

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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‘We never quite know what life will bring’ is often what I find myself saying and how true it has proved to be. Two weeks ago I was getting ready for the Holy Land and pondering what to write in advance for the newsletter for Pentecost. In these weeks the Manchester tragedy took place, the BA cancellation of flights and my Dad’s death. Nothing can take away the sadness and pain of what took place in Manchester and the horror of what a human being could do to the young and vulnerable. Our prayers are with those still recovering and those who have to come to terms with loss and permanent injury in such an unexpected way. In regard to the Holy Land, we will be trying to reschedule for later in the year but that will be an item for a future newsletter. This week we get ready for the General Election. It is so important that each of us exercises our responsibility to vote, to think and pray about who might best serve our country in all that we face locally, nationally and internationally. Let us pray that the Spirit may guide and inspire.

Today’s Gospel reading provides us with the picture of the Apostles receiving the breath of Jesus’ Spirit so that they can be sent out as his emissaries. Their fear is transformed into joy as they realise the Risen Lord is truly with them and peace is what he offers. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Apostles and Our Lady, who are joined in continuous prayer with many others, receive the promised Gift. Did they know the spectacular way the Holy Spirit would come and the dramatic effect on themselves? I don’t think so! But the Church was born and her constant task is to proclaim Jesus Christ as God’s Son who suffered, died and rose as the living sign of God’s love for the world. This is our belief and the hope we offer - God’s desire for us all to share in Jesus’ Risen Life.

My Dad’s death on 26th May was not expected. He obviously has been through so much in the last three years but his passing happened gently and quietly. I am so grateful to you all for the many ways you have found of showing me comfort and giving me and my family support. You would be most welcome at the Funeral Mass on Wednesday 14th June at 11am at St. Anthony’s Church, Garratt Road, Edgware HA8 9AN. Dad’s body will be received into the church at 6pm on Tuesday 13th. The best place to park is at Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 7BD with a short walk to the church. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. With much love, *Fr. Norbert*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES** Our Lady's: Sunday 11th June at 11.30am. St. Bonaventure's: Sunday 25th June at 10.30am.

**ELECTION HUSTINGS** on Tuesday 6th June 8.00 - 9.15pm at Christchurch Baptist Church, 20 Tewin Road, beginning with refreshments at 7.30pm with an opportunity to meet the candidates. This event is being hosted jointly by the Churches in Welwyn Garden City and Isabel Hospice. Why not come?

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Our annual celebration organised by the SVP will be on Saturday 10th June at 12 noon at Our Lady's. Afterwards there will be a reception in the Hall. This year there will also be a Blessing of Carers - part of the Diocesan follow-up to the Year of Mercy. This will be an acknowledgement of the many people who devote themselves to the support and care of loved ones and a chance to ask God's blessing upon them. Please let others know about this celebration.

**PARISH MEETING** on Wednesday 14th June has been postponed and will form part of the Open Parish Meeting on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**RCIA** For those who want to join the Catholic Church or to find out more, the next RCIA Course will begin after the summer. Please let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

**BABY ROSIE GILBERT-COOPER RIP** The Funeral Service for Baby Rosie will be at Our Lady's on Friday 9th June at 12.30pm.

**SYLVIA FAY R.I.P.** The Funeral Mass for Sylvia Fay is at 9.30am in Our Lady's Church on Monday 12th June.

**BRIDGET GODKIM R.I.P.** Funeral details for Bridget are not yet available.

**OUR LADY'S MISSIO/APF MEMBERS:** The Summer Issue of "Mission Today" has just arrived. Do please help yourself to a copy from the back of church whenever you are next at Our Lady's. Thank you for all your support for Missio / APF.

**THANK YOU** to all those who came and cleaned in St. Bonaventure's this week.

**OUR LADY'S** Many thanks for all those who came to clean the church and maintain the grounds on Saturday morning. Your help is much appreciated.

**LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY** at The John Henry Newman School. This role will be suited to someone with a strong, meaningful Catholic faith, who strives to put that faith into action, sharing it in an engaging, relevant way with both pupils and staff. Please contact Emma Taylor (Taylore@jhn.herts.sch.uk) for further information. Closing date 4pm Wednesday 7th June. The John Henry Newman Catholic School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 4AE Tel: 01438 314643

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** is having a speaker (Nick Noonan) on 13th June. He is coming to entertain us about his knowledge on Old Films and Musicals. We invite all who know Nick and also anybody who likes a light entertainment evening. There is no charge - it is just your company that we are after. Please think about it and if anybody needs a lift please ring Anne Davidson on 01707 327569.

**LOVING HOME** needed for very affectionate, playful, three year old female cat. Neutered and chipped, jabs up to date (boosters due in July). Comes with scratching post, carry case, hooded litter tray, toys and food. Contact Tim Hogan on 07752031462, [tj.hogan59@gmail.com](mailto:tj.hogan59@gmail.com) or choir loft at Holy Family after 9:30 Mass.

**DO YOU NEED?** a Mobile Hairdresser or a Decorator /Handy man? Competitive rates offered. Contact Tracey (MOBILE HAIRDRESSER) 07581212941

Jamie(DECORATOR/HANDY MAN) 07572527731.

**ST. BONAVENTURE** will be 800 years old this year! We will mark this on the Feast of St. Bonaventure, Saturday 15th July, at the 10am Mass followed by cake and coffee/tea in the parish garden.

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP** on Saturday 1st July 10am until 3pm in Our Lady's Hall. This 'Day' will discuss mental health awareness in parishes, faith and mental health and how to support those with a mental health problem so that the parishes become even more welcoming and inclusive. Ben Bano who has championed 'Welcome me as I am' will lead prayer and give input. Sonia Clarke from MIND Mid-Herts will speak about local services. The Day is aimed at care-givers and key leaders in parish groups who would then be able to inform/train others. The outcomes/hopes are: A few parishioners trained with the mental health 'first aid' course, Carers Support Groups, to strengthen the 'ministry of welcome', displays in parishes for MIND services and signposting to find help for mental health support. For more information and to book a place visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth) or email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk)

**THE HEBREW COMMUNITY** of Welwyn Garden City cordially invite you to visit the synagogue on Thursday 8th June from 8 - 9.30 pm. If you would like to go, please give your name and postcode to Paul Gateshill email: [paulghill@hotmail.com](mailto:paulghill@hotmail.com) or tel: 01707 695351. The synagogue is situated behind the Barn Theatre in Handside Lane.

**YOU ARE INVITED** on Monday 12th June 7.15pm at the Focolare Centre to an evening on Music and Religion. The keynote speaker will be Brother Stephen, who is sub prior of the Norbertine Community in Chelmsford. Whilst at university he was a choral scholar at Oriel College, Oxford. The other speakers will be from the Hindu and Jewish faith.

**HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH PRAYER SERVICE AND BARBECUE** Sunday 16th July at 3pm. There will be a 30-minute Service with Benediction followed by a Parish Barbecue hosted by the Hedgehog.

**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](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).

**CALLED TO SERVE THE SICK ROADSHOWS** Three evening meetings have been arranged to allow clergy and laity an opportunity to discover and question.....

- **What hospital chaplains do:** *St Dominic's Priory Haverstock Hill, Camden London Wednesday 7th June 2017, 7pm for 7.30pm*
- **How Catholics can realise their unique vocation of being of service the sick:** *Our Lady and St Michael's, Garston, Watford, Hertfordshire Monday 19th June 2017, 7pm for 7.30pm*
- **How to think theologically about health:** *St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing, London Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm for 7.30pm*

**For registration please email Fr Peter Scott:** [peterscott@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterscott@rcdow.org.uk)

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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](mailto: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.

**AFRICAN MASS** Sunday 9th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a reception in the Hall.

**POLISH/ENGLISH MASS** will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October at 6pm at Our Lady's.

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

**MASS TIMES**

05 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Boniface
06 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Norbert
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
07 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
08 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
09 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	12.30pm	Funeral Service	Our Lady's	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
10 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	12noon	Mass with Anointing of the Sick	Our Lady's	

**Trinity Sunday**

10 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
11 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) **Urgent need: 01438 314 333** via text message: **07876 526935** email: [chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net)