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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

9th June 2024 **TENTH SUNDAY**
16th June 2024 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY**

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In our Gospel passages from St. Mark for these two Sundays, the word 'kingdom' appears a number of times. What is it like? How does it grow? Who is the source of its being? There are so many questions to ask ourselves, to reflect on, ideas to be actioned and lived out. The Kingdom is very much about a person - Jesus Christ - and he is the revelation of the Father's intention for the Divine to be in our midst.

On Friday 21st June I have been asked to preach at a Novena in St. Paul's Church, Wood Green. The theme I have been given is *Thy Kingdom Come* - a phrase we know all too well from the Lord's Prayer. What do those three words mean for you? They trip off our tongues with frequency together with many other words. What do YOU intend as you speak/recite/pray them? When something becomes very familiar, there is a danger of the sense/intention/depth getting lost as we utter the regular pattern. In these coming weeks I shall be looking out for signs of the Kingdom, listening intently for a word which communicates life, opening up my heart and being to an experience of Christ's Presence from the Father which roots me in the Kingdom and in turn sends me out with even more to share and discover. The Kingdom is dynamic and it cannot be encapsulated by only one word or phrase. The Kingdom is a royal, majestic and noble breaking in of God's life-giving, sacrificial love into the every day human experience. We discover our role and our place; we co-operate with the Lord in building up the Kingdom.

I hope these weeks bring you grace and blessing. With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS Our Lady's - Sunday 9th June at 11.30am. This is the final Sunday in Welwyn Garden City. Congratulations to all the children, to their parents and a huge 'Thank you!' to everyone who has helped with the Liturgy, the decoration of our churches and behind-the-scenes organisation.

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

CAFOD APPEAL for Sudan where there are millions facing extreme hunger. To contribute go to cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 08085858885 *Thank you!*

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

PILGRIMAGE 4-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Our Lady's Birthday from Friday 6th until Monday 9th September. <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0959/> or take a leaflet.

CAKE SALE on Sunday 26th at St. Bonaventure raised £500 to raise funds for the Red-caps - young people on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. *Thank you!*

SVP Our local St. Vincent de Paul Group will be hosting Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway AL8 6HH on Saturday 22nd June at 12 noon followed by refreshments in the hall. *Come and experience the powerful and peaceful presence of the Lord in this Sacrament of Healing. Come and pray for the sick.* If anyone needs a lift to this Mass, please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456

FILIPINO MASS is coming up this Saturday at 6pm at Our Lady's. There will be hymns and prayers in Tagalog as well as in English. Afterwards there will be a gathering in the Trinity Hall with food and drink, karaoke and traditional dance. Come and have a brilliant time! Everyone is welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

Signed Mass Sunday 30th June at 11.30am at Our Lady's. There will be a signing practice on Tuesday 25th June 8 - 9pm. *Let Fr. Norbert know if can come to the practice.*

African Mass Sunday 7th July at 11.30am followed by a party in the Trinity Hall.

Polish-English Mass and celebration on Saturday 28th September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

CHURCH CLEANING at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 12th after 9.30am Mass. Thanks to all who helped recently at Our Lady's and St. Bonaventure's.

FATHERS DAY is on Sunday 16th June. Blessings on all fathers and honorary dads! There are chocolates for everyone in your honour.

OUR LADY SCHOOL Our Lady's Primary School Summer Fete will be on Saturday 6th July, 11am - 3pm on Woodhall Lane. A fantastic day of children's stalls, food, drinks and cakes - fun to be had for all! Cake and bottle donations welcome. If anyone would like to run a stall please contact ourladyschoolpta@gmail.com

OUR LADY'S CHURCH REPOSITORY has new stock with a variety of cards and rosaries. Pop in and have a look!

INTERFAITH GROUP has its 20th Anniversary Shared Supper on Thursday 20th June at 7pm at the Focolare Centre. Bring a savoury dish, please. All are welcome.

FOCOLARE OPEN EVENING Climate and Nature Crisis and the General Election. How can faith communities act for our Common Home? We are delighted that James Buchanan, former Campaign Manager at Operation Noah, a Christian Climate Change charity, has agreed to speak to us. Friday 21st June, 7.30-9pm. Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, 6JG. Tea/coffee provided.

DAY FOR LIFE 'The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the end of life' On Sunday 16th June we celebrate the Day for Life. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. The day provides an opportunity for reflection on the precious gift of life which opens out into the hope of eternal life at our earthly death. The Bishops' Conference has a dedicated section of their website on this topic. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>
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EARLY MORNING First Friday Mass and Breakfast. Thank you to Jean and the team! It is always such a joy to spend time with parishioners at this early hour!

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR on Friday 14th June after 7pm Mass. Come and enjoy the peace of praying before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Scripture, hymns, prayers and silence. All are welcome.

FUNERALS The Funeral Service for **Andrew Myles RIP** will be at Oakhill Crematorium on Tuesday 11th June at 3pm.

The **Funeral Mass for Artur Montenegro RIP** will be at Our Lady's on Friday 14th June at 12.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS *These can be booked through Fr. Norbert*

8th June

6pm Our Lady Gerry McCarthy RIP

9th Sunday TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP
 and Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP
 9.30am Holy Family Virginia Rees RIP Anniv
 10.30am St. Bonaventure Andrew & Rosemary Hayes-Milligan *In thanksgiving for 40th
 Wedding Anniversary*
 11.30am Our Lady Patricia Stapleton-Hibbert RIP
 6pm Holy Family Examination success (Osefo family)

10th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Colin Friedland RIP

11th Tuesday St. Barnabas

9.30am St. Bonaventure Hilda Wellbeloved RIP
 7pm Our Lady Pat Kennedy RIP

12th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family George Lopez RIP

13th Thursday St. Anthony of Padua

9.30am Holy Family Matthew Sawyer RIP Anniv

14th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Archbishop Raul Gonsalves RIP Anniv
 12.30pm Our Lady Funeral Mass of Artur Montenegro
 7pm Our Lady Steve Gore RIP

15th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Joseph Galea RIP
 6pm Our Lady Filipino Community

16th Sunday *ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am	St. Bonaventure	John Joseph Small RIP Birthday
9.30am	Holy Family	Elias & Noemi Gonsalves RIP
10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Eric Fishwick RIP
11.30am	Our Lady	Rudo Ireen Mudanganyi RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Examination success (Osefo family)

17th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Josephine and Thomas Connolly RIP Anniv
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18th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Pat Shelford's Intention
7pm	Our Lady	Charlie Grech RIP

19th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Lily Micallef RIP
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20th Thursday *St. Alban*

9.30am	Holy Family	Danny RIP
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21st Friday *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	
7pm	Our Lady	Ed Annis RIP

22nd Saturday *ST. JOHN FISHER AND ST. THOMAS MORE*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Joachim Family Intention
12 noon	Focolare Centre	Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
6pm	Our Lady	Martin Sweeney RIP

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Thursdays 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family

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

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 7.30am until 6pm. Entrance near Trinity Hall. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle and have a moment of silence.

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass in the Lady Chapel of St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon on Fridays.

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) Saturday's 6pm Mass will be recorded and streamed at 10am on Sunday