday	*6.30am*	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Philip Neri
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	Easter feria
03 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Charles Lwanga and Comp
			Pentecost Sunday	
03 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
04 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	



CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) Office Tel: **01438 285138** (24/7) Urgent need: **01438 314 333** via text message: **07876 526935** email: chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net