

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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‘Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs...’ Thus we read at the start of our Gospel passage today from St. Mark. How would you have felt if you were one of them? What a tall order from the Lord to carry out such amazing works! Perhaps a feeling of inadequacy? Jesus expects his Twelve to trust him completely and rely on very little of their own. Would your faith have been as strong? We are now going to enter the school holiday season. Do you think of yourself as commissioned to do something in the holidays?

This year there will be three very important events in the life of the national and international Church. At the end of August, there will be the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. I plan to meet up with relations and friends who live in Dublin and so will have an opportunity to attend some of the sessions including input from our own Cardinal, Vincent Nichols. We will have prayer cards and reflection booklets for you. Please take one and pray for yourselves as individuals, as families and as community. May each day of the holidays be sanctified by this extra prayer and lead to a time of blessing in Dublin as people from all over the world gather.

In early September, the Bishops of England and Wales have called for a Eucharistic Congress which will take place in Liverpool. 12 of us from Welwyn Garden City (including Fr. Tom and myself) will join delegates from England and Wales. A strengthening of love for the Eucharist and the outreach which flows from the Mass will be hallmarks of the time spent in Liverpool. Hopefully the fruits will be felt for years to come.

Finally, in October, Pope Francis has called for a Synod of Bishops gathered in Rome to discuss Young People and Vocational Discernment. This is paramount for the Church as we respond to fewer answering the call to serve as priests. Also, young people and young adults have many questions and needs. We must find ways in our Garden City of responding to them.

So, this is the challenge of summer 2018! Pray for the World Meeting of Families, intensify your love of the Eucharist and ponder the yearnings of the young as they search for a way of heeding God’s call to them. God bless you and refresh you. ***Fr. Norbert***

**CATHERINE CORR** Mrs Catherine Corr, Headteacher of Our Lady School for the last nine years will be retiring at the end of the school year. We are very grateful for all she has done to serve our children and their families; together with staff and governors, she has enriched the life of our community. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Mrs Corr's service on Tuesday 17th July at 5pm in Our Lady's Church. All are welcome.

**MICHAEL MAHER RIP** Michael's Funeral Service will be on Thursday 19th July at 4pm at Hoddesdon Crematorium (Hertford Road EN11 9BN)

**JOE LAGGAN RIP** Joe's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 20th July at 1.30pm. His body will be received into the church on Thursday at 4.30pm.

**PAT McCULLAGH RIP** No details are yet available for her Funeral.

**AVIGNON** Some places have become available on the Pilgrimage to Avignon (Sunday 23rd - Friday 28th September). If you are interested, please contact Pax Travel directly on 020 7485 3003.

**BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE TASTER COURSE** There are just one or two places left, after which there will be a waiting list.

**HCPT 2019** Each year Group 183 takes children with additional needs on a life changing pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, but this can only happen with the help of volunteers. The Group is now 5 years old and has been extremely fortunate to have been welcomed into the WGC parishes with open arms. In order for us to continue with this great work we desperately need more helpers to join the group. We travel at Easter for a week, helpers will need to be able to attend training and safeguarding before the trip, as well as time getting to know their child before travel. They will also have to be able to pay for their own travel. If this is something you feel you may be able to do, please contact Emma at [group183@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group183@hcpt.org.uk) or phone on 07740858313.

**ME AND MY MUSIC** Kay Mason, one of our parishioners, will be interviewed by Reverend Rob Marshall at St. John's Church, Digswell (off Knightsfield) on Wednesday 25th July at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments and good wine. A donation of £8 is asked. Kay will speak about 'Donate a Kidney to a Stranger'. To book a place contact 07766952113 or email [stjohndigswell@gmail.com](mailto:stjohndigswell@gmail.com)

**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.

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

**SHARE THE JOURNEY** - a campaign to raise awareness to the plight of refugees, by walking some miles bearing in mind their hazardous journeys. CAFOD's initial goal 24,000 miles, the distance around the world, has now been reached. There is a chance to add to that total, by joining the local parishioners in a 5 mile circular countryside walk starting at 13.45hrs from the Orange Tree Pub, Hitchin SG4 9DR on Monday 23rd July. Contact [<ann.milner@cafod.org.uk>](mailto:ann.milner@cafod.org.uk)

**FIRST FRIDAY** The next early morning Mass at 6.30 will be at St. Bonaventure's on 3rd August. Then 14th September due to the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool.

**RESTORATION HOLY HOUR** will take place at 7.45pm in Our Lady's Church on Friday 10th August and then on Friday 14th September.. The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

**ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL** Next weekend Sr. Natalia will speak at the end of each Mass on behalf of the Comboni Sisters. I am sure you will make her very welcome and will be generous in your response to this appeal. There will be a retiring collection.

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER** The final newsletter before the summer will be the weekend of 21st/22nd July. The next edition will be the weekend 1st/2nd September. So if you have any information to publicise about summer events, please send them to Kathryn Hubbard by the morning of Friday 20th July.

**STRAWBERRY TEA** in Sandy's garden 401 Knightsfield on Sunday 29th July from 3pm. Diabetics and Gluten -Free catered for. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. Donations welcome.

**FLOWER GROUP** At St. Bonaventure's our group has dwindled down to 4 regular people so if you feel you would like to join the group or would like to know what is involved then please contact the office or Monica on 01438714923. No experience is necessary.

**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.

**POLISH-ENGLISH MASS** has been set for Saturday 22nd September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

**CAMINO** from Opporto to Santiago de Compostella Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June 2019. Brochures with booking forms are 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)

In 2020 there will be an Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Assisi 25th - 30th May and the Passion Play in Oberammergau 9th - 11th September.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** Cardinal Vincent is leading the diocesan pilgrimage on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. A coach will be going from the deanery picking up from Holy Family, The cost for the day is £17.50 per person. See the poster at the back of church for full details. See Fr Tom to book a place on the coach (or call him on 01707 327434 or email [tommontgomery@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tommontgomery@rcdow.org.uk) )

**DEMENTIA FRIENDS** information session to held in Our Lady's Parish centre on Thursday 19th July at 8pm for one hour. See notice at back of the Church or contact Anne Keller on 07941321801 for further details. This is an opportunity to learn more about dementia and is open to anyone who is interested.

**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).

**FOOD BANK** New Zion Christian Fellowship which runs the Food Bank on Cole Green Lane every Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00am is very grateful for all the donations made. Please ensure that tins and packets of food are in date and that egg cartons are for six eggs only. Donations of unused toiletries would also be most welcome. There are baskets at the back of each of our churches for this purpose.

**A THANK YOU FROM SYLWIA** I would like to thank all of you who came to the fundraising event "Tastes and colours of Syria" (approx 90 people) and to all who have supported me by donating money for the Focolare community in Syria and also to all who have promised their prayers. Thank you once more and see you at the next Syrian event after my return.

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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.**

**FR. MARK CONNOLLY CSSp** (Holy Ghost/Spiritan Fathers) who was the first priestly vocation from Welwyn Garden City, will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee (50 years!) of Priesthood on Friday 21st September at 7pm at Our Lady's where he was ordained priest. Please keep the date free and watch this space!

**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.

**CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** This Tuesday is our last meeting for the term. Bring some food to share.

**GARDENER AVAILABLE** to maintain the beauty of your garden. Lawn cutting, edging, hedge cutting, pruning shrubs and roses and weeding. Call Daniel on 07751992492.

### MASS TIMES

16 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
18 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
19 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
20 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
21 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	1pm	Nuptial Mass	St. Bonaventure	
<b>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year</b>				
21 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
22 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**