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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**

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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

The school holidays are arriving! The summer sun continues to toast us! Our faith and connection to Jesus Christ never stop being enriched!

I would like to thank the staff and governors of our schools for their dedication in serving children and young people as they develop, learning new skills, discovering their identities and being formed into a dynamic force to change our world. This takes courage and determination and, of course, brilliant students who thirst for more! Parish life moves down a gear or two and this is important so that our batteries can be recharged in readiness for another year of activity in which we will be strengthened as community and reach out to others with Christ's love fortified by the Eucharist and prayer. I am so grateful to the huge number of people who contribute to the life of our Welwyn Garden City Parish - in the Liturgy, in social outreach, through gatherings and celebrations, behind the scenes and by being there as a prayerful and encouraging presence. What a difference you all make!

We have been very lucky to bask in high temperatures - it has felt like a holiday resort on many days! God's Creation is wonderful and our God is so close to us sharing the intimacy of his grace and blessing. Let us never stop thanking him for Jesus Christ, his Son and the many gifts we receive in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Gospel is a challenge to us - even in the glory of summer, we cannot - and should not - stop loving God and our neighbour. St. Luke relates that after telling the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says to the lawyer: 'You go, and do likewise.' May these words echo in our minds, hearts and souls and be put into action every day! However you spend the coming period, find ways of being refreshed. God bless you.

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

**FR. MARCO** has been told that his new appointment is to Manchester to support the mission of the Neocatechumenal Way. His Farewell Mass will be on Saturday 30th August at Our Lady's at 6pm followed by a Reception in the Trinity Hall to which all are welcome. If you would like to contribute towards a presentation for Fr. Marco, there will soon be special envelopes at the back of our churches. Please use one and return to Fr. Norbert at Our Lady's. We will also need help with the Reception. Watch this space! *We wish Fr. Marco every blessing and much happiness.*

**NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST FOR WGC Fr. James Boyle**, ordained priest on 28th June will start here in WGC in September. Fr. James will live at Holy Family and serve our three churches. *May God bless Fr. James.*

**STEFAN GUERZONI** has been accepted for Permanent Diaconate, serving in Welwyn Garden City. He has a wife, Axelle, and family and a full-time job. *Let us offer our prayers as he embarks on this road..*

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

**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) if you wish to donate money. Please use the Food Bank Baskets at the back of our churches if you wish to give items: tins, pasta, rice & toiletries.

**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)

**MEDJUGORJE** Fr. Norbert will lead a group to this Shrine of Our Lady in Croatia from Tuesday 21st - Tuesday 28th October 2025. There are 42 people signed up and room for up to 49! Book using: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1035/>

**DEACON PEDRO LI** from China will be coming to be with us on Saturday 12th July for three weeks. He wants to improve his English and get to know us! Pedro, who is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seville in Spain, studies in Rome. If you would like to take him out, invite him for a meal or have conversation over a coffee, please let Fr. Norbert know. All Church documentation is in place. We know you will make him very welcome!

**VISITORS** Fr. Javier & Fr. Jose Antonio from Cordoba, Spain, will come in September to improve their English. These priests study in Rome. All documentation will be in place.

**FIRST FRIDAY** There will not be 6.30am Mass on 1st August or 5th September.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (WGC)** 70th Anniversary Mass on Saturday 19th July at 11am at Our Lady's with Reception in Trinity Hall. Friends/supporters welcome.

**POLISH/ENGLISH MASS** on Saturday 27th September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

**TERRENCE PETTIGREW RIP** Terrence's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 30th July. His body will be received into the church 4pm Tuesday.

**NEWSLETTER** Next week will cover three weeks 20th July, 27th July and 3rd August. After that one edition 10th August, 17th August and 24th August. Any info to Fr. Norbert.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** There will not be Monday 9.30 Mass at Our Lady's on 11th, 18th and 25th August (Please note 25th August is a Bank Holiday) There will not be Tuesday 9.30 Mass at St. Bonaventure's on 12th, 19th and 26th August.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Last one until 14th September. Our thanks to the catechists.

**SEA SUNDAY** If you wish to support Stella Maris which takes care of sea-farers, please use of the special envelopes at the back of church.

**CAFOD GROUP** will be holding a cake sale at Holy Family on Sunday 20th July after the 10.30 Mass. Any donations of cake will be very gratefully received before the Mass

### **JUBILEE YEAR** *Pilgrims of Hope*

Our Lady's WGC has been designated as the Jubilee Church for Hertfordshire. This means that by receiving Holy Communion, going to Confession, saying the Creed and praying for the Pope's Intention, you can receive a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or for someone who has died - helping you or the deceased towards eternity. In addition to Mass and devotions, works of charity or mercy are possible elements.

**CARDINAL'S VISIT TO OUR LADY'S Sunday 6th July.** What a brilliant experience last Sunday was for us in Welwyn Garden City as we welcomed Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the parishes of Hertfordshire. There were 20 clergy and around 500 people. The Liturgy was wonderful. The prayer powerful. The joy of the throng palpable! The Reception nourished us to the full. *THANK YOU* to the many people who helped in church, in the Trinity Hall, in the car park and grounds. As the Cardinal left he told Fr. Norbert 'I feel uplifted!' *What a gift we have offered our Archbishop and all who came!*

**DEAF SERVICE PILGRIMAGE** to Our Lady's Church on Tuesday 22nd July. There will be a Signed Mass in the church at 12 noon followed by lunch in the Trinity Hall. Please bring your own packed lunch. This will be followed by cake and tea. Then a time of reflection in the church concluding with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction around 3.30pm. The Deaf Service appreciates the support given by WGC to the Deaf and would love parishioners to join them for the Mass, lunch and reflection. *Please let Fr. Norbert know if you plan to come.*

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S & ST. ALBAN AND ST. STEPHEN'S PARISHES** in St. Albans will walk to Our Lady's on Saturday 13th September as a Jubilee pilgrimage.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER** As we draw closer to the summer holidays, some families will start thinking about the next stage of schooling for their children after Primary School. Our local Catholic Secondary Schools are oversubscribed and so governors have to look for the Certificate of Catholic Practice given by the Parish Priest. Fr. Norbert urges families to think about their weekly church-going as this is the main criterion for him issuing the certificate. Also, sometimes parents/carers, who have considered Baptism and First Holy Communion for a long time and never got round to it, should seek the next steps for the sake of their children.

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER** will be opening its first charity shop later this year to raise vital funds that will help better support the work of parishes and services, including the Deaf Service. There will be a **stock donation drive over the weekend of 19th – 20th July** here in our three churches. During this time, parishioners are invited to bring in any unwanted items suitable for donation. They are collecting wearable and usable items in good condition, including: • Clothes • Shoes • Belts • Handbags • Jewellery • Accessories (e.g. scarves, hats) They cannot accept: • Electrical items • Furniture or large bulky items – the shop will not be large enough to accommodate these. • Children's toys – the shop will not be selling children's toys. Caritas will sort donations and collect them on Monday morning.

**SATURDAY CLUB** proposed for people with learning disabilities and their families/carers, meeting once a month for two hours offering a variety of activities, social time and refreshments. This would be supported by Caritas St Joseph's, the agency of the Diocese for those with Learning Disabilities. Come to Our Lady's Sacristy on Monday 14th July at 7pm (for an hour). *Our next Special Needs Mass will be on Saturday 18th October at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a Get-together.*

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will be on Friday 15th August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be as follows: 9.30am at Holy Family, 12 noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 12th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Elizabeth Janet Chambers (nee McManus) RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Peter Bonass RIP Birthday

### 13th *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Ann Windnagal RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Blessings on all the grandchildren of Kennedy Family
12 noon	Our Lady	Fr. Michael Giffney RIP Anniv
6pm	Holy Family	For the People

### 14th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Sr. Kathleen Swift RIP Anniv
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### 15th Tuesday *St. Bonaventure*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	John Blackburn RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Ian Lewis RIP Anniv

### 16th Wednesday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

9.30am	Holy Family
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### 17th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family
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### 18th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure
7pm	Our Lady

### 19th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	
11am	Our Lady	CWL 70th Anniversary Mass
6pm	Our Lady	Stan Griffin RIP

### 20th *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Olivia Pini + Gabriele D'Amone (Wedding 24.5.25)
10.30am	Holy Family	Betty Harrington Birthday Intention
12 noon	Our Lady	<i>Fr. Mark Connolly celebrant</i>
6pm	Holy Family	For the People

## CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30  
St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am  
Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

**CHAPEL** at Our Lady's near Trinity Hall open 8.30am - 4pm (Monday to Friday). *Chapel will be closed during the school summer holidays from 21st July until 1st September*

**ST. ALBANS** Catholic Mass at St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel

**STREAMED MASS** on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) *The team will have a well-earned break. Thank you. 14th September will be the next one*