

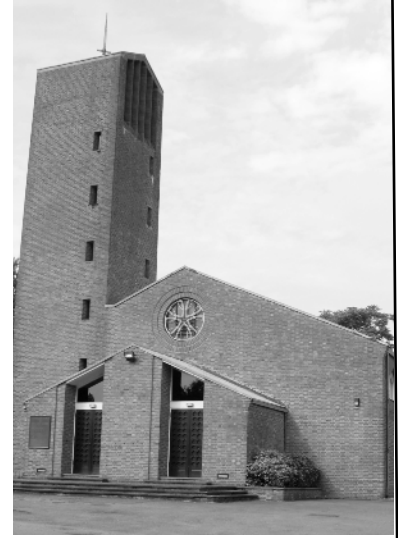
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT There will be times of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 10.00 - 10.30am at Our Lady's, Thursday 10.00 - 10.30am at Holy Family and Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am at St. Bonaventure's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS There will be Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 10am at Holy Family, Friday 10am at St. Bonaventure's and 7.30pm at Our Lady's. Why not come and follow the path the Lord took to the Cross, reflecting on his deep love for the world and each one of us?

EARLY MASS for First Friday at 6.30am at St. Bonaventure's (followed by breakfast) on 7th April.

LENTEN LUNCHESES Come to Our Lady's Hall on a Saturday 12 noon - 1.30pm for a Lenten Lunch provided by the Catholic Women's League. All money raised goes to Cafod and other CWL charities. Thank you.

LENTEN ALMS Should you wish to contribute to the Cardinal's Fund which supports a variety of causes in the Diocese, there are special envelopes at the back of our churches.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE in Holy Week for our three parishes will be in Our Lady's Church on Tuesday 11th April at 8pm. Visiting priests will join Fr. Martin and Fr. Norbert to help with Confessions.

LENTEN TALK IN ST ALBANS The last one will be in St. Alban and St Stephen's Church, Beaconsfield Road AL1 3RB at 8pm on Wednesday 29th March. All are welcome. Details on poster on church noticeboards.

PALM SUNDAY Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate 9.30 Mass at Holy Family Church which will start in the car park of The Hedgehog assuming the weather is good. Our Lady's 11.30 Mass will start outside the Hall.

CAFOD EAST AFRICA APPEAL If you would like to support Cafod's work in alleviating famine in Africa, please use one of the special Cafod envelopes at the back of our churches and put it into the collection basket. These will be sent on to Cafod. If you are able to GiftAid your contribution that would increase the money. Thank you.

BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES have organised a 'Mega Youth Poll'. In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you: what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

KICA MUSIC MISSION Daniel Newman-Sanders, in his final year at the John Henry Newman School, is a keen musician. This summer he is embarking on a charity trip to Uganda to teach disadvantaged children music. To raise money for this, he is doing a 60 mile bike ride around Hertfordshire. Any sponsorships would be gratefully received. www.gofundme.com/kica-music-mission-trip-to-uganda Daniel will be taking instruments with him for Ugandan children to play and keep – if anyone has any unwanted instruments please contact him on 07866005010.

MARY O'NEILL CAFOD (Westminster) has organised a Papal Blessing for Mary in recognition of all the work that she has done in partnership with Holy Family CAFOD Group. Tony Sheen from CAFOD will present it today (Sunday) at Holy Family's 9.30 Mass.

NANCY HOGAN RIP Nancy's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 7th April at 12.30pm. Her body will be received into the church on Thursday 6th at 6pm.

RCIA The Group is going to have a retreat afternoon in the Focolare Centre next Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they get ready to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

CONFIRMATION Our thanks to the Confirmation young people, their families and their catechists for the prayerful, reflective way in which they led the Stations of the Cross a week ago. They are a credit to us all! The next session will be on Sunday 30th April at 7.15pm in Holy Family's Parish Room.

HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH The next meeting to continue the planning for 7th May will be in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 5th April at 6.30pm. All welcome.

FRENCH VISITORS Fr. Cedric de la Serre and Deacon Victor Vincelot both from the Diocese of Nanterre on the west side of Paris are with us this week from Monday 3rd until Friday 7th April.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CLEANING Takes place this Thursday 10am, all welcome to come and help.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The next parents' session will be on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD Tradycyjne Święcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę 15.04.17 o godzinie 16.00 w kościele Our Lady's. Serdecznie zapraszamy. The traditional blessing of the food will take place in Our Lady's Church on Holy Saturday 15.04.17 at 4pm. All are welcome.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Saturday 20th May. We will be joining the National Deaf Pilgrimage to this Shrine of Our Lady. The coach will leave from Our Lady's at 8.30am. The programme for the day will include the Rosary, walking the Holy Mile, picnic lunch (so bring food and drink!) and Mass. There should be time for tea and cakes before leaving at 4.30pm. The coach should arrive back by 7pm. Price £15 for adults and £10 for children. There are signing up sheets at the back of our churches.

HOLY LAND Sat 27th May - Sunday 4th June, 2017 There are 6 places max left. Contact Pax Travel for more details on 020 7485 3003 or info@paxtravel.co.uk The Fatima Pilgrimage in September is now fully booked.

TRANSPORT TO MASS Thank you to those people who have volunteered to drive to bring people to Mass. If you have not yet returned your form, please put them in the envelope at the back of the church marked "TRANSPORT TO MASS - COMPLETED FORMS". A member of the Project Team will be in contact with each volunteer driver in the next three weeks to give more details about the scheme.

DID YOU fill in a form offering transport at 8am Mass the week before last? If so contact Janet on 326456.

FAST DAY COLLECTIONS in the 3 Churches of WGC came to a total of £1471.44. Huge THANKS to you all for such generosity. Fast Day envelopes are still available to support CAFOD famine appeal.

THANK YOU Jenny Wilson would like to thank all those who supported her fundraising raffle last week. She raised £165 for the Shooting Star Hospice. One prize is still left to be claimed - pink ticket 533. Thank you.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S TUESDAY GROUP We have a break now for the holidays until Tuesday 25th April.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FIRST COMMUNION GROUP We meet again on Saturday 22nd April. Please try to get your work up to date.

OUR LADY'S Thanks to all who came to clean the church and maintain the grounds on Saturday morning. Your help is appreciated.

ON SUNDAY 9th April, Marie Myers will be running the Brighton Marathon to raise money for the local charity, 'The Mixed Group'. The charity provides a Christmas Day Dinner, take home afternoon tea and wrapped presents plus an annual summer cream tea for lonely and elderly residents in the borough of Welwyn Hatfield. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause please visit my online page at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MarieandEllen

HOLY FAMILY Holy Family church cleaning for Easter will take place on Wednesday 12th April straight after Stations of the Cross. If you can volunteer an hour or two you will be welcomed with open arms.

CAFOD The next CAFOD meeting will take place at Holy Family in the parish room on Tuesday 4th April at 2pm not 2.30pm as advised in the Minutes. All are welcome.

SPECIAL 95TH BIRTHDAY MASS for Phyllis McKeogh with very many thanks from the CAFOD group for all you do for us. 9.30am 9th April.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTER FAITH GROUP Our next evening meeting will be on Monday 24 April at 7.15 in the Focolare Centre whjn the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Dame Claire Bertschinger will speak on 'Why I am Buddhist'.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings
should be made with Phil Johnson 01707
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Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE This Diocesan Agency is seeking to recruit volunteers to be involved in social action. For more information pick up one of the leaflets at the back of our churches or email Verity Sykes on caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS The Diocese is always looking for volunteers to take on the role of being a foundation governor in our Catholic schools. Indeed here in Welwyn Garden City we need more. If you are interested take one of the leaflets at the back of the church and let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S There will be an Easter Workshop for children on Tuesday 11th April from 2 - 4pm. Come and help plant our outdoor Easter Garden, make your own garden, make some Easter things, join in an Easter egg hunt, prepare for our Way of the Cross, have a 'Happy Easter Tea' (bring and share) and listen to an Easter story. We ask for a donation of £2 per child to cover some of our costs.

CONFESSIONS Holy Family:	Thursday 10am
St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm -5.30pm.

MASS TIMES

03 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	Lent feria
04 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
05 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
06 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
07 Friday	6.30am and 9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	12.30pm	Funeral Mass		
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
08 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion			
08 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
09 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family	



CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) **Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7)**
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