

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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## ***13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th June***

It's hard to believe that the month of June is almost over and that we are going to step into July soon. In our Gospel reading today from St. Luke, we hear that Jesus resolutely takes the road for Jerusalem and starts a long journey which will take him to the Cross and Resurrection.

As I have often mentioned, on this path many different kinds of people join him: the committed disciples who still have much to learn, those who are interested and want to discover more, opponents trying to catch him out. There are individuals who make an appearance and then slip into the background while others are making their presence felt constantly. We hear rich and challenging teaching from the Lord, especially in the parables which are unique to St. Luke. We see his action in reaching out to the marginalised and sinners, bringing them hope, forgiveness and encouragement. We are called to walk with him, Sunday by Sunday discovering our place in his Kingdom and our calling to share this Good News with others.

In our own time frame, we embark on the road to Jerusalem today on 26th June and we will not be in Jerusalem with the Lord until 6th November. That is a long time! Think about all that we will face personally as well as in society and in our world. For some, exam results and new beginnings, for others pressures with finance, recession and poverty, for still others war and conflict disrupting lives. Many will be wondering about travel and holidays, yearning for a period of refreshment. Where will we be? St. Luke tells us that Jesus sent messengers ahead of him to make preparations. In what way might you help those around you get ready for the coming weeks and months? Of course, none of us can predict the future or fully comprehend the mind of God. What we can do is keep putting our trust in him who has sent us his Beloved Son and who, in Christ, is totally committed to humanity to bring us salvation.

Have a good week. May the sun shine. God bless you! With love and prayers, ***Fr. Norbert***

**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL** The Solemnity of these great Apostles of the Church is coming up this Wednesday (29th). It is a Holy Day of Obligation when the Church asks Catholics to attend Mass. There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday 28th at 7pm at Our Lady's. On Wednesday 9.30am Mass at Holy Family, 12 noon Mass at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm Mass at Our Lady's.

**FATHER WILLIAM** is ONE today (Sunday) (26th)! May God bless Fr. William. *Ad multos annos! (Wishing him many more years to come.)*

**NEW PARISH HALL** Much hard work is going on behind the scenes to help us move forward towards a formal opening of our new Parish Hall - Trinity Hall. The key issue is how it will be managed and the system of bookings. So many individuals, families and groups are ready to sign up. Hopefully there will be more news soon.

**BARBECUE** organised by the African Community for the people of our three parishes and beyond will take place on Sunday 3rd July after the 11.30 Mass. The new hall will be in use and so this will be regarded as a 'test event' when we can monitor safety and other issues arising from a big event. The African Community are going to provide burgers, chicken piri-piri wings, pork and lamb sausages and vegetable skewers; there'll be salads too. The parish will provide the drinks. All are welcome.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** Any couples wanting to marry this year or next either in WGC or elsewhere should contact Fr. Norbert to organise the paperwork and the Marriage Course. Thank you.

**BAPTISMS** Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. William if you wish to arrange the Baptism of your child and they will organise all that is needed.

**STREAMED MASS** [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) We continue to stream Mass at 10am on Sunday.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Fr. Norbert and Fr. William are celebrating the Mass Intentions week by week. If anyone wants Mass offered for a particular intention, please let them know. Donations for the Masses should be put in an envelope and given to Fr. Norbert or Fr. William or popped through the letterbox of one of the presbyteries. We are now publishing in the newsletter the intentions for the coming week.

**TERESA STURT RIP** Teresa, who moved from WGC a few years ago, died during the week. *We pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.*

**FIRST FRIDAY** The next 6.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's will be this Friday (1st July) followed by breakfast in the Hall. This Mass will be livestreamed. All are welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING** The cleaning of Our Lady's Church will be on Saturday 2nd July at 10am. Come for an hour and lend a hand. The maintenance group will also be in action; so, muscle is required! Thank you.

**CHAPEL** at Our Lady's is open every weekday 7am until 6pm.

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** organised by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) will be on Saturday 16th July at 12 noon in the Focolare Centre on Parkway (next to St. Bonaventure's). During this celebration the priest lays hands on the head of the sick person and then anoints their forehead and the palms of their hands with the Oil of the Sick which was blessed by the Cardinal just before Easter. This Sacrament is a powerful reminder to us of the action of Christ's healing grace through the priest together with the prayer of the community for those who are sick or infirm. Fr. Frank Leonard and Monsignor Harry Turner will be coming to help Fr. Norbert and Fr. William. Afterwards there will be refreshments to which all are invited.

**SVP COLLECTION** is next weekend after all Masses. Please be generous. There is an Annual Report from the SVP today, please take a copy home with you.

**COFFEE AT OUR LADY'S** If you are free on Thursday mornings 10.30-12.00 come and join us in Our Lady's Sacristy for a cuppa and a chat. We would love to see you.

**FOOD BANK** New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. If you are able to drop off non-perishable food for the needy members of our community, New Zion is happy to receive contributions from 8am on a Wednesday. The address is 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. If anyone would like to make a financial contribution to the Food Bank, please email [foodbank@newzioncf.net](mailto:foodbank@newzioncf.net) and you will be given details as to how to make a donation.

**ST ALBANS** The Catholic Mass at St. Albans Cathedral takes place at 12 noon every Friday in the Lady Chapel, All are welcome.

**TRANSPORT TO MASS** If any parishioners need a lift to Mass the Transport to Mass Group is there! If anyone can offer a lift, please contact Kay Mason on 01707 335633. All necessary safeguarding and health and safety guidelines will be followed.

**SINGING FOR PLEASURE** Come and enjoy a Jubilee concert in Welwyn Civic Centre on Saturday 9th of July at 7:30pm, featuring Singing For Pleasure, Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir and Welwyn Garden City Town Band. Tickets £8, under 12's free. Email [sfpwgc80@gmail.com](mailto:sfpwgc80@gmail.com) or ring 07717329921 for information or tickets"

**LANGUAGE TRANSLATION** Hall Grove Group Practice are looking for translators when some patients come to the surgeries are unable to explain properly in English what the problem is. The languages needed are Farsi, Arabic, Polish, Ukranian, Syrian. If you can help contact the practice on 01707 328528 (Hall Grove surgery) or 01707 332233 (Parkway surgery) and speak to Anne Knight Practice Manager.

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## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 5pm-5.30pm Our Lady  
 Thursdays 10am - 10.30am Holy Family  
 Saturdays 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16-year olds who apply will need to be finishing Year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). Please apply by 31 July 2022.

## MASS TIMES

<b>25 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady	Janecka Family intentions.
<b>26 Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	St. Bonaventure	People of the Parish
	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family	John McGeehan (R.I.P.)
	<b>10.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure	Maureen Bell (R.I.P. anniversary)
	<b>11.30am</b>	Our Lady	John Davin R.I.P.)
	<b>6pm</b>	Holy Family	Laura Scheck (R.I.P.)
27 Monday	<b>9.30am</b>	Our Lady	Gerald O'Brien (R.I.P.)
28 Tuesday	<b>9.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure	
	<b>7pm</b>	Our Lady	John Maguire (R.I.P.)
29 Wednesday	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family	Jacqueline Devine (R.I.P.)
	<b>12noon</b>	St. Bonaventure	
	<b>7pm</b>	Our Lady	Augustus Joachim (R.I.P.)
30 Thursday	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family	David Metcalf (R.I.P.)
01 Friday	<b>6.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure	
	<b>9.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure	
	<b>7pm</b>	Our Lady	Josie Bell R.I.P. and Louise Fearn R.I.P.
02 Saturday	<b>10am</b>	St. Bonaventure	Nora Collins (R.I.P.)

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Saturday 25th June Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19 'Cry aloud to the Lord!'

Luke 2:41-51 Mary stored up all these things in her heart

### **Sunday 26th June THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kings 19:16,19-21 Elijah and Elisha

Galatians 5:1,13-18 Freedom in Christ

Luke 9:51-62 Jesus resolutely takes the road to Jerusalem

### **Monday 27th June St. John Southworth (1592-1654) Priest and Martyr whose body lies in Westminster Cathedral**

Amos 2:6-10,13-16 The strong words of the prophet

Matthew 8:18-22 Individuals who want to follow Jesus

### **Tuesday 28th June St. Irenaeus (130-202) Irenaeus was Bishop of Lyons in France, a great teacher and a Martyr for Christ.**

Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12 'Listen to this oracle!'

Matthew 8:23-27 The storm at sea.

### **Wednesday 29th June ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL Apostles who were martyred in Rome**

Acts 12:1-11 Peter is imprisoned and is rescued by the angel.

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 'I have run the race to the finish.'

Matthew 16:13-19 Peter, the Rock, is given the keys of the Kingdom

### **Thursday 30th June**

Amos 7:10-17 The prophet gives an account of his calling.

Matthew 9:1-8 The paralytic experiences forgiveness and healing from the Lord.

### **Friday 1st July DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL** The Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus was consecrated in 1910. It is the Mother Church of our Diocese.

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 Solomon prays in the Temple in front of the altar

Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus catches sight of Jesus and welcomes him into his home.