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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

CHRIST THE KING 22nd November, 2026

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Today is the final Sunday of the Church's Year. We are taken to the end of time when the Last Judgement will happen. Jesus says; 'Come!' to those who have served him in the needy, offering eternal life; sadly, there is eternal punishment for those who have neglected him in the person desperate for help. There is a sense of finality and it is scary to con-template but we must not forget how God reaches out to us patiently in and through his Beloved Son. In St. Matthew's Gospel Joseph is told to name the Child to be born - Jesus, the One who saves - and Emmanuel, God with us. God comes to share our lives. God's compassion is revealed in the humble heart of his Son. God invites us to go out into the world knowing that Jesus is with us till the end of time. This is wonderful news which the whole of Creation should hear, see and experience. The practical response to the person in need coming our way is a recognition of the dignity of each human being and the presence of Christ Jesus in them in a multitude of ways. In the Lord's Prayer from St. Mat-thew, we are told to pray that the Kingdom may come 'on earth as it is in heaven'. How do you think of heaven? How can you bring heaven down to earth? Do you find it easy to see the Lord in your neighbour? Even though St. Matthew's Gospel is concluding for us, the Message continues to be proclaimed and the Messenger comes intimately close to us. Jesus Christ is both Message and Messenger - amazing!
Over the course of November, there have been so many opportunities to remember the dead and commend them to God through prayer, Mass and the lighting of candles. Their presence is so close to us; may they be close to God in heaven! 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. Marriage Preparation Day will be on Saturday 6th February.
RCIA for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church continues on Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Sacristy of Our Lady's. This is also for Catholic adults who missed out on Confirmation when younger.
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 the Youth Summit on 27th November.

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.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS The Salvation Army will be distributing gifts for children, young people and families in our community who are in need. Donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army Hall next to Our Lady's Church (AL7 3TN) Mondays 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!

SATURDAY CLUB is for adults and children with learning disabilities and special needs and their carers. Volunteers create a great environment of welcome with activities, prayer, cakes and karaoke! Come on Saturday 12th December 2 - 4pm Trinity Hall.

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 the money raised will go towards repaying the debt on Trinity Hall. There are 100 cribs to sell and so the aim is to raise £1000. Forty of the cribs have been de-signed for children and would make an ideal Christmas present, giving a great opportunity for families to talk about Christmas and the wonderful events of Jesus birth.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are organising a Hampers Raffle in December. Any donations (of food or toiletries) for the hampers would be gratefully received. There's a basket at the back of Our Lady's Church for any donations. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST at St. Bonaventure's 6.30am on 4th Dec.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY on Sunday 22nd November celebrates young people in the Church and St Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. Please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/ for a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth. This year's theme is "*Take courage! I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33). As a Catholic Community our responsibility is to accompany young people on their journey of faith. Westminster Youth Ministry has a vital role in accompanying young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. Please support them in your prayer.

PARISH MEETING MINUTES are available at the back of our churches. The pack includes the annual accounts and a paper on the Reception of Holy Communion under both kinds. *Fr. Norbert wants to hear from Eucharistic Ministers about their thoughts on ministering the chalice with the Precious Blood.*

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.*

BLESSING OF GRAVES Welwyn New Cemetery, Fulling Mill Lane Sunday 22nd November at 2pm.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST Use sheets marked Holy Souls on which you can write the names of loved ones who have died. *There is no need to give any money.*

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.*

WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOPS FOR HCPT GROUP 183 at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 22nd November at 2pm and Sunday 6th December at 2pm. Each session will last 2 hours and will cost £30. To book a place, please text Rachel 07793651834.

YOUTH SUMMIT arranged by the Diocese for our Deanery Confirmation Groups will meet on Saturday 28th in the Trinity Hall and in Our Lady's Church from 2.30pm. The young people will lead 6pm Mass and then there will be a social in the Trinity Hall.

MARY'S MEALS FILM Afternoon Tea in aid of Mary's Meals will be hosted in Holy Family church hall on Saturday 28th November at 2pm. The inspiring Mary's Meals film called "Lettie" will be shown. Tickets £10 each, children £2. To book tickets please contact Lucia on 07933436387 or mountcarmel@hotmail.co.uk

ROSARY There is a public recitation of the Rosary at St Albans War Memorial at 11am every second Tuesday of the month to pray for peace, reconciliation and the Church. For further information please message Lucia 07933436387

MARGARET STAPLES RIP Margaret's Funeral took place on 18th November.
PAULINE REED RIP Pauline's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 1st December at 11am.
NOREEN BURKE RIP Noreen's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 2nd December at 12 noon.
KRYSTYNA SCHMITT RIP The Funeral Mass for Krystyna (Barbara Martin's moth-er) will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Monday 21st December at 12.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

21st Saturday *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Angelo Vokshi (Special Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	James Bonass RIP Birthday

22nd *CHRIST THE KING*

9am	St. Bonaventure	David Brand RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Holy Souls
12 noon	Our Lady	Margaret O'Neill RIP Anniv
6pm	Holy Family	Nancy Noronha (Special Intention)

23rd Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Holy Souls

24th Tuesday *St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Angelo Vokshi (Special Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Brunno Gabriel Rodrigues de Souza (Healing + Birthday)

25th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Holy Souls

26th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Patrick O'Reilly RIP

27th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Angelo Vakshi (Special Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Private Intention (MM)

28th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Angelo Vakshi (Special Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Jirka Cherny RIP

29th *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Eithne McShane RIP Anniv
10.30am	Holy Family	Susan Hoey RIP (25th Anniv)
12 noon	Our Lady	Intention of Berry and Sheridan Families
6pm	Holy Family	Stefan Guerzoni's Intention

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 (during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am
Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL at Our Lady's. Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4pm (Entrance near the Trinity Hall.*)*
Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle and enjoy the peace of the Lord's presence.

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

STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches
CHILDREN'S LITURGY Our Lady's at 12 noon Mass. There will be a Children's Mass on 22nd November at 12 noon. The practice will be at 11.30am