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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 2nd November, 2025

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LETTER FROM ROME!

Dear family of Welwyn Garden City, One month ago, we left WGC and returned to our duties. Our hearts are still full of wonderful memories. From Rome, we would like to thank Father Norbert, Father James and all of you for every gift you gave us.

We can remember the many joyful moments we had there: interesting conversations over a cup of tea, dancing and singing with the guitar, visits to so many of your homes.. simple details that have taught us so much.

In particular, we are deeply grateful for how you helped us to grow in love for our priest-hood. We are truly amazed by the way you live your faith and celebrate the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, not just as a community, but as a family. We encourage you to continue on this beautiful path. When the faith has been persecuted over many centuries, as you know and have lived, the faith is strong, fresh and awesome. We discovered a Church full of life!

As we said at our last Mass there, WGC has not just been another experience in our priesthood, but truly a step from the Lord in our lives. We will remember you every day at the altar.

God bless you, and please keep praying for us. We need it! Thank you very much for everything.

Fr. Javier and Fr. Jose Antonio

What a wonderful message to us all! We are grateful to God for sending them to us!

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 next session on Sunday 9th November at 7.15pm in the Trinity Hall.

RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) Next gathering will be All Souls Mass on Monday 3rd November at 7pm in Our Lady's Church. Then Monday 10th November 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY in this country is transferred to today (Sunday 2nd).

ALL SOULS DAY is transferred to Monday 3rd November. Masses at 9.30am and 7pm both at Our Lady's. This day is not a Holy Day of Obligation but we are encouraged to pray for those who have died trusting in God's loving mercy and asking God to grant them a share in Christ's Risen Life. *Years 3 and 4 from Our Lady's School will come to the 9.30 Mass on 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.*

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 followed by Remembrance Day Service at Hatfield Hyde War Memorial at 3pm. Sunday 16th November Welwyn New Cemetery Fulling Mill Lane at 2pm.

NO MASS at 7pm at Our Lady's on Tuesdays 11th and 18th November.

STREAMED MASS If anyone would like to help with streaming Mass, please contact Fr. Norbert. One volunteer has made contact. It would be good to have a team of people!

CWL is organising a Christmas Raffle to support their charities. They are looking for donations of Christmas food, drink and toiletries (in date for Christmas). These may be left in the CWL basket at the back of Our Lady's Church until 22nd/23rd November.

CAKE SALE after 9am Mass at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 23rd November to raise funds for a Christmas Coffee Morning on Sunday 14th December after 9am Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING at St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 4th November after 9.30am Mass. Extra hands are needed now that the decoration has been completed! At Holy Family on Wednesday 5th November after 9.30am Mass and tea/coffee. Our thanks to all who helped at Our Lady's on 1st November and to the maintenance team for their work.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED men and women, you are invited to Afternoon Tea 'chat time' - a chance to share with others. Where? 2 Kingsley Court, WGC AL7 4HZ. When? Tuesday 11th November 1.30 - 3pm. If interested in coming, contact Mary Gateshill on 07860577782 or marygateshill@hotmail.com

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.

VILLA SCALABRINI Residential Home in Shenley will be visiting Our Lady's Jubilee Church on Friday 7th November 10.30 - 11.30am.

CATECHISTS RETREAT '*Reawakening blessed hope*' on Saturday 15th November at Our Lady's Jubilee Church 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.

SCHOOLS' CHAPLAINCY TEAMS Our Lady and Holy Family Schools' Chaplaincy Teams will join the community at 9.30am Mass on Monday 17th November and then have a time of reflection on the Jubilee of Hope.

YOUTH SUMMIT at Our Lady's on Saturday 22nd November to be led by the Diocesan Youth service. This will conclude with 6pm Mass and a Reception in the Trinity Hall. *We will need volunteers to help with the Reception.*

EARLY MORNING MASS on the First Friday, 7th November, at 6.30 at St. Bonaventure's followed by breakfast in the hall. All are welcome!

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR on Friday 14th November after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's. Come and enjoy peace in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Scripture, music, prayer and silence.

DECEASED CLERGY DEANERY MASS On Tuesday 25th November, Bishop Paul McAleenan and the priests of Stevenage Deanery will celebrate Mass at 11am in Our Lady's. *There will not be 9.30am Mass that day.* Afterwards there will be tea and coffee in the Trinity Hall. (Help needed with this, please). *Everyone is welcome!*

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE Fr. Norbert and the pilgrims prayed for you at this Holy Place. A wonderful experience was had by all with a deep sense of God's Presence and Our Lady pointing everyone to her Son. *There will be a reunion in a month's time.*

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

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS Thank you to all who helped with this celebration last month. A great time was had by all! Next Mass on Saturday 24th January at 6pm.

SATURDAY CLUB will meet on Saturday 8th November in the Trinity Hall 2 - 4pm. This gathering is for those with learning difficulties and disabilities, children and adults, their families, carers and friends. There are activities, tea/coffee/squash and cake. Last month was the first one and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We are so grateful to the volunteers who came. Why not come?!

INTERFAITH GROUP There will be a shared supper to mark National Interfaith Week on Thursday 13th November at the Focolare Centre for Unity, Parkway AL8 6JG 7.00 - 9.30pm. Bring a dish to share; taste what others have brought. Entertainment too!

KEVIN MURPHY RIP Kevin's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Friday 14th November at 2pm.

MARITE MIN RIP The Funeral Mass for Marite from the Focolare Community will be at Our Lady's on Monday 17th November at 12 noon.

JOHN PRIDMORE a one-time gangster, who had a conversion experience some years ago, will be with us on Sunday 7th December 7.15pm at Our Lady's and at Holy Family on Monday 8th December at 6pm. More details to follow. *Watch this space!*

MASS INTENTIONS

1st November Saturday

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

2nd ALL SAINTS DAY

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

3rd Monday ALL SOULS DAY

9.30am	Our Lady	Holy Souls
7pm	Our Lady	Holy Souls

4th Tuesday St. Charles Borromeo

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Michael Connolly RIP Anniv
7pm	Our Lady	Donna Grimes RIP

5th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Emil Vrabel (sick) and family
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6th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Pauline Hayes-Windle Intention
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7th Friday

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	Colette Evans RIP Birthday
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
1.30pm	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for John Ling
7pm	Our Lady	Jim Morgan RIP

8th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
6pm	Our Lady	CWL Deceased Members

9th DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9am	St. Bonaventure	Jane D'Souza (Special Intention)
10.30am	Holy Family	Noemi and Elias Gonzalves RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Jedvika Janecka Intention
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 Open Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4pm.

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.