

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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***The Most Holy Trinity 26th May 2013 (page 81)***

Last Wednesday I had the great fortune of going to Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party. I was not really sure what to expect but in the end it turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. I set off with a friend who was ordained two weeks after me. We queued at the gates of the Palace and finally entered the grand building and walked into the gardens. My cousin's next-door neighbour came running up to me. I had to get her to remind me who she was! I then bumped into parishioners of St. Bonaventure's, followed by one of the local councillors. As we waited for the Queen to walk by, the man behind me said he knew the rabbi of the synagogue in the Garden City. I also spotted a group of Salvation Army people a distance away and asked where they were from. On being told 'Elephant and Castle', I proceeded to inform them that their 'Top Man' in the whole country was coming to one of my churches in Welwyn Garden City, to which the riposte was 'I AM the Top Man!' I later found out that he is the Territorial Commander coming to Our Lady's for a service on 2nd June. The Queen walked by just a couple of yards from where I was standing; later I saw the Duke of Edinburgh and also the Duchess of Cambridge (Kate Middleton). My friend and I had a chance to wander through the gardens, to eat cucumber sandwiches and sip cups of tea. What a tremendous experience!

Sadly, while we were in the grounds of the Palace, terror was at work in Woolwich. It is unbelievable to think what was going on not far away. Let us pray for the soldier murdered and for his grieving family. Let us offer our prayers for those who feel very insecure because of the atrocity and for the healing of minds which have been radicalised.

May God the Father give us peace. May Jesus Christ the Son of God bring reconciliation. May the Holy Spirit guide us forward away from the darkness of recent events.

May God bless us. ***Fr. Norbert***

**SAN DAMIANO CROSS** will be with the Pereira family this week. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Thursday 30th May at 3pm at 114 Birch Court, Howlands (near QEII) AL7 4JQ. If any other parishioners would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses of St. Francis, please let Fr. Norbert know.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** will be celebrated next Sunday in this country and so this Thursday is NOT a Holy Day.

**HOLY HOUR** on Saturday 1st June 4.30-5.30pm in Our Lady's to mark the feast of Corpus Christi. This is an opportunity to be united with Pope Francis in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**CATHOLICISM COURSE** The next session will be on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room when we will reflect on St. Peter and St. Paul and their missionary endeavours. The evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. You would be most welcome.

**JOHN MURPHY RIP** The Funeral Mass for John (of Boundary Lane) will be on Wednesday 29th May at 11am at Our Lady's.

**JAN ZABINSKI RIP** The Funeral Mass for Jan Zabinski is on Tuesday 4th June at 9.30am in St. Bonaventure's. Jan's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Monday 3rd June.

**THE HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP** are running a Charity Car Park at Oaklands College on Saturday 1st June to raise funds for CAFOD. If you are using your car to visit the town on that date please visit us first as we offer the cheapest parking charge in the town centre. Cars will be charged at £1 per visit. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continuous support.

**HERTS NEWMAN CIRCLE:** Sunday June 2nd at 8pm. Edward Echlin, a Catholic environmentalist and author will give a talk on "The New Evangelisation and the earth" in the Parish Hall, Marychurch, Old Hatfield AL9 5JD.

**ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF** – Saturday, 8th June CAFOD invites you to join together with others in prayer and witness in central London on Saturday, 8 June, calling on G8 leaders to make global hunger a priority when they meet in mid-June. The day will start at 11.30am with an ecumenical service in Westminster Methodist Central Hall where Archbishop Vincent Nichols will speak. There will then be a Walk of Witness at 1pm to Hyde Park for a rally at 2pm calling on the G8 to tackle world hunger. For more information, visit [www.cafod.org.uk/g8rally](http://www.cafod.org.uk/g8rally) or call 0208 449 6970.

**PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY** On 23rd June CAFOD is holding its annual cycle-ride, in the Lea Valley Country Park with a choice of a 10 mile or an 18 mile ride. John Fogarty is going and is cycling from Welwyn Garden City (and back 50 miles). He would be grateful if you would sponsor him by going to [www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty1](http://www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty1), or send a cheque (made payable to CAFOD) to 23 Duncan Close, WGC AL7 3XP.

John needs accommodation for two Lancastrian fund-raisers, for one night. If you are able to help, please get in touch with John (tel: 01707 327771 or e-mail [john.fogarty@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.fogarty@ntlworld.com)). Finally, if any other parishioners want to do the Pedal Against Poverty, please get in touch with John Fogarty (contact details above).

**MUSIC PRACTICE** for Fr. Norbert's Jubilee Mass (15th June) will be on Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church. All musicians and singers of our three parishes are most welcome to come and take part.

**DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE** Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am. We will be hiring a coach. Please keep him in your prayers as the Big Day approaches.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** Our Lady's this Sunday 11.30am, St. Bonaventure's 9th June at 10.30am. There will be light refreshments after this Mass.

**OUR LADY SCHOOL** Our Lady Catholic School will be marking its 60th anniversary on Monday 24th June with a very special Mass celebrated by Bishop John. We are very keen to have as many past pupils, staff and governors attend and would very much like to extend an invitation, in particular to those who joined the school between 1953 and 1978. The school are also planning to exhibit photographs and memorabilia from the last six decades. Please could you contact the school office for further information - Tel: 01707 324408.

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH** The cleaning of Our Lady's Church and the maintenance of the grounds will take place next Saturday 1st June at 9am (earlier than usual because the rehearsal for First Communion children is at 10am) All are welcome to help with this essential work. Refreshments will be available.

**OUR LADY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** This will take place next Saturday 1st June at 10am at Our Lady's Church in preparation for the Mass on Sunday 2nd June at 11.30am.

**EDGWARE** If any parishioners would like to travel by coach to St. Anthony's, Edgware for Fr. Norbert's Silver Jubilee Mass at 12noon on Tuesday 11th June, please let Kathryn Hubbard know on 01707 322579. Accordingly a coach will be booked.

**SALVATION ARMY** Territorial Commander (the person in charge in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland) will be visiting our area on 2nd June. With Bishop John's permission, there will be a Service of Praise in Our Lady's at 4pm on that Sunday. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE:** The fayre is being held on Saturday June 8 from 12-3pm and your support would be much appreciated to make it a fun event for all. £2 per family admission. Attractions include a kite festival, bottle tombola, Welwyn Garden City Brass Band, and a BBQ. Please buy raffle tickets at the back of the church (first prize is a flight for 3 people at Panshanger aerodrome) at £1 per ticket, and any donations of homemade cakes would be welcome the day before the fayre.

**MEMORIAL LECTURE** H.E. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will be giving a memorial lecture entitled "The Ecumenical Legacy of the Second Vatican Council " to mark the fifth anniversary of Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement. Saturday 6 July 2013, 3.00 pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, WGC, AL8 6JG. The lecture will be followed by a reception. RSVP: email: cfu@focolare.org.uk or tel. 01707 323620.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TOILETS** Because of plumbing problems parents/carers are asked to accompany young children if they need to go to the toilet during Mass.

**INTER FAITH MATTERS** Beginnings, How our Faiths came to be..... a panel of five will explain the origins of their faith, Reverend Jeffrey Downie has offered to chair it. Place: Jim McDonald Centre, Hatfield on Wed 12th June 7.30 for 7 45pm. Further information 01707 880941

**AFRICAN MASS** Next planning meeting in Our Lady's sacristy on Friday 21st June at 7.45pm.

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### OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

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

### MASS TIMES

27 Monday	<u>10am</u>	Our Lady's	feria
28 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
29 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
	11am	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's
30 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
31 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
01 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	St. Bede



### Corpus Christi

<b>01 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady's
<b>02 Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family
	<b>10.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b>11.30am</b>	Our Lady's
	<b>6pm</b>	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.*

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