

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The Church gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on who God is and to proclaim in this celebration of Mass the wonder of God's Being. The Scriptures offered to us give us a fresh insight into the Mystery of the Trinity. Let us take time now to ponder the amazing God revealed to us by Jesus Christ!

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.' These are Moses' words from the Book of Deuteronomy which Jesus would have been so familiar with. There is only One God! Jesus spent much time in prayer to his Father - a communion of love. He needed to know that he was in the company of the One who sent him. He transmits the same quality of life-giving love to us.

St. Paul writes to the Romans (in our Second Reading) and boldly says: 'Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son/daughter of God.' The consequence is that we are then 'heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his suffering so as to share his glory.' We use the word 'glory' many times in the Church. What do you think this glory is going to be like? Will it be a bright light, a revelation, transformation? Just think of what the Lord's glorified body was like after the Resurrection and then we are given an insight. Moreover this glorified Body is present in the Eucharist - sacred nourishment which we incorporate into our being, making us divine!

Our Gospel passage takes us to the end of St. Matthew as Jesus commissions his Apostles to go out and make more disciples, to baptise in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and to teach his commands. He concludes with the reassuring words: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' He doesn't tell them how to do it but they can count on his companionship and indwelling as they go on their way. And that's it! The Gospel continues and we are swept up in the response to Jesus Christ, God and Man, as the Gospel is proclaimed, lived out and handed on to another generation.

So let us give honour to the Father, source of all that is. Let us unite ourselves with the Son of God and imitate his obedience and selfless love. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to live in us and empower us to be faithful disciples who radiate God's presence. *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end Amen.*

Have a good week. *Fr. Norbert*

**SAM TOBIN RIP** Sam's Funeral will be on Monday 25th June at 11.30am at St. Bonaventure's.

**HAPPY HALF-TERM** to all involved in education!

**THANK YOU** Fr. Tom wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and kindnesses shown to him following the death of his dad, and to those who joined him as he celebrated his dad's month's mind. He is really grateful for the warm welcome that was shown to his stepmother on her recent visit.

**BANK HOLIDAY** Monday's Mass at Our Lady's will be at 10am.

**FIRST FRIDAY** The next early morning Mass for the First Friday of the month will be this week on 1st June at St. Bonaventure's at 6.30am followed by breakfast in the hall. A great half-term activity for those on holiday and a time of inspiration for those busy revising! All welcome.

**BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE TASTER COURSE.** Shell Roca who is Director of the Diocesan Deaf Service is offering a six-week course at Our Lady's in the autumn. There will be Deaf awareness, tips for communicating with the Deaf and hard of hearing, finger-spelling, basic sign language, i.e. every day greetings, Liturgical sign language, Hail Mary, Our Father and the Mass responses. The dates are on Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.00pm (in the sacristy): 3rd, 10th & 17th October and 7th, 14th & 21st November. The cost of the course will be £30 to cover the materials etc. Shell needs at least 12 people to make it viable. If you are interested please let Fr. Norbert know by the end of June.

**EXAMINATIONS** Many of you are taking examinations at this time. Be assured that you will be remembered in prayer at Mass. May God's Spirit guide you and help you to do your very best!

**TRANSPORT TO MASS SERVICE** Several parishioners are now being given regular lifts to the Mass of their choice by our volunteer drivers. If you know of anybody in need of transport or feel you could offer a regular or occasional service as a driver please fill in a yellow or pink form at the back of each church or contact Kay on 01707 335633.

**INTER FAITH EVENTS** **Father Norbert will be the guest speaker** at an inter faith event at the Focolare Centre on Tuesday 12 June, 7 for 7.15pm when he will give an illustrated talk on the significance of Pilgrimage. Also on the following Sunday 17th June The Khayaal Theatre Company will be presenting storytelling entitled 'Tales of Wisdom' at the Focolare Centre at 3pm. Suitable for ages 4 - 94, tickets £5 for adults and £2 for children, available from Valerie Skottowe after Mass or phone 324828 or from Marite Min and other members of the inter faith group.

**SEMINARIAN** Juan Jose Feria Toscano from the Diocese of Huelva in Spain has asked to come to Welwyn Garden City to share in the life of our parishes. He will come at the end of August for a couple of weeks.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Saturday 2nd June 10am at Our Lady's.

Thursday 7th June 10am at St. Bonaventure's.

**OUR LADY SCHOOL** Mrs Catherine Corr, Head of Our Lady School for the last 9 years will be retiring at the end of the academic year. The Governors have appointed Mr Richard Curry who is presently Head of St. Paul's in Wood Green as the new Head. We wish Mrs Corr a wonderful and happy retirement and look forward to welcoming Mr Curry in September.

**SCHOOL VISITS** The Nursery of Our Lady School will be visiting Our Lady's Church on Monday 4th June after morning Mass. Swallow Dell Year 6 classes will come on Monday 18th June in the morning and two classes from Southfield Special School in Hatfield on 18th in the afternoon.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERS NEWS** Reverend Nick Young, Minister at Ludwick Way Methodist Church and Digswell Village Church will be retiring in July. Reverend Dan Foster is moving from Howlands Baptist Church to a new appointment. Captain Bramwell Hayes from the Salvation Army is moving to Kent. Christine Novelli who has been working in the United Reformed Church has a new post in the Isabel Hospice. We wish them every blessing.

**ST ALBANS** Every Friday at St. Albans Abbey-Cathedral a Catholic Mass is celebrated at 12 noon. You are all welcome.

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be on Saturday 23rd June at 12noon at Our Lady's.

**FILIPINO MASS** will be on Saturday 23rd June at 6pm. Our Filipino Community will be singing in Tagalog and English at Mass. Afterwards there will be food and cultural delights in the hall. All welcome.

**AFRICAN MASS** will be on Sunday 8th July at 11.30am. The parishioners of various African countries will lead Mass and have a party afterwards in the hall with food and dance. All welcome.

**LOOKING AHEAD** Pax Travel is arranging for us some pilgrimages: 25th May - 2nd June 2019 Walking the 'Camino' from Opporto to Santiago de Compostella, Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Assisi 25th - 30th May 2020 and the Passion Play in Oberammergau 9th - 11th September 2020. More details will become available in due course.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** Any couples wishing to get married in Welwyn Garden City or elsewhere should speak to Fr. Norbert so that the necessary preparations can be made.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** Our Lady's: Sunday 10th June at 11.30am. St. Bonaventure's Sunday 17th June at 10.30am. Thanksgiving Mass for the children of our three parishes who have made their First Holy Communion this year will be on Sunday 24th June at 3pm in Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall.

**DEMENTIA** Friends of Welwyn Care Homes will be making an appeal for more volunteers at the Masses on 2nd and 3rd June **AND** there will be a Dementia Friends information session at 11.15am on Saturday 2nd June (just after the post 10am Mass coffee) in St Bonaventure's parish room. Come and find out more about dementia and how to make our community more 'dementia friendly'. For more information, contact Anne Horsman 01438840566 or Eveline Guerin 01707894176.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
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**Website for our 3 parishes**  
**www.wgc-catholics.org.uk**

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

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CAFÉ** in Our Lady's Hall every third Thursday of the month 10am - 2pm.

**ZUMBA** for those with physical and learning disabilities in Our Lady's Hall on Wednesdays 11.30am - 12.30pm. The instructor brings in her dog Pickles for 'pet therapy'! Cost £6 which includes refreshments and fruits. Those who need support/carer must bring their own support/carer (who enters free).

**MONTHLY ADORATION** The next 'Restoration' Holy Hour will be on Friday 8th June at 7.45pm in Our Lady's Church. The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

**MASS TIMES**

28 Monday	*10am*	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
29 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
30 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
31 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
01 Friday	6.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Justin
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
02 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

**Corpus Christi**

02 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
03 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



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