

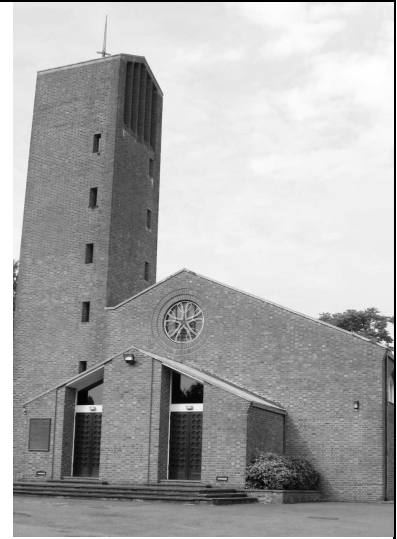
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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‘Jesus let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him.’ These powerful words conclude our Gospel passage today from St. John. Jesus is present at a wedding at Cana in Galilee. His Mother notices the wine has run out and asks her Son to do something about it. Water is transformed into wine - the very best! The disciples discern what has really happened and who is the source of help and blessing at the wedding.

If you had been present what would have stood out for you? As you came to the end of the celebrations what would you have told someone else about the occasion? The Evangelist does not recount what the bride wore or the bride’s mother’s outfit! We do not hear about how many courses there were but only that the wine ran out. The steward realises that he is now tasting the very best and that it is there in abundance for everyone to partake and he applauds the bridegroom for his supposed decision to save the best until last. However, St. John wants us, his readers, to know that the glory of God shines out through Jesus and that his disciples have faith in him - they enter into a deep, life-giving, transforming relationship which results in their whole direction in life being focused on him.

What about you? Today in coming to Mass you must have wondered about the snow and ice and the ease with which you would get to church. You are probably thinking about the journey home. But what of your encounter with Christ in this Holy Place? What is happening which reveals his continuing glory to you? How is your faith being strengthened? St. John wants us to see - really to see! Look...reflect...open your heart to him who is the source of all life and love - Jesus Christ! Let us ask him to open us up to a fresh experience of faith which rejuvenates us and through us reveals his glory to others.

May God bless your week! ***Fr. Norbert***

YEAR OF FAITH This week the San Damiano Cross will be with Barbara Martin (1 Old Forge Close near the viaduct, Bessemer Road AL6 0SR). She invites parishioners to join her in prayer on Tuesday 22nd January at 2pm.

CONFIRMATION Our young people who started their preparation last week will be presented at morning Masses today. Please pray for them as they take this important step in their lives.

RCIA continues on Monday 21st January at 7.30pm in Our Lady's sacristy.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS from our three churches have their next meeting in Our Lady's Church this Wednesday at 7.30pm.

LOURDES 2013 Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of our churches. Deposits and completed forms should be returned to Pax Travel.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet again this Tuesday, 3.45pm - 4.45pm, all welcome to come along and meet other parish children and learn more about our faith in a fun way. Next week (29th) we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and will make Christingles and have a short service.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS Due to the icy weather the flower class didn't take place last week but it will resume this Tuesday. To book a place or for more information contact Connor on 07791226819 - if weather is still bad it would be a good idea to phone Connor. New members welcome.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP Fasting, Food and Drink - a question and answer session on sustenance as part of the Faiths' Ritual at the Jim Macdonald Centre, Macdonald Court, Off High View, Hatfield on Wednesday 6th February 7.30pm for 7.45pm.

HCPT group 183 is in great need of nurse or doctor to join their group for this Easter trip taking children with disabilities away to Lourdes on pilgrimage if you are interested or know any one who might be able to come please contact Emma Moore on 07740858313.

EXTRA MASS on Saturday 26th at 12.30pm at Our Lady's. Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass to conclude a Diocesan Financial Conference taking place in Our Lady's Hall. Everyone is welcome at Mass which should last 40 minutes.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES There will be Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 9th February at 2pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All welcome.

MASS to mark Fr. Norbert's Mother's first anniversary of death will be celebrated in Our Lady's on Saturday 9th February at 6pm. You are most welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY this year falls on 13th February!

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MATRIMONY at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 18th May at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. If you are celebrating this year your 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary, please give your details to Fr. Norbert (names, wedding date, full postal address, email/phone number). These will be sent to Archbishop's House and formal invitations be sent to the couples.

HAMPER RAFFLE The winners of the raffle to raise money for next years Christmas Hamper Appeal are: **First Prize** : Ticket Number 278 (Please collect your hamper from the back of the church) **Second Prize**: Mary Kelly. Many thanks to all who gave donations and bought tickets.

ZUMBA WITH LISA I'm Lisa a local parishioner, I instruct Zumba classes every Thursday 6:30-7:30pm at Our Lady's Church Hall. Zumba is a Latin inspired, calorie burning, easy to follow, fun dance fitness class. Join me for your first class half price at only £2.50; you'll receive a loyalty card to work your way towards a free class. For further details please call 07896916514 or email: dancewithlisa@hotmail.co.uk.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Due to the inclement weather, the decision has been taken to cancel Sunday afternoon's joint service at Our Lady's. Hopefully the weather will improve as the week unfolds and the services should resume as follows:

Monday 21st 8am Space, Church Road AL8 6PW

Tuesday 22nd 1pm Howlands Baptist Church, The Commons AL7 4RS

Wednesday 23rd 1pm St. Mary Magdalene, Hollybush Lane AL7 4JS

Thursday 24th 1pm St. Francis, Parkway AL8 6HH

Friday 25th 1pm Free Church, Church Road AL8 6PS

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY will be marked in WGC on Monday 28th January with a commemoration at 11am at the Holocaust Memorial on Parkway (just along from St. Francis' Church).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY on Saturday 2nd February in Our Lady's Hall 10.30am - 5pm followed by a Blessing of Engaged Couples at 6pm Mass. Any couples planning to get married this year (or next) should contact Fr. Norbert with their details. Even if the wedding is in another part of the country or abroad the Church papers should be completed in the parish of residence i.e. here in Welwyn Garden City if this is where you worship at Mass.

FUNERALS

Anna Ratcliffe's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Monday 21st January at 11am.

Helen Reynolds' Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Tuesday 29th January at 10.30am.

Jean Beck's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Friday 8th February at 12noon.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

EDUCATION SUNDAY on 27th January will be celebrated by Holy Family School at the 9.30am Mass in Holy Family Church and by Our Lady School at the 11.30am Mass in Our Lady's Church. Education Sunday gives us all the opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of Education in general and specifically for our two parish Primary Schools. We look forward to welcoming staff and governors as well as children and their parents

THE WELWYN GARDENER Garden in need of some New Year Cheer? Then call 07860861863 for all types of Garden Maintenance and a competitive, no obligation quote.

NEED A CLEANER TO HELP WITH YOUR HOUSEWORK? Contact Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980887231 Regular or weekly cleans/one off/ fortnightly or monthly or ironing.

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

MASS TIMES

21 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Agnes
	11am	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass
22 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
23 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
24 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Francis de Sales
25 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Conversion of St. Paul
	7pm	Our Lady's	
26 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	SS Timothy and Titus
	12.30pm	Our Lady's	

Third Sunday of the Year

26 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
27 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Our Lady's
	6pm	Holy Family

*Lord,
 Let me see your face,
 Know your heart and
 experience your love in my life.
 Strengthen in me
 the precious gift of faith.
 I believe Lord;
 Help my unbelief.
 Amen.*

CHAPLAINS TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplains:
 Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle, on 07884187463