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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY (08.02) + SIXTH SUNDAY (15.02) IN ORDINARY TIME

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On Saturday 14th February Richard Moth will be installed in the Cathedral as the 12th Archbishop of Westminster. It is an historic moment for us as a Diocese as we start a new chapter in our history. He was born in Zambia. He was ordained priest for the Diocese of Southwark and has served as Bishop of the Forces (2009 - 2015) and Bishop of Arundel and Brighton (2015 - 2025). For me as a Canon, I have my part to play (in a small way) in his Installation. The Chapter of Canons will greet him at the doors of the Cathedral and we will lead him to the Sanctuary. After the Provost of the Chapter has installed him in his *Cathedra* we will pay homage to him. This will be the third Installation I will attend, but the first in this capacity.

Archbishop Richard Moth wants to meet many people as soon as possible! He has chosen churches across the Diocese and will celebrate Mass in Our Lady's Church on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm. This Mass will be for our Deanery of Stevenage and for the Deanery of Lea Valley. It would be brilliant if as many of you would come to give him encouragement and to support him with prayer. Archbishop Richard wants to keep a simplicity in Lent, so there will not be a reception; however, he will greet people outside at the end of Mass.

In the Gospel on 8th February, Jesus tells us that we are *the salt of the earth* and *the light of the world*. We cannot and should not be hidden! On 15th February, the Sunday before Lent begins, the Lord speaks of the person who *does* the commandments *and teaches others* to do the same is called great in the kingdom of heaven. St. Matthew inspires us at this time to learn from Jesus' actions as well as his teaching. As we mark this new beginning in Westminster, as we get ready for Lent, may all we do be a beacon of light and a source of enrichment for those around us.

God bless you! With love and prayers, **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 1st March at Our Lady's Church 3.30 - 5pm.

CONFIRMATION Meeting on Sunday 8th February at 7pm in the Trinity Hall. The Group will be going on retreat with Fr. Norbert to Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 7th March leaving from Our Lady's at 8.30am and returning around 5.30pm. They will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday 13th March at Our Lady's after 7pm Mass and will have a fundraising Service Project the weekend of 21st/22nd March. Please keep the young people and their catechists in your prayers.

RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) The next session will be on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy. There are currently 25 adults preparing for the Easter Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers. They will be presented at 12 noon Mass at Our Lady's on 15th. They will then be presented to the new Archbishop on 21st February at the Rite of Election at Westminster Cathedral.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY on Saturday 7th February. There will be a Blessing of Engaged Couples at 6pm Mass. *Thanks to all involved in running the Day.*

SATURDAY CLUB for adults and children with learning disabilities, their families and friends. 2 - 4pm in the Trinity Hall on 14th February with a Valentine's Day theme!

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 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

CARITAS WESTMINSTER Richard Harries, the Director, is with us on Sunday 8th Feb. at morning Masses to speak about the work of this Diocesan Agency and to meet us!

ASH WEDNESDAY on 18th February. If you have old palms bring them for burning to make the ashes. Masses at 9.30am Holy Family, 12 noon St. Bonaventure's and 7pm Our Lady's. It falls in half-term so we encourage parents to do their best to bring their children to one of these Masses. It would be lovely to have many altar servers!

LENTEN LUNCHESES The Catholic Women's League are hosting Lenten lunches from Saturday 21st February and every Saturday in Lent from 12noon till 1.30pm in the Trinity Hall. £5 suggested donation for home made soup, hot drink and cake. All welcome!

LENT PRAYER COURSE Fr. James & Stefan Guerzoni will be leading a six-week course on 'Prayer' starting on Wednesday 4th March 7 - 8pm in the Parish Room at Holy Family and online. The course will explore essential steps like how to greet God through engaging in Scripture. If you would like to join in person or online, please let Stefan know either via phone/text on 07425 775944 or via email: websg@hotmail.com.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Lent for 30 minutes on Mondays after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's, on Thursdays after 9.30am Mass at Holy Family and on Saturdays at St. Bonaventure's after 10am Mass. Enjoy silence and peace before the Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in Lent on Wednesdays after Holy Family's 9.30am Mass on Fridays after 9.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's and after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's.

COME AND SEE for those interested in priesthood and permanent diaconate Saturday 14th March 12 - 3.30pm at St. Bonaventure's run by the Diocesan Vocations Team.

MAUREEN MURPHY RIP Funeral Mass Thurs. 19th February 12.30pm at Our Lady's.

DENNIS MURPHY RIP Funeral Mass on Tuesday 3rd March 10.30am at Our Lady's.

CHURCH CLEANING and maintenance. Thank you to all who have helped this week.

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation* Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 St. Bonaventure Sat. 10.30 - 11am *Not 14th Feb* Our Lady Sat. 5 - 5.30pm *Not 14th*
CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4pm. *Closed half-term (16th - 20th)*
STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches
ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass at St. Albans Cathedral on Fridays at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel. *Fr. Norbert will celebrate this Mass on 13th March*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Our Lady's 12 noon Mass. *Not on 15th and 22nd Feb*

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS who work as a team to support our community: Ann Chappell wgcdigswellsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Mary Stephenson wgceastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk and Cathy Staniforth wgcsfg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

BANK DETAILS To pay parish by bank transfer, HSBC account WRCDT Welwyn Garden City, Sort code 400520 No. 51094459. *It is essential that there is paperwork or an email to stipulate how money is to be spent and who has made the payment. Thanks!*

HCPT GROUP 183 will have a Quiz Night on Saturday 21st February. Teams of up to 8 people £5 per person at Trinity Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Bring own drinks and snacks. All money raised will help take children with disability on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. Cash and cards accepted. To book a table, please call Barbara on [07789743703](tel:07789743703)

CAFOD Group is appealing for any unwanted Christmas gifts to be gifted. There will be a sale of these gifts along with cakes on Sun. 8th at Holy Family after 10.30 Mass.

SOUTH ASIAN MASS Sat. 28th Feb. 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a party in the Trinity Hall. The Mass will include a variety of languages from Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka; there will be sacred dance as part of the Mass. Food at the reception will be typical of South Asia but there will also be non-spicy food! If you would like to help, especially through contributing food, please contact Sharon Macaulay on 07985648169. We will be honoured to have the presence of the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield and the Sri Lankan High Commissioner. All welcome!

PRAYER + MEDITATION ACROSS FAITHS Tuesday 10th February 2.30pm - 4pm in the Focolare Centre. Come and discover the similarities and the differences.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May at 2.30pm. The Archbishop is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2026. Please give Fr. Norbert these details: husband and wife's names, Wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

VISITOR Fr. Côme de Jenlis, a friend of Fr. Norbert, will be staying with him from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th February. He is from the Diocese of Nanterre, Paris.

MEXICO PILGRIMAGE 6th - 14th Oct. '26. 35 have signed up! £1947pp for two sharing a room guaranteed 'til 9th Feb. After that £1987pp. allsaintstravel.co.uk/mx1128/

NEWMAN SOCIETY Talk on St. John Henry Newman's theology at St. Alban and St. Stephen's Church, Beaconsfield Rd, St. Albans AL1 3RB Wed. 11th Feb. at 2.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

7th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure For the People
6pm Our Lady Christina Bonass RIP Birthday

8th *FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9am St. Bonaventure John McShane RIP Anniv
10.30am Holy Family Pauline Morrissey RIP
12 noon Our Lady Keegan Jerome Menezes (Birthday Intention)
6pm Holy Family Maureen Schneider RIP

9th Monday

8.30am Our Lady Deceased members of Mage Family

10th Tuesday *St. Scholastica*

9.30am St. Bonaventure Elaine O'Byrne RIP
7pm Our Lady Matt Sikkes RIP

11th Wednesday *Our Lady of Lourdes*

9.30am Holy Family Laura Barber's Intentions

12th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family St. Jude In Thanksgiving

13th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Zinnette Gurjao (Birthday Intention)
7pm Our Lady NO MASS

14th Saturday *ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS*

10am St. Bonaventure NO MASS
6pm Our Lady Patrick Coakley RIP Anniv

15th *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9am St. Bonaventure Edmond and Ellen Devine RIP
10.30am Holy Family Margaret Myles RIP
12 noon Our Lady Christine Balaba RIP and Louiza Fearn's RIP
6pm Holy Family Intentions of Mage and Rump Family

16th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Lucia and Franco Federici (In Thanksgiving)

17th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Olive Brogan RIP
7pm Our Lady Ernst and Hildegard Rump RIP

18th *ASH WEDNESDAY Day of Fasting and Abstinence*

9.30am Holy Family For the People
12noon St. Bonaventure James Gargan RIP
7pm Our Lady For the People *Bishop Paul McAleenan*

19th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Private Intention (PH)
12.30pm	Our Lady	Funeral Mass for Maureen Murphy

20th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	For families and their support
7pm	Our Lady	Mikey Davitt RIP

21st Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Ninoshka Olga Menezes (Birthday Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Isia's Intention

22nd *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Dominic Hilliard RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Patricia Oliver RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Frances Andrews RIP and Louiza Fearn's RIP
6pm	Holy Family	For the People