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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

19TH SUNDAY(9.8) + ASSUMPTION(16.7) + 21ST SUNDAY(23.8) + 22ND SUNDAY (30.8)

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TRINITY HALL Bookings + enquiries can be made through www.wgc-catholics.org.uk which has terms and conditions of hire, as well as a live diary. General enquiries please call 01707 537464

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

STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *On holiday!*

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 On Wednesday 2nd September 7pm a final meeting in church.

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!

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 Confirmation 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 2nd October 6.30am

CHURCH CLEANING St. Bonaventure's Tuesday 1st September after 9.30am Mass. Holy Family Wednesday 2nd September after 9.30am Mass. Our Lady's Saturday 5th September at 10am with the maintenance of the grounds. Come and lend a hand.

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.

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.

ARFICAN MASS Sunday 27th June 12 noon.

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

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM on Saturday 19th September. Stevenage Parish has kindly agreed to book a coach which will cost approx. £25 per seat. To reserve a seat on the coach, please give your name (and the name of each person travelling with you), contact number and £25 to the Parish Office; we also need an emergency number with the name of that person. The coach will leave at 8am and return by 7.30pm. These details will be finalised early in September when we know the numbers. Booking in advance is essential. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day. There are cafes but there will be many people in Walsingham that day! Thank you!

RETREAT DAY IN AYLESFORD (Kent) Fr. Norbert will lead this day in Lent on Saturday 13th March.

BLESSING OF GRAVES in November: Oakhill (Southway) Sunday 1st 2pm. Hatfield Hyde Sunday 8th 1.30pm and Welwyn New Cemetery Sunday 22nd 2pm.

MEXICO MEETING in Our Lady's Church after 7pm Mass on Friday 11th September. We should be finished by 8.30pm at the latest.

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 WRCDT 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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

8th Saturday St. Dominic

10am St. Bonaventure Pergentino Bayani Snr RIP 1st Anniv

6pm Our Lady Peter Bonass RIP Anniv

9th Sunday NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure Tereza D'Souza RIP Anniv

10.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to St. Jude

12 noon Our Lady Baby Sadhbh Cassidy-McGuinness RIP

6pm Holy Family

10th Monday ST. LAURENCE

9.30am Our Lady Wilfrid Michael Netto RIP

11th Tuesday St. Clare

9.30am St. Bonaventure Kathleen Ryan (sick)

7pm Our Lady Brunno Gabriel Rodrigues De Souza (sick)

12th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to St. Jude

13th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Josephine Dineen RIP (6th Anniv)

14th Friday St. Maximilian Kolbe

9.30am St. Bonaventure People of Kramatorsk (Special Intention)

7pm Our Lady Michael Noonan RIP Anniv

15th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Waldemar Schmitt RIP (33rd Anniv)

6pm Our Lady Eileen Morgan RIP

16th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9am St. Bonaventure Private Intention (JA)

10.30am Holy Family

12 noon Our Lady Joaquim Antony Dias RIP,
and Deodita Santana Esperanca Dias RIP

6pm Holy Family Roza Joan D'Cunha RIP

17th Monday

9.30am Our Lady

18th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

19th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Maria Eugenia (sick)

20th Thursday St. Bernard

9.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to St. Carlo Acutis

21st Friday St. Pius X

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

22nd August Saturday *Our Lady Mother and Queen*

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady Martin and Julie Glynn RIP

23rd TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure Lindsey and Don (11th Wedding Anniv)

10.30am Holy Family Elias and Noemi Gonsalves RIP

12 noon Our Lady Brunno Gabriel Rodrigues De Souza (sick)

6pm Holy Family Roy D'Cunha RIP

24th Monday *ST. BARTHOLOMEW*

9.30am Our Lady Ellen and Steve's Intentions

25th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

26th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Ella and Richard's Wedding Anniversary

27th Thursday *St. Monica*

9.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to St. Gerard Magella

28th Friday *St. Augustine*

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

29th Saturday *The Beheading of St. John the Baptist*

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady John Orpin

30th TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure Denis O'Brien RIP Anniv

10.30am Holy Family

12 noon Our Lady Mary Doocey RIP

6pm Holy Family Fedora Buraglio RIP

31st Monday

10am Our Lady

1st September Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady

2nd Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family

3rd Thursday *ST. GREGORY THE GREAT*

9.30am Holy Family

4th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure In Thanksgiving to Our Lady (CW)

7pm Our Lady Florencia Muceros RIP Anniv

5th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady Phyllis Roberts RIP