

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Eleventh Sunday of the Year 16th June 2013 (page 96)

Last Tuesday was a wonderful day! Family, friends, parishioners and many others gathered to celebrate Mass and with me to say 'Thank you' for the gift of Priesthood. There was such a lovely, prayerful atmosphere and definitely the taste of heaven on earth. God is good! This weekend's celebration rounds off the festivities. I am so grateful to the multitude of people who have worked so hard to get ready for the Silver Jubilee, to those who have sent cards and gifts, to the countless men, women and children who have offered up prayers for me. Thank you.

In today's reading from St. Paul to the Galatians, the Apostle says that Christ lives in him; his faith is in the Son of God who loved him and sacrificed himself for his sake. What powerful words of Paul...for a Silver Jubilarian...for each one of us. Allow Christ to live in you. He wants to take up residence and does not want anything to be an obstacle to his presence. He is compassionate and forgiving - as we see in the Gospel passage from St. Luke. He is ready to challenge too!

For me as a priest of twenty-five years, I depend on Jesus Christ so much to work in and through me. He makes up for my inadequacies. He gives me the energy and enthusiasm I need for my ministry. He inspires me and finds many to support me as I answer his call. He doesn't let me become complacent and is never afraid of pulling me up when I start getting things wrong. He is an amazing Friend and Saviour without whom I could not be who I am.

As you join me today in this great act of thanksgiving which is the Eucharist, reflect on your own personal relationship with the Lord. In the face of the highs and lows of life as well as the everyday situations, ask him to strengthen that bond he has created with you so that you radiate his all-embracing love. Once again, I ask you to pray for me as I pray for you. With much love, ***Father Norbert***

‘SOLSTICE FOR SYRIA’ Saturday, 22nd June from 4.30pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity. Join in a fun midsummer’s evening, for all ages, to raise money for those affected by the Syrian crisis. BBQ at 5pm with games, face painting for children, quiz, live music including some ceilidh dances. There will also be a brief live link with young people in Jordan who are working directly to support Syrian refugees. The BBQ (including soft drinks) will cost £5 and donation baskets for Syria will be available.

CAFOD ‘I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’. Come and hear about CAFOD’s work in partnership with the local Church in Zambia and Zimbabwe from Bishop John Sherrington and CAFOD worker Noreen Lockhart. The speakers will reflect on their recent visit where they met with people from some of the world’s poorest and most remote communities and saw first hand the impact of CAFOD’s work in HIV/AIDS and Water and Sanitation projects. Wednesday, 26th June at 7.30pm Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6JG.

THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL We are collecting donations for our forthcoming fete. If you have any crockery, books, bric a brac, drinks, confectionary or unwanted gifts, please bring them along to either St Bonaventure’s hall (10.30am Mass) or Holy Family’s hall (9.30am Mass) on Sunday 30th June (please do not bring anything before the Sunday as there is no room for storage). We will be there for one hour after each Mass to pick up and receive donations. Thank you for your support. Why not come along to The John Henry Newman’s Summer Fete and join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Fun for all the family with many activities including: BMX display, Zorbs, Pony rides, BBQ, Go Karts, Tombola, Bouncy Castle and many more. Sunday 7 July, 12-4pm, The John Henry Newman Catholic School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage, SG1 4AE. Free Parking.

ST. BONAVENTURE’S COFFEE GROUP If you would like to join the Coffee Group providing tea and coffee (and biscuits) after 10.30am Mass you would be very welcome. Contact Jenny on 01438 717798 or speak to any of the group on a Sunday. Your help will benefit CAFOD as all funds raised go to that organisation.

BINGO AT OUR LADY’S Thank you to the Monday Evening Bingo group who meet at Our Lady’s Family Centre. Through their generous support another £200 has been contributed to the upkeep of the centre. Anyone wishing for a game of Bingo, just turn up at the Centre at about 8pm on a Monday. The Bingo is in the Pomegranate Café.

400 CLUB - May Draw Results 1st £100 K Hunter No 196, 2nd £50 T. Mcguane No. 017, 3rd £25 M. Naef No.080. Our congratulations to the winners and our thanks to all the members who contribute to this Church Fund Raising Activity. There are numbers available for anyone wishing to join and have the opportunity of winning one of the monthly prizes.

MEMORIAL LECTURE H.E. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor will be giving a memorial lecture entitled “The Ecumenical Legacy of the Second Vatican Council ” to mark the fifth anniversary of Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement. Saturday 6th July 2013, 3pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, WGC, AL8 6JG. The lecture will be followed by a reception. RSVP: email: cfu@focolare.org.uk or tel. 01707 323620.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to each and every father. May God bless you and keep you in his loving care.

DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood is fast approaching! It will be a special time for us as a community as well as for Jeffrey himself. It is really important for us to make sure Jeffrey feels the power of our prayer as he goes on retreat and makes his final preparations. Come this week to one of the Holy Hours for Jeffrey: Tuesday 18th June 10am at St. Bonaventure's and 8pm at Our Lady's and Wednesday 19th June 10am at Holy Family.

If you would like to go on the coach to Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church as soon as possible so that enough coaches can be booked. Jeffrey's First Mass will be on Sunday 30th June at 12noon at Our Lady's followed by a reception in the hall. Everyone is welcome. Help will be needed - more details next week. There will also be a Presentation; please use one of the special envelopes.

THANKSGIVING MASS for all our children who have made their First Holy Communion in recent weeks on Sunday 23rd June at 3pm in Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall. Parents are asked to contribute food and drink on a 'bring and share' basis. The Hall will be set up at 2pm. Contributions of food and drink can be delivered after 2.15pm until 2.45pm. Celebrations will end by 6pm.

CATHOLICISM COURSE The next session will be on Monday 17th June at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room when we will reflect on 'What is the Church?' (The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church). The evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. All welcome.

AFRICAN MASS Next planning meeting in Our Lady's sacristy on Friday 21st June at 7.45pm.

EILEEN SHEEHAN RIP Eileen's Funeral Mass will be in Our Lady's Church on Friday 21st June at 1.30pm.

COLLEEN ROBBINS RIP Colleen's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 28th June at 10am

We offer our sympathy to their family and friends.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Saturday 6th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's organised by the SVP. Followed by refreshments and a party in the hall. All welcome. If you need a lift please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

OUR LADY SCHOOL Our Lady Catholic School will be marking its 60th anniversary on Monday 24th June with a very special Mass celebrated by Bishop John. We are very keen to have as many past pupils, staff and governors attend and would very much like to extend an invitation, in particular to those who joined the school between 1953 and 1978. The school are also planning to exhibit photographs and memorabilia from the last six decades. Please could you contact the school office for further information - Tel: 01707 324408.

PLEASE SPONSOR US Marion Brogan and Mary Kelly will be doing a sponsored run of 5km on 22nd June to raise funds for Crohn's and Colitis UK. Forms are at the back of church.

LORETO SCHOOL REUNION Saturday 29th June 2.30 - 5.30pm, Afternoon Tea (£5) is served at 3.30pm. Past Loreto pupils come and see how the school has changed.
CAN YOU HELP WITH DOG WALKING? Local to St. Bonaventure's. An elderly parishioner needs more people to help with dog walking. If you think you can help please contact 321432 or the parish office 322579.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

Bookings should be made with Phil (Philomena) Johnson 01707 377442 or 07790 135458
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| CONFESSIONS | Holy Family: | Thursday 10am - 10.30am |
| | St. Bonaventure: | Saturday 10.30am - 11am |
| | Our Lady's: | Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm |

MASS TIMES

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| 17 Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | feria |
| 18 Tuesday | 9.30am | St. Bonaventure | feria |
| | 7pm | Our Lady's | |
| 19 Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Family | feria |
| 20 Thursday | 9.30am | Holy Family | St. Alban |
| 21 Friday | 9.30am | St. Bonaventure | St. Aloysius Gonzaga |
| | 1.30pm | Our Lady's | Funeral Mass |
| | 7pm | Our Lady's | |
| 22 Saturday | 10am | St. Bonaventure | SS John Fisher and Thomas More |

Twelfth Sunday of the Year

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| 22 Saturday | 6pm | Our Lady's | <i>Lord, Let me see your face, Know your heart and experience your love in my life. Strengthen in me the precious gift of faith. I believe Lord; Help my unbelief. Amen.</i> |
| 23 Sunday | 8am | St. Bonaventure | |
| | 9.30am | Holy Family | |
| | 10.30am | St. Bonaventure | |
| | 11.30am | Our Lady's | |
| | 3pm | Our Lady's | |
| | 6pm | Holy Family | |

CHAPLAINS TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplains:
 Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle, on 07884187463