

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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## ***15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022***

'Go, and do the same yourself.' This is the way today's Gospel passage ends. Jesus faces a lawyer trying to catch him out as he continues on the road to Jerusalem. As always, the Lord turns the tables on him by asking the lawyer a question. The response is excellent but needs clarification as to the identity of a 'neighbour'. The result is the beautifully crafted parable of the Good Samaritan. Religious people, especially priests, don't come out well! It is a stranger who follows a different religion whose heart is open to helping a victim of robbers, who reaches down to pick up the wounded person and who gives of his own money to support the injured one until his own return. So many boundaries are crossed! This is an example which must be copied. The lawyer is asked to live out the same quality of love to his neighbour.

At the end of every Mass, the priest sends the congregation out from the celebration, perhaps with the following words 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.' We all leave buoyed up by what we have experienced and challenged to make it a reality in the every day. And that is not always easy. I invite you to reflect on what you have learned and entered into in this weekend's Mass. What is it like to encounter Christ? Who are the people you have worshipped with at the Mass you attended? Do you feel closer to heaven? Do you think heaven is breaking even more into your life? In a mystical way, who are you in communion with? Now let these reflections be mirrored in how you are with others!

We have watched so much happen this week in politics and in our world. Let us pray that God's Spirit may guide, inspire and bless those who struggle to do the right thing. Have a good week yourselves. With love and prayers, ***Fr. Norbert***

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER** Next weekend's newsletter will cover us for the Summer months, so any items should be sent to Fr. Norbert by Wednesday 13th July. After this the newsletter will be published the weekend of 3rd/4th September.

**RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION** A good number of responses have come in these last few days. Thank you. There have been a variety of questions, some of which are dependent on the long-term approach of the Diocese. Please send in your thoughts; they are very important.

**FINANCE COMMITTEES** St. Bonaventure's Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday 19th July at 4pm. Holy Family's on Wednesday 20th July at 5pm and Our Lady's on Tuesday 6th September at 7.45pm.

**BARBECUE** Our thanks to the African Community for their generosity in organising and providing the barbecue last weekend. So much hard work went into getting the new Trinity Hall looking good as well as the grounds. There was such a warm welcome and people from our three parishes. We look forward to the formal opening of the Hall!

**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, this Sunday (10th) at 11.30am.

**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.

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** organised by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) will be on Saturday (16th) 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.

**FUNERALS** Teresa Sturt's Funeral Mass will be at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, London W5 2DY on Tuesday 12th July at 11.30am.

Barbara Gill's Funeral Service will be at Our Lady's on Friday 15th July at 10am.

John Blackburn RIP Funeral details should be confirmed in the next few days

**FIRST FRIDAY** Next 6.30am Mass on Friday 5th August (and then Friday 2nd September) at St. Bonaventure's followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome.

**SPANISH PRIEST** Fr. Antonio Guerrero Quesada from the Diocese of Jaen in Spain has asked to come to Welwyn Garden City to improve his English and to discover the life of the Church in England. He is currently studying Scripture in Rome. All the necessary paperwork and testimonial have been completed and approved by the Vicar General. Fr. Antonio will arrive on 27th August and leave us on 20th September. If any of you would like to host him, take him out for the day or give him time to practise his English, please let Fr. Norbert know in due course.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Our thanks to all who keep our churches clean and tidy and those who take care of the grounds. This is much appreciated.

**CAN YOU HELP** a Syrian family, in Letchworth, who need a laptop. The family, of three adults and four children, are refugees from the conflict in Syrian. Contact-(johnfogarty676@gmail.com, tel' 01707 395535). Thank you. Also volunteers are needed to help local asylum seekers families improve their English. Contact Caroline Herring if you would like to help: caroline.herring@hwsf.org

**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 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. Fr. Norbert will next celebrate this Mass on 26th August.

**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

**Website [wgc-catholics.org.uk](http://wgc-catholics.org.uk)**

**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

**HERTS WELCOME REFUGEES JOB VACANCY** a new and exciting opportunity for a part-time administrator for this thriving organisation. The full advert can be seen at the back of the online newsletter so if this interests you do have a look. Closing date for applications is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

### **MASS TIMES**

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|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>09 Saturday</b>  | <b>6pm</b>     | Our Lady        | Peter Bonass (R.I.P. Birthday)                     |
| <b>10 Sunday</b>    | <b>8am</b>     | St. Bonaventure | Mbuso R.I.P. anniversary intentions                |
|                     | <b>9.30am</b>  | Holy Family     | Susan Cairns (R.I.P.)                              |
|                     | <b>10.30am</b> | St. Bonaventure | Denis O'Brien (R.I.P. 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary) |
|                     | <b>11.30am</b> | Our Lady        | Ononenyi Enwonwu (R.I.P. anniv)                    |
|                     | <b>6pm</b>     | Holy Family     |  |
| <b>11 Monday</b>    | <b>9.30am</b>  | Our Lady        | Fr. Michael Kennedy's intention                    |
| <b>12 Tuesday</b>   | <b>9.30am</b>  | St. Bonaventure |  |
|                     | <b>7pm</b>     | Our Lady        | Deceased members of Mulvany family                 |
| <b>13 Wednesday</b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | Holy Family     | Nora Collins (R.I.P.)                              |
| <b>14 Thursday</b>  | <b>9.30am</b>  | Holy Family     | Virginia Rees (R.I.P.)                             |
| <b>15 Friday</b>    | <b>9.30am</b>  | St. Bonaventure | Nancy Dalgarno (R.I.P.)                            |
|                     | <b>7pm</b>     | Our Lady        | Fr. Michael Giffney (R.I.P. anniv)                 |
| <b>16 Saturday</b>  | <b>10am</b>    | St. Bonaventure |  |
|                     | <b>6pm</b>     | Our Lady        | Hedrika Juchelkova                                 |

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Saturday 9th July**

Isaiah 6:1-6 The calling of Isaiah

Matthew 10:24-33 Do not be afraid!

### **Sunday 10th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 The Word is very near to you.

Colossians 1:15-20 Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God...The Church is his body, he is its head.

Luke 10:25-37 'Go and do the same yourself!' The parable of the Good Samaritan

**Monday 11th July ST. BENEDICT (480-547) Abbot and Founder of monasticism in the West**

Proverbs 2:1-9 Tune your ear to wisdom!

Matthew 9:19:27-29 Present and future treasure

### **Tuesday 12th July**

Isaiah 7:1-9 Jerusalem is under siege

Matthew 11:20-24 Jesus reproaches the towns which refused to change their ways

### **Wednesday 13th July**

Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16 'Woe to Assyria!'

Matthew 11:25-27 Knowing the Father and the Son.

### **Thursday 14th July**

Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19 'My soul longs for you.'

Matthew 11:28-30 'Come!'

**Friday 15th July St. Bonaventure (1218-1274) Franciscan, Bishop, Cardinal and Doctor of the Church**

Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Hezekiah is on the point of death and is then healed

Matthew 12:1-8 'What I want is mercy not sacrifice!'

# Herts Welcomes Refugees

## Vacancy

### Administrator needed

A new and exciting opportunity. Herts Welcomes Refugees needs a part time administrator (18.5 hours weekly) for this thriving organisation.

The successful candidate will support the Chair, Volunteer Coordinator and various Area Convenors, dealing with enquiries and managing information relating to our refugee partners and the asylum seekers the charity supports.

You will need:-

- Good IT skills. including familiarity with spreadsheets and Zoom.
- Good coordination skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to handle confidential information.

Hours will be flexible but will include working during school holidays and occasional evenings and, although you will be working from home, you will also need to be able to travel across the county.

Start date – September 2022 18 month post

Salary - £12.000 per annum

Interested? To find out more you can call Irene Austin Chair HWR on 07463 486048 for an informal chat or email [chair@hwsf.org.uk](mailto:chair@hwsf.org.uk) for a full job description and application form.

Closing date for applications: Friday 29th July 2022