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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

16TH SUNDAY (19.7) + 17TH SUNDAY (26.7) + 18TH SUNDAY (2.8)

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What a roller-coaster of a time we have had over these past few weeks! Wimbledon, cricket and, of course, football!! God has blessed us with sunshine non-stop and blazing heat to ensure a summer mood! How do you feel? What has gone well? What weighs upon you? What decisions await you? Our lives are so different and as we gather for Sunday Mass, the Spirit creates a harmony and a unity in the Lord. As you look around you, can you spot the visitors? Have you chanced upon a new-comer? Have you realised that the person/people who sit near you are not there - perhaps on holiday, sick, bereaved? Those who joined the Catholic Church at Easter told me how important the welcome at the door of the church meant to them; they also treasured the kind word or smile in the bench. When someone guided them through the Mass book and prompted them with kneeling, sitting and standing, it made them feel comfortable and at home. There are at least a dozen individuals who have made contact with me wanting to join the Catholic Church in the coming year. At times it has been overwhelming as another person suddenly appears wanting to find out more! Our *shared responsibility* is to extend an invitation, support those who are interested, try to answer questions and to be constant reminders of how good it is to be a person of faith. This doesn't mean we have every answer or that life is perfect or that things do not go wrong. However, our God is so generous with mercy and compassion and never takes his eyes off us - so much does he love us! On 19th, we hear about the wheat and the weeds growing together until harvest. On 26th, the Lord speaks of the buried treasure waiting to be discovered. On 2nd August, Jesus feeds the Five Thousand. In these weeks, reflect on how you came to know your faith and who was instrumental in nurturing it. Do you regard it as a *gift*? The Eucharist nourishes us with Christ's very life. In what other ways does he feed you?

As I come to the end of my eighteenth year as your Parish Priest, I ask God's blessing upon you. Enjoy the summer and allow God to refresh you. With prayers and much love, **Fr. Norbert**

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

MARRIAGE Any couples planning to get married this year or next should let Fr. Norbert know so that all the necessary preparations can be made. The Marriage Preparation Day for 2027 will be on Saturday 6th February 10.30am until 5pm followed by 6pm Mass.

RCIA for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church starts on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Sacristy of Our Lady's. This is also for Catholic adults who missed out on Con-firmation when younger. Come and find out more...you'd be very welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION for children at least in Year 3 at Primary School will take place on Tuesday 22nd September at 6pm in Our Lady's Church. The meeting is for parents and children. The first workshop for parents and children will be in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 18th October 3.30 - 5pm. For children baptised outside of WGC, we will need to see their Baptismal Certificates. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION will take place on Sunday 4th October at 7pm in Holy Family Church. The meeting will last for one hour and is for parents and young people who are at least in Year 9 at Secondary School. We will need to know the Baptismal date of the young people; for young people baptised outside of WGC, we will need to see the Baptismal Certificate. First session for young people 7pm on Sunday 18th October.

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 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

SATURDAY CLUB Next gathering on Saturday 12th September 2 - 4pm in Trinity Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST St. Bonaventure's on Friday 4th Sept 6.30am

CHURCH CLEANING Our Lady's Saturday 1st August at 10am with the maintenance of the grounds. St. Bonaventure's Tuesday 4th August after 9.30am Mass. Holy Family Wednesday 5th August after 9.30am Mass. Come and lend a hand.

AFRICAN MASS Thank you to the African Community for such a brilliant celebration!

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK Thank you to the SVP and all who made this such a prayerful and blessed celebration.

SVP (The Society of St. Vincent de Paul) is here to provide friendly and practical support for individuals and families in need. Contact 07715 579319. Tickets will be on sale after Masses the weekend 18th/19th July for the national SVP Raffle.

SIGNED MASS at Our Lady's on Sunday 19th July at 12 noon. Sarah Metcalfe from Caritas Westminster Deaf Service is with us.

ROSARY PROCESSION on Saturday 3rd October starting with 10am Mass.

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS on Saturday 3rd October 6pm.

ITALIAN MASS Friday 16th October 7pm Our Lady's with gathering in Sacristy.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 19th October, 2026 after 6pm Mass.

SOUTH ASIAN MASS Sat. 27th February 6pm.

FILIPINO MASS Sat. 29th May 6pm.

AFRICAN MASS Sunday 27th June 2027 12 noon.

POLISH MASS Sat. 2nd Oct. 2027 6pm.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASSES Saturdays 6pm 21st Nov, 16th Jan, 20th March, 19th June

THANK YOU! We are so grateful to the numerous adults and children who serve in the Liturgy, sharing their talents through music, singing, altar serving, welcoming, ministries of Reader and Eucharist, Children's Liturgy and Masses, sacristans, flowers, cleaners and those who care for the grounds. There are many who quietly behind the scenes keep things going! We are indebted to Jacqui Boon our Administrator. We wish you a restful summer! Fr. Norbert would like to thank Fr. James for his contribution to the life of the Parish. He is just completing his first year!

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH CENTENARY on Sunday 13th September with Mass at 3pm and a High Tea hopefully in the Hall and outdoors. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be Celebrant. Please invite former parishioners, family and friends. If anyone would like to help the Hospitality Group with refreshments, please contact Helen Meyer on 07973 363214 or helenannstoy@hotmail.com Fr. Norbert will give an update after 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd August. Please pencil in Wednesday 2nd September 7pm for a meeting to finalise everything. Any other questions to Fr. Norbert!

MORE MONEY NEEDED! If anyone has money to spare, it would be gratefully received in paying off the remaining loan on the Trinity Hall (£99k) and the works which have been undertaken in our three churches.

BANK DETAILS To pay parish by bank transfer, HSBC account WRC DT Welwyn Garden City, Sort code 400520 No. 51094459. *It is essential that there's paperwork or an email to stipulate how money is to be spent and name of donor.*

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM on Saturday 19th September. Steven-age Parish has kindly agreed to book a coach which will cost approx. £25 per seat. If you are interested please let Fr. Norbert know soon.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP Coach Trip to Cambridge Central Mosque and Gurdwara Letchworth Garden City on Thursday 30th July leaving WGC at 9am. Cost £15. Contact theresa.whifg@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

18th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Grace Cossar RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Stan Griffin RIP

19th Sunday *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Jonathan Joachim (In Thanksgiving)
10.30am	Holy Family	Albert Attard RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Mangion Family (deceased)
6pm	Holy Family	Roza Joan D'Cunhna RIP

20th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Betty Harrington (Birthday Intention)
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21st Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Joachim Family Intention
7pm	Our Lady	NO MASS

22nd Wednesday *ST. MARY MAGDALENE*

9.30am	Holy Family	Anene Okechukwu RIP
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23rd Thursday *ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN*

9.30am	Holy Family	Alan Hallett RIP Anniv
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24th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Joao Domingo Adolfo RIP + Luisa Dias RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Sr. Colomba Grech-Mallia RIP

25th Saturday *ST. JAMES*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Ellen Devine RIP Birthday
6pm	Our Lady	Patrick Glynn RIP

26th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Arnold Muceros RIP Anniv
10.30am	Holy Family	Ray Turner RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Fr. Michael Giffney RIP Anniv
6pm	Holy Family	Roy D'Cunha RIP

27th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Jim Mullarkey's Intention
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28th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Augustus Joachim RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Sheena Chambers RIP + Jane Adams RIP

29th Wednesday *Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

9.30am	Holy Family	Pat Frost RIP Birthday
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30th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Christopher Krysta RIP
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31st Friday *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Jenny Joachim's Intention
7pm	Our Lady	Julie Ameryk's Intention

1st August Saturday *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Mary Cate and Gregory Ferroni's Wedding Intention
6pm	Our Lady	John and Margaret Brophy RIP

2nd EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Agnelo D'Souza's (Special Intention)
10.30am	Holy Family	Special Intention (CW)
12 noon	Our Lady	Paddy Loughrey RIP Anniv
6pm	Holy Family	Roy D'Cunha RIP

3rd Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Catherine Courtney RIP
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4th Tuesday *St. John Vianney*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Owen Coyle RIP 1st Anniv
7pm	Our Lady	Jose Antonio Custodio Dias RIP + Aurora Joaquina Antao RIP

5th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	George Frost RIP
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6th Thursday *TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*

9.30am Holy Family John Blackburn RIP +Winifred Blackburn
(60th Wedding Anniv)

7th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Joaquim dos Pobres Dias RIP +Maria Clotildes Di Lobo RIP
7pm Our Lady

8th Saturday *St. Dominic*

10am St. Bonaventure
6pm Our Lady Peter Bonass RIP Anniv

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament also)

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am

Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL *Closed during the holidays. Reopens 1st September*

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral on Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel *Fr. Norbert will next celebrate this Mass on 31st July*

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *On holiday!*