

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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Today we celebrate the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. We proclaim our Catholic understanding of the Eucharist as Jesus Christ's Real Presence: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. As with last week's Trinity Sunday, we articulate our Faith firmly and surely; the explanations are manifold and, at the end of the day, this is another Mystery crucial to the life of the Church. What we do at Mass today by celebrating the Eucharist defines our identity as followers of Jesus Christ and puts us in touch with the past, the present and the future as we worship God our Father.

This year's Gospel passage is from the Last Supper in St. Mark. We are rooted firmly in the Last Supper as Passover. Jesus sits with his disciples at table. The intimacy is struck by the couches which furnish the room; they gather as a family of friends with their Teacher - *there is communion!* In the Passover Meal, God is blessed/thanked for all he has done for his people by saving them from Egypt and slavery. By eating the Passover Lamb, the Jewish people are caught up in God's redemptive act - it is as if they are re-living the Event. At the Last Supper, Jesus *is* the Passover who gives his life for many - he interprets all that will ensue. When we celebrate the Mass, we are giving thanks to the Father for the Gift of Christ's Sacrifice for our salvation by dying and rising for us in obedience to the Father. We do this with confidence because our belief is that Christ's intention was that the bread and wine should become his Body and Blood. We are taken back in time to the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. We look forward in anticipation to the Day when Christ will return in glory to take us to be with him in the Kingdom of God forever. He nourishes us with his Life *here and now!*

In September the Bishops of England and Wales have called for a Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. It will give the Church in this country time to reflect on the Gift left to us by Christ. The dynamism of the Eucharist is vital to the celebration as our lives are united with the self-sacrifice of Christ. Grace and salvation are poured out upon us, preparing us for eternity! When we pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance - Exposition - we are given a snapshot of Divine Love, atoning for our sins; we can truly rest in his Presence and enjoy Communion with the One who has sacrificed himself for the salvation of the world. There is still so much more to say...! Why not come on Friday to the 'Restoration Holy Hour' at 7.45pm? Let Christ himself speak to you! Have a good week. ***Fr. Norbert***

**MONDAY 11TH JUNE** Fr. Norbert will celebrate 30 years of Priesthood on this day. Please pray for him! If you are free in the morning, come to 9.30 Mass at Our Lady's and join him for cake and coffee afterwards.

**BRIAN HALL RIP** Brian's Funeral Mass took place yesterday (Saturday 2nd) at St. Bonaventure's.

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

**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.

**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.

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL** will be meeting next on Wednesday 27th June at 7.30pm. If you would like any matters raised, please let Fr. Norbert know.

**HOLY DAY** This month we will be having a Holy Day of Obligation on Friday 29th June - the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. Masses will be at 9.30am (please note at Holy Family Church), 12 noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's.

**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.

**The CAFOD** group will be holding a cake sale after the 9.30 am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. All donations will be most gratefully received.

**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 12 noon at Our Lady's. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) here in our town is organising the celebration. In this Sacrament the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick or infirm person and then anoints the forehead and the palms of the hands with the Oil of the Sick. This is such a powerful Sacrament, giving strength, peace and healing! When celebrated in the midst of the community at Mass it affords us all the opportunity to support the sick by our loving, prayerful presence. Afterwards there will be a get-together in the hall with refreshments. All are welcome.

**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.

**CAMINO** from Opporto to Santiago de Compostella Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June 2019. Brochures should be arriving any day now together with booking forms, they will be at the back of our churches. If you would like one emailed to you, please contact Fr. Norbert on [welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk)

**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.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
Bookings should be made with Phil  
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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).

**UNWANTED GIFTS** The CAFOD group at Holy Family would be grateful for any unwanted presents you may have (no CD's or videos) for their table sale. You may leave them in the church or the parish office at St. Bonaventure's.

### **MASS TIMES**

04 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
05 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Boniface
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
06 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Norbert
07 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
08 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Sacred Heart of Jesus
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
09 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Immaculate Heart of Mary

### **Tenth Sunday of the Year**

09 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
10 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 **Chaplaincy Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333** via text message: **07876 526935** email: **chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net**