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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

ALL SAINTS DAY 1st November 2026

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November has arrived! Today we honour the Saints. On Monday we will pray for the Holy Souls and then throughout the month there will be days and moments of remembrance. Nature is falling into winter sleep as so much of creation gets ready for the cold and ice. As the darkness of the shorter days sets in, the chill of the wind and the freezing weather invite us to wrap up! The hibernating animals and the dormant vegetation know that the burst of springtime will break in and the warmth of the sun return. As I mentioned last week, the seasons come and go.
So here we are on All Saints Day reflecting on the *Blessedness* of the Kingdom of God. We have a future to look forward to, when we will bask in the radiant glory of the Divine in heaven. We yearn in God's time to be with all who have gone before us - the Saints and our loved ones who we are convinced must be with God. Today's Gospel reading from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount has Jesus seated before his disciples and the great crowd proclaiming the Beatitudes and reminding all gathered about *the present moment* as well as *the age which is to come*. God bestows his sanctifying grace upon us here and now, shaping our lives, lifting us from what has gone wrong and guiding us on the pathway to eternal life. Our task and responsibility is to receive the gift with open arms and let it bear fruit in our everyday living. The power of our prayer helps the Holy Souls on their journey as they are perfected by God's purifying grace. The Cross of Jesus Christ is the source of Love and the fountain of Mercy. How great our God is!
May God watch over you all. With much love and prayer, ***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. Marriage Preparation Day will be on Saturday 6th February.

RCIA for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church continues on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Sacristy of Our Lady's. This is also for Catholic adults who missed out on Confirmation when younger. There's still time to join! Call Fr. Norbert.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The next workshop for parents and children will be in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 22nd November 3.30 - 5pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The next session for young people will be at 7pm on Sunday 8th November in the Trinity Hall next door to Our Lady's Church.

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 Could you spare a little time once a month to take a fellow parishioner to the Mass you normally attend? Being part of a team of drivers means you are not having to commit to attending the same service every week and is a wonderful way of showing care for others. Otherwise, consider making a donation so that parishioners who require wheelchair enabled transport can attend Mass. Contact Anne Maclean-Eltham 07811 926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com to discuss.

CHURCH CLEANING in November: Tuesday 3rd November at St. Bonaventure's after 9.30am Mass. Our Lady's on Saturday 7th at 10am together with the maintenance of the grounds. Holy Family on Wednesday 11th November after Mass and tea/coffee.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS The Salvation Army will be distributing gifts for children, young people and families in our community who are in need. Your donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army Hall next to Our Lady's Church (AL7 3TN) on Mon-days 9am - 1pm, Tuesdays 9am - 2pm and 5pm - 7.30pm and Thursdays 9am until 4.30pm. They ask for the gifts to be new and unwrapped. Thank you!

MINI CRIBS The weekend 27th/28th November our Saturday Club members and friends will be selling mini cribs which they have made, decorated and packed. Each crib costs £10 and all of the money raised will go towards repaying the debt on Trinity Hall. We have 100 cribs to sell and so aim to raise £1000 to show our appreciation for being able to use such a wonderful facility. The Saturday Club is an important meeting point for those with special needs. Forty of the cribs have been designed for children and would make an idea of Christmas present and present a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to talk about the first Christmas and the wonderful events of Jesus birth. Next Saturday Club on 14th November 2 - 4pm in Trinity Hall.

INTERFAITH WEEK Shared supper at Focolare on Thursday 12th November 7pm. *Please bring a dish to share with others at this great gathering!*

OPEN PARISH MEETING in Trinity Hall Wednesday 4th November 7 - 9pm. Fr. Norbert invites each group to present a report, the Parish Accounts for 2025 will be made available and looking ahead to the coming year. Some parishioners have asked about the possibility of the Precious Blood being offered from the chalice at Communion. What do you think? We need many of you to come and contribute to the discussion!

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.* Hall loan now £94k.

BLESSING OF GRAVES Oakhill (Southway) Sunday 1st November. Welwyn Hat-field Council will open the Chapel at 1.30pm and serve tea/coffee + biscuits. The Service will begin in the Chapel at 2pm. Priests will bless individual graves as requested. Hatfield Hyde Sunday 8th 1.30pm and Welwyn New Cemetery Sunday 22nd 2pm.
NOVEMBER DEAD LIST There are sheets marked Holy Souls on which you can write the names of loved ones who have died. They will be remembered at Mass during the month of November. *There is no need to give any money.* On Monday 2nd November - **All Souls Day** - the Masses will be at 9.30am and 7pm at Our Lady's.
MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF STEVENAGE DEANERY will now be at Our Lady's WGC! 11am on Tuesday 10th November. All are welcome. Tea and coffee afterwards in the Trinity Hall. *There will NOT be 9.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's.*
MARIA BELL RIP Maria's Funeral Service will be at St. Mary's Church in Aston (SG2 7EH) on Friday 6th November at 10am.
CRISTINA NEWMAN RIP Cristina's Funeral Service will be at Oakhill Crematorium on Friday 6th November at 2pm.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CAKE SALE after 6pm Mass on Saturday 7th November. Donations of cakes welcome. Cash donations only. Thank you!

HCPT GROUP 183 QUIZ NIGHT Sat. 14th Nov. 7.30pm Trinity Hall. Teams of up to 8 people, £5 per person. Bring drinks and snacks. All money raised will help take children with disability to Lourdes. Cash/ cards. To book a table call 07789743703.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on Saturday 21st November at 6pm in Our Lady's Church; then a get-together in the Trinity Hall (quiz, bingo karaoke). *Please bring food to share.*

SJHN SCHOOL Annual Christmas Community Morning for seniors on Friday 27th November 10 - 11.30am in school hall. Music and refreshments. RSVP by emailing **events@jhn.herts.sch.uk** . Contact the school office on **01438 314643**.

CAFOD GROUP will meet at Holy Family Wed. 4th November 10.30am *All welcome*

WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOPS FOR HCPT GROUP 183 at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 22nd November at 2pm and Sunday 6th December at 2pm. *Watch this space!*

EARLY MORNING MASS at St. Bonaventure's on Friday 6th November at 6.30am followed by breakfast in the hall. Come and pray! Come and enjoy good company!

ASYLUM SEEKERS in local hotel need warm, rainproof jackets in M or L sizes, in good condition for young men. Contact woodcraftvicky@gmail.com or 07950454150

KARAOKE NIGHT raised £479 to support youth activities in the parish. Well done!

MASS INTENTIONS

31st Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Augustus Joachim RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Derek Relph RIP and Deborah Martin RIP

1st November ***ALL SAINTS DAY***

9am	St. Bonaventure	The Wilson Family's Intention 1
0.30am	Holy Family	Vera Murphy RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Maria Scally RIP
6pm	Holy Family	RIP: Mr + Mrs Eligio Ventura, Mr + Mrs Dionisio Ventura, Dionisia Lustre, Fe + Alvino Ventura, Mr + Mrs Marcelino Corpuz, Euphrocino Egmidion Corpuz, Tomas Esteban and Allan Navallo

2nd Monday ***ALL SOULS DAY*** *A plenary indulgence may be gained for the Holy Souls by visiting a cemetery, praying for the Pope's Intention, going to Confession + Holy Communion around this time*

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

3rd Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Jessica Issa (Birthday Intention) + Brunno's Int
7pm	Our Lady	Anne Nichols and Family's Intention

4th Wednesday *St. Charles Borromeo*

9.30am	Holy Family	Carol Organ RIP Birthday

5th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Holy Souls

6th Friday

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	Josef + Marika Cherny RIP + their families
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	In honour of All Saints
7pm	Our Lady	Holy Souls (esp. those with no one to pray for them)

7th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
6pm	Our Lady	Colette Evans RIP

8th ***THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
10.30am	Holy Family	Noemi and Elias Gonsalves RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Tim Coakley RIP
6pm	Holy Family	In thanksgiving - Richard Cole (50th Birthday)

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 at Our Lady's. Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4pm
ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel *Fr. Norbert will next celebrate this Mass on 6th November*
STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches
CHILDREN'S LITURGY Restarts 8th November at Our Lady's at 12 noon Mass