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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY 19th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY 26th October

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On Saturday 1st November, St. John Henry Newman is going to be declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo in Rome. Some years ago Pope Benedict wrote: 'The characteristic of the great Doctor of the Church, it seems to me, is that he teaches not only through his thought and speech but also by his life, because within him, thought and life are inter-penetrated and defined. If this is so, then Newman belongs to the great Doctors of the Church, because he both touches our hearts and enlightens our minds.' This noble English Saint teaches that we are links in a chain - connected to one another. He wrote that 'God has created me for a definite purpose' - we have a mission, a vocation that builds God's Kingdom here on earth and prepares us for eternity. His motto in Latin is 'Cor ad cor loquitur' ('Heart speaks to heart') - we can enter into two-way communication with God...and with others; God's Spirit being the means of communion. Let us rejoice in this third Doctor of the Church in our land (the others being St. Bede the Venerable and St. Anslem)! St. John Henry Newman...*pray for us!*

In our Second Reading on 19th October, St. Paul, writing to Timothy, says: 'All Scripture is breathed out by God'. What a wonderful image to inspire us as we listen to, or read from, the Bible. Week by week God's Word is proclaimed, chewed over and lived out - that is our aspiration! Take a moment to feel the breath of God coming into your ears and your minds, your hearts and your souls. Think about the heart of God speaking to you in that breath, as St. John Henry Newman intimates. These two Sundays we will have parables from St. Luke. They tease us into reflection on our lives and our connection with the Lord. They are both about prayer!

I will be in Medjugorje this week with a parish group. You will be in our prayers. Please support us with yours!

With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

SACRAMENTS 2025/26

BAPTISM Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. James to arrange the Baptism of your child.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The first joint Parents and children's workshop will be on Sunday 23rd November in Our Lady's Church 3.30 - 5pm. If you missed registration, please see Fr. Norbert.

CONFIRMATION Young people have their first session today (19th) at 7.15pm in the Trinity Hall. Parents will meet Fr. Norbert in Our Lady's Church at 7.15pm.

RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or an adult seeking Confirmation, come on **Monday 20th October at 7.30pm** to Our Lady's Sacristy. There is still time to join! No session on 27th October.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Couples planning to get married in 2026/27 should let Fr. Norbert know. Marriage Preparation Day will be in the Trinity Hall **Saturday 7th February, 2026** starting at 10.30am and concluding with the 6pm Mass.

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. Items received from 8am Wednesdays at 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. Email food-bank@newzioncf.net if you wish to donate money. Please use the Food Bank Baskets.

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. 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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' RETREAT Sunday 19th October 3.30 - 5pm Our Lady's *Come and take time to ponder this great ministry in the Church!*

CATECHISTS RETREAT 'Reawakening blessed hope' on Saturday 15th November at Our Lady's led by the Diocese for Hertfordshire. 10am - 4pm in Trinity Hall, WGC. To book a place, please give your name and email to Fr. Norbert who will send names to the Diocese. It's a free event but bring a packed lunch.

OPEN PARISH MEETING Thank you to all who came. The Minutes will soon be available at the back of each church.

CEMETERY MASSES Oakhill (Southway) Sunday 2nd November 2pm, starting in the Chapel. The Council is providing tea/coffee and cakes. Sunday 9th November 1.30pm Hatfield Hyde. Sunday 16th November Welwyn New Cemetery Fulling Mill Lane at 2pm.

ALL SAINTS DAY in this country is transferred to the Sunday (2nd). This means that All Souls Day is transferred to Monday 3rd November.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST There are sheets at the back of the church on which you can write the names of loved ones who have died. Please return them and they will be remembered at Masses in November. *There is no need to give any money.*

SIKHISM Find out more from the Interfaith Group at the Focolare Centre on Wednesday 29th October 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Speaker Darshan Singh Ji.

NO MASS on Friday 24th October at 7pm at Our Lady's. Also Tuesdays 11th and 18th November no 7pm Mass at Our Lady's.

CAFOD HARVEST QUIZ NIGHT Raised over £500. Well done!

STREAMED MASS If anyone would like to help with streaming Mass, please contact Fr. Norbert. The volunteers who have been doing it for some time are not able to continue. We are grateful to them.

DON'T FORGET The clocks go **back** one hour next weekend (25th/26th October)! British Summer Time is drawing to a close.

HAPPY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY to all involved in Education! Enjoy the rest.

COMBONI FATHERS will be with us next weekend to preach the annual Mission Appeal. There will be a retiring collection in each church

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.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH Decoration continues! Tuesday's 9.30 Mass will be at Our Lady's and Friday's 9.30 Mass will be at Holy Family. *We will return to St. Bonaventure's weekday Masses Tuesday 4th November.*

HERTS WELCOMES REFUGEES needs men's winter clothing, especially water-proofs, for refugees living in WGC not allowed to work. Call Vicky 07905454150.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Last chance on Monday 20th October 4 - 6pm for Fr. Norbert to issue Certificates of Catholic Practice. Parents/carers together with their child are asked to make an appointment to meet Fr. Norbert at Our Lady's Church. There is a blue parish form at the back of each church. This should be filled in and brought to the meeting. Call Fr. Norbert on 01707 323234.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on Saturday 18th October at 6pm in Our Lady's followed by a Get-together in the Trinity Hall with food to share, a quiz and bingo.

MASS INTENTIONS

18th Saturday *ST. LUKE*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Linnette Piedade Gurjao (Birthday Int)
6pm	Our Lady	Michael Caulfield RIP Anniv

19th TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Nelson D'Lima RIP (2nd Anniv)
10.30am	Holy Family	James Shakeshaft RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Michael Maher RIP Birthday
6pm	Holy Family	Cherna Family Intention

20th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	<i>Children from Our Lady School will be at this Mass</i>
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21st Tuesday

9.30am	Our Lady	Emma Meyler (sick)
7pm	Our Lady	Sean Brophy RIP

22nd Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	In thanksgiving to St. Jude
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23rd Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	John Beckett's Intention
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24th Friday

9.30am	Holy Family	
7pm	Our Lady	NO MASS

25th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	T.P. Hyland RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Tina Kilkenny RIP Anniv

26th TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Abraham Koruthu RIP Anniv
10.30am	Holy Family	Peggy and Bob Redding RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	In thanksgiving (Nichols Family)
6pm	Holy Family	Jesus Muniz Castelo RIP Anniv

27th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady
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28th Tuesday ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE

9.30am	Our Lady	Special Intention (PH)
7pm	Our Lady	Donna Grimes RIP

29th Wednesday Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

9.30am	Holy Family	Mary Tempany RIP Anniv
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30th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	
5pm	Our Lady	Funeral Mass for Frank Cafferty

31st Friday

9.30am	Holy Family	Joy Burrows-Gee (Birthday Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Florence O'Brien RIP Anniv

1st November Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Sean Brophy RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Derek Relph RIP and Barbara Martin RIP

2nd ALL SAINTS

9am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
10.30am	Holy Family	Holy Souls
12 noon	Our Lady	Holy Souls
6pm	Holy Family	Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am

Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL Closed for two weeks. Reopens Monday 3rd November

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

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Our Lady's at 12 noon Mass. *Not during half-term.*