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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

CHRISTMAS DAY
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 4.1.26

HOLY FAMILY 28.12.25
BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11.1.26

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS! We have made it! There is a wonderful feeling of joy in reaching this Holy Season. This is not an ending but a stepping stone into the future. I am sure so many of us tried to make Advent a time of reflection as we prepared for the Lord. Obviously, we all must have faced a huge number of challenges in focusing on Christ. However, when you gaze now upon God's pure Love, when you hear the soothing Word of God resonate deep within you, when you discover afresh how much you matter to God, you cannot help but celebrate and rejoice in being found by him and joining in the earthly party which foreshadows the eternity of heaven! May the Lord bless you and your loved ones. May the Lord bring comfort to those who suffer at home and abroad. May Divine Light shine out for all to see at the Birth of this Babe!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This newsletter will take us into 2026. Another year left behind and months of fresh resolutions before us. We have helped many in Hertfordshire taste of the Jubilee Year of Hope at Our Lady's through our prayer, welcome and hospitality. I am so grateful to all who have helped me in our endeavours to be of service to the visitors who have come our way as well as for our own parishioners. This New Year will open us up to the leadership of Bishop Richard Moth as our Archbishop. He will bring a new approach, I am sure. There are many tasks waiting for his attention. As he feels his way, we ask God to guide him and give us the courage to respond. May the Lord be with Cardinal Nichols in his retirement.

THANK YOU! For your generous gifts, cards and good wishes to me and Fr. James. The Liturgy has been enriched by so many talented people. In our three churches so much hard work has made everything so beautiful and worthy of God's Son, Jesus our Saviour. I am grateful to Fr. James who is experiencing his first Christmas as priest. Please pray for me your Parish Priest as I do for you. With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

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

FIRST COMMUNION The next Workshop for parents and children will be on Sunday 18th January Our Lady's Church 3.30 - 5pm.

CONFIRMATION Next session at 7.15pm on Sunday 18th January in Trinity Hall.

RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) Next session Monday 12th 7.30pm.

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** at 10.30am and concluding with the 6pm Mass.

SATURDAY CLUB for adults and children with learning disabilities, their families and friends. 2 - 4pm in the Trinity Hall on 10th January. All welcome!

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS The next celebration will be on Saturday 24th January at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a Get-together in the Trinity Hall. Please bring food to share. We will have bingo and a simple quiz. Why not come?

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 foodbank@newzioncf.net to donate money. Please use Food Bank Baskets.

LISTER HOSPITAL *Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (ask for duty chaplain) emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net*

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham on 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING Our Lady's Saturday 3rd January 10am. **Holy Family** Wednesday 7th January after 9.30am Mass. **St. Bonaventure's** on Tuesday 13th January after 9.30am Mass. Come and lend a hand if free!

OUTDOOR CRIB will come down on Saturday 10th January at 10am. Muscle is needed for this task! It would be gratefully received!

FUNDRAISING The CAFOD Group raised £320.23 during Advent. The sale of wooden items to support the Saturday Club made £659. The CWL raffle raised £449 for their charities. The Polish Carol Singing made £325 for a new sound system. *Well done and many thanks to everyone involved in these events.*

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR on Friday 9th January after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's. *Come and rest in the Lord's Presence!*

CIVIC SERVICE Councillor Lynn Chesterman OBE, Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, invites parishioners to her Civic Service in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 11th January 3pm followed by a Reception. Our Lady's and Holy Family Schools will sing.

INTERFAITH GROUP Find out from Marc Pepperell about Christian Science on Tuesday 13th January in Focolare Centre 2.30 - 4pm.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at Focolare Centre AL8 6JG on Sunday 25th January 4pm. *Come and join your fellow Christians!*

CONFESIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation* Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL Closed from 22nd December. Reopens Monday 12th January.

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral on Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel.

STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Our Lady's 12 noon Mass Sunday 11th January.

MASS INTENTIONS

24th Wednesday CHRISTMAS VIGIL

5pm	Our Lady	For the People
6pm	St. Bonaventure	For the People
8pm	Holy Family	For the People
9pm	Our Lady	For the People

25th Thursday CHRISTMAS DAY

9am	St. Bonaventure	For the People
10am	Holy Family	For the People
11am	Our Lady	For the People
<i>NO EVENING MASS</i>		

26th Friday ST. STEPHEN

10am	St. Bonaventure	Alexander and Agnes Kennoy (Intention)
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27th Saturday ST. JOHN

10am	St. Bonaventure	Alan and Margaret Staples (Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Christina Bonass RIP Anniv

28th Sunday HOLY FAMILY

9am	St. Bonaventure	Teresa Mary Bolger RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Bishop Paul-In thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year
12 noon	Our Lady	
<i>NO EVENING MASS</i>		

29th Monday ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

10am	Our Lady	Kathleen O'Donnell (Birthday Intention)
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30th Tuesday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Private Intention
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31st Wednesday

10am	Holy Family	P. McEleney (Intention)
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1st January 2026 Thursday MARY MOTHER OF GOD Not a Holy Day of Obligation

10am	Our Lady	For the People
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2nd Friday St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

10am	St. Bonaventure	Mary Kate Murray (Intention)
3pm	St. Bonaventure	Josephine Creamer Funeral Mass

3rd Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Ellen Ward RIP (12th Anniv)
6pm	Our Lady	Brian Davidson RIP

4th SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9am	St. Bonaventure	Denis O'Brien RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Special Intention (CW)
12 noon	Our Lady	Joan Mary Coates RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Margaret & James Sheridan RIP, Jimmy Gee Sheridan RIP, Flynn Family and Holy Souls

5th Monday**NO MORNING MASS**

7pm	Our Lady	Gerardo Pinili RIP <i>Epiphany Mass</i>
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6th Tuesday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *Holy Day of Obligation*

9.30am	Holy Family	Rachel Kenny (Intention)
12 noon	St. Bonaventure	Dina Jean Attard RIP Anniv
2.15pm	Our Lady	Our Lady's School at church <i>All welcome!</i>
7pm	Our Lady	Yolanta Bar (70th Birthday)

7th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	John Flynn RIP
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8th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Teresa Joaquina Dias (Birthday Intention)
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9th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Philomena Tobin (Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Tracey Laycock RIP

10th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Eric Fishwick RIP (2nd Anniv)
6pm	Our Lady	Eunice D'Arcy RIP

11th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9am	St. Bonaventure	For the People
10.30am	Holy Family	Diana Jean Attard RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Brian and Teresa Sturt RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Elaine Quinn (Intention)

12th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Joe and Alice Phelan RIP Anniv
12.30pm	Our Lady	Funeral Mass for Margaret O'Neill

13th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Chris O'Brien (Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Franco Braganza RIP Birthday

14th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Ron and Mary Cade (Intention)
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15th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Lim-Ventura Family (In thanksgiving)
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16th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Pauline Reed (Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Margaret O'Neill RIP

17th Saturday St. Anthony

10am	St. Bonaventure	Pauline Reed (Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Thomas Nichols Senior RIP & Jacqueline Gauchard RIP

18th SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Peace Sunday*

9am	St. Bonaventure	For the People
10.30am	Holy Family	Diana Jean Attard RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Mai Collins RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Mai Lovett (Intention)