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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> July 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

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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

*On the 13th July, Jesus said to the lawyer after giving him the parable of The Good Samaritan: 'You go, and do likewise.' On the 20th, Martha is told that her sister, Mary, has chosen the good portion by sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to his teaching. On the 27th, we are given the picture of Jesus praying in a certain place and the request of a disciple: 'Lord, teach us to pray...' We are given The Lord's Prayer.*

*With the summer weeks upon us, how do we get it right in our relationship with the Lord and with others? We should be active in serving those in need. We must not neglect time spent in company with Jesus, learning from his words. We have to find ways of being icons of Christ whose intense love of the God the Father inspired his prayer and his determination always to do good. Perhaps the summer will allow you to explore fresh ways of praying? Singing or reciting the Rosary as you walk? At the end of the day, reflecting on one or two moments when you felt God's presence breaking into your life? Pondering when things went wrong and trying to learn lessons from the event? Opening the Bible and thinking about what God is saying to you? Silence...the serenity of contemplation? Allow the Lord to teach you as he taught his disciples!*

*On the 3rd August, the Gospel passage speaks of a dispute over inheritance and leads to a parable from Jesus about a rich person who has plenty and says to himself: '...relax, eat, drink and be merry.' Jesus is insistent that we should be rich towards God. How can we do this in the reality of our lives? Our true treasure is the destiny of God's Kingdom, experienced here on earth but reaching fruition in heaven.*

*My thanks to everyone who works so hard to enrich our lives in our churches. To those going away, have a great time. To visitors, welcome! To those staying here, be refreshed!*

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

**FR. MARCO'S FAREWELL** will be on Saturday 30th August 6pm Mass at Our Lady's followed by a Reception in the Trinity Hall. There are now envelopes at the back of our churches for a presentation. Please return these to Fr. Norbert at Our Lady's.

**JACQUI BOON** our Administrator, is away for 4 - 6 weeks recovering from a minor operation. We wish her every blessing. Any queries to Fr. Norbert.

**JONATHAN WRIGHT** who was the Head Altar Server at St. Bonaventure's some time ago, has been ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of East Anglia, serving in Cambridge where he lives. *Congratulations!*

**BAPTISMS** Please contact Fr. Norbert 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. 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)

**DEACON DUOLU (PEDRO) LI** from China has settled in! If you would like to take him out, invite him for a meal or have conversation over a coffee, there are a few slots left in his diary! Please let Fr. Norbert know. All Church documentation is 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. *Congratulations!*

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

**TERRENCE PETTIGREW RIP** Terrence's Funeral Service will be at Holy Family on Wednesday 30th July at 1pm. His body will be received into the church 4pm Tuesday.

**MARY DOOCEY RIP** Mary's Funeral will be in late August. Details in next newsletter.

**NEWSLETTER** Next newsletter will cover 10th August, 17th August and 24th August. Any info to Fr. Norbert by 4th August.

**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.

**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.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will be on Friday 15th August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: 9.30am at HF, 12 noon at St.B and 7pm at OL.

**HOSPITALITY GROUP** Ann Chappell writes: Thank you to all those who contributed to the wonderful reception for the Cardinal. So many families donated a variety of sandwiches, wraps, cakes and other delicious food which was greatly enjoyed by those from the many parishes who attended the event. Events like this are a success due to a brilliant team of event helpers who setup, decorate, make food, refresh the tables, serve drinks and stay to clear up. Our next event will be 30th August following the 6pm Mass. This will be an opportunity for the Parish to thank Father Marco and wish him well in his new role.

**CELEBRATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!** You can honour those who serve in our parish or community by nominating them for the Love in Action Awards **by 31st July**. See leaflets at the back of the church, Caritas Westminster website, or contact Elke on 07738183833.

**HERTS WELCOMES REFUGEES** are helping 50+ new arrivals of young men at the WGC asylum seekers' hotel. With help from the Council, football sessions are being arranged. *Anyone able to donate trainers they no longer need, ring Vicky 07905 454150.*

### ***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.

**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** 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** is collecting this weekend in WGC 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.

**NEW SATURDAY CLUB** Please join us for the launch of a new club for those with learning disabilities, their friends, families and carers on Saturday 11th October 2025 2pm- 4pm in the Trinity Hall. Volunteers will meet on Wednesday 10th September in Our Lady's Sacristy at 7pm. *Our next Special Needs Mass will be on Saturday 18th October at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a Get-together.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **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

#### **21st Monday**

9.30am	Our Lady	Jacqui Seal RIP Anniv
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#### **22nd Tuesday ST. MARY MAGDALENE**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	
12 noon	Our Lady	Signed Mass
7pm	Our Lady	

**23rd Wednesday** *ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN*

9.30am Holy Family Alan Hallett RIP Anniv

**24th Thursday**

9.30am Holy Family

**25th Friday** *ST. JAMES*

9.30am St. Bonaventure Andrew Fernandes (Birthday Intention)

7pm Our Lady Jon Rissik's Intention

**26th Saturday** *St. Joachim and St. Anne*

10am St. Bonaventure Owen Coyle (101 Birthday)

6pm Our Lady Bridget Shaw's Intention (90)

**27th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9am St. Bonaventure Mark Gerhard's Intention

10.30am Holy Family

12 noon Our Lady Kathleen + Gordon Kerr's 65th Wedding Anniversary

6pm Holy Family Roy D'Cunha RIP

**28th Monday**

9.30am Our Lady Clare Doyle RIP

**29th Tuesday** *SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

**30th Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Family

**31st Thursday**

9.30am Holy Family

**1st August Friday** *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

9.30am St. Bonaventure Billy Conlon + Kathleen Gardiner (90) Birthday Thanksgiving

7pm Our Lady J onathan Kilkenny RIP Anniv

**2nd Saturday**

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady Peter Bonass RIP Anniv

**3rd EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9am St. Bonaventure Paddy Loughrey RIP Anniv

10.30am Holy Family Special Intention (CW)

12 noon Our Lady

6pm Holy Family

**4th Monday** *St. John Vianney*

9.30am Our Lady

**5th Tuesday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady Augustus Joachim RIP Birthday

**6th Wednesday** *TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*

9.30am Holy Family John Blackburn RIP

**7th Thursday**

9.30am Holy Family

**8th Friday** *St. Dominic*

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

**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** Closed during the school summer holidays until 1st September

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

**STREAMED MASS** on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) *Break until 14th September*