

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes    Assistant Priest: Fr. Michael Mannion*  
*Deacon: Rev. Jeffrey Downie    Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

***Twelfth Sunday of the Year 23rd June 2013 (page 100)***

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for the wonderful way you have helped me to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood. All the planning and preparation and sheer hard work - both for the Mass and for the Reception - bore much fruit in days filled with joy, laughter and thanksgiving. When I was ordained priest, I had no idea where I would be in 25 years' time! I am so grateful to God that I am here in your midst and thank him for all he has blessed me with: my family, my friends, parishioners and life's experiences. I have received so many cards and good wishes; prayers and Masses have been offered up for me; gifts of all sorts have come my way. I am really grateful for the engraved, silver tray from the three parishes of Welwyn Garden City - and the very generous cheque. All of you in a variety of ways have brought me great happiness and a feeling of contentment at this significant moment in my life.

I hope that in the last few days you have had a chance to rest! We are now getting ready for Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 29th June. He needs our prayers as he makes his retreat. Then on the Sunday he will celebrate his First Mass as Priest. It would be lovely if as many of you as possible were able to come and support him at the First Mass and afterwards in the Hall. In years to come, I trust that Jeffrey will look back on his time in the Garden City - with all that he has learned from us and contributed to our lives - and acknowledge the love of a Christian Community, rooted in faith and ready to celebrate well! We are the ones, through God's grace, who are propelling him into his future ministry with prayerful love.

So many people who have visited us this week have commented to me on the warmth of the parishioners of Welwyn Garden City. I feel so proud to be your Parish Priest. Even though my Jubilee has happened, don't stop praying for me!

May God bless you and your loved ones always. ***Fr. Norbert***

**ST PETER AND ST PAUL** This feast will be celebrated Saturday evening and Sunday as happens when a Holy Day falls on a Saturday.

**DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE** will be ordained next Saturday 29th June at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral. For those who are going on the coach you need to meet at Our Lady's Church by **8.25am** so that the coach can leave promptly at 8.30am. The coach will pick you up from the Cathedral at 1pm (giving you time for a drink, etc.). If you didn't put your name on the list there is still room for a few more people (we have two coaches) - you must phone the parish office (322579) to add your name. The cost is £8 per person, £4 for children. The money needs to come into the parish office or place in an envelope (marked Coach and your name) and hand in where convenient. No great hurry!

### **Preparation for First Mass**

Jeffrey's First Mass will be on Sunday 30th June at 12noon at Our Lady's. Everyone is welcome.

The Hall will be prepared at 9am. Music is always gratefully received for moving tables and chairs.

Food will take the form of 'bring and share' and will need to be dropped off in the Hall 11-11.45am. Lots of help will be needed with serving drinks and food.

Altar servers are asked to sign names on list in the sacristy of the church and to arrive at 11.30am with albs, cinctures and medals.

Musicians and singers' practice at 11.15am on Sunday 30th in Our Lady's.

**First Blessing:** After a new priest's First Mass there is the tradition of the priest giving his First Blessing. So, after the 12noon Mass Jeffrey will come back to the Sanctuary to bless people. This does take a while but is a very special moment. Sometimes it is very appropriate for the blessing to be given to a couple or a family in one go. There will also be a Presentation at 2.45pm in the Hall; please use one of the special envelopes or if we run out use a plain envelope (at back of church) and write '*Jeffrey donation*' on it.

**CAFOD 'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink'.** Come and hear about CAFOD's work in partnership with the local Church in Zambia and Zimbabwe from Bishop John Sherrington and CAFOD worker Noreen Lockhart. The speakers will reflect on their recent visit where they met with people from some of the world's poorest and most remote communities and saw first hand the impact of CAFOD's work in HIV/AIDS and Water and Sanitation projects. Wednesday, 26th June at 7.30pm Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6JG.

**THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** We are collecting donations for our forthcoming fete. If you have any crockery, books, bric a brac, drinks, confectionary or unwanted gifts, please bring them along to either St Bonaventure's hall (10.30am Mass) or Holy Family's hall (9.30am Mass) on Sunday 30th June. We will be there for one hour after each Mass to pick up and receive donations. Thank you for your support. Why not come along to The John Henry Newman's Summer Fete and join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Fun for all the family with many activities including: BMX display, Zorbs, Pony rides, BBQ, Go Karts, Tombola, Bouncy Castle and many more. Sunday 7 July, 12-4pm, The John Henry Newman Catholic School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage, SG1 4AE. Free Parking.

**CROSS OF SAN DAMIANO** will be with Michal and Ana Siewniak and their family (588 Howlands AL7 4ET). They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Wednesday 26th June at 6pm. If any parishioners would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses in this Year of Faith, please let Fr. Norbert know.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Our Lady School on its 60th Anniversary. May God continue to bless the children and parents, staff and governors. We give thanks to God for these many years and all the people associated with the School. We look forward to the next 60!

**CATHOLICISM COURSE** The next session will be on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room when we will reflect on the Eucharist and Sacraments. The evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. All welcome.

**COLLEEN ROBBINS RIP** Colleen's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 28th June at 10am

*We offer our sympathy to her family and friends.*

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** on Saturday 6th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's organised by the SVP. Followed by refreshments and a party in the hall. All welcome. If you need a lift please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

**PRIEST'S REFERENCE FOR SCHOOL** Fr. Norbert would like to meet with all parents who will need a Priest's Reference in the coming year. Obviously, the first group will be those applying for Secondary School. However, parents who will need a Priest's Reference for Reception and for Nursery are advised to come. The meeting will be in Holy Family Church on Sunday 14th July at 7pm and will probably last an hour and a half. It is really important for parents to attend. Fr. Norbert will give advice about the process involved and try to answer questions. Children do not need to come. Please let others know.

**PLEASE SPONSOR US** Marion Brogan and Mary Kelly have run 5km to raise funds for Crohn's and Colitis UK. Sponsor them if you can, forms are at the back of church.

**JOHN FOGARTY WRITES:** This weekend, I will be doing the **Pedal Against Poverty**, which is a CAFOD fund-raising event, in the Lea Valley Country Park, and I will be doing the longer ride of 18 miles, rather than the shorter option. I would be grateful for any sponsorship that I can get and I would to thank those parishioners who have donated, already. If you would like to sponsor me, please visit my webpage ([www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty1](http://www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty1)), or send a cheque to 23 Duncan Close, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 3XP and make the cheque payable to **CAFOD**.

**HOLY FAMILY YEAR 3** will be walking the Town Trail this Wednesday, stopping off at St. Bonaventure's for their lunch, a look at the Church and a play in the garden.

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH** 'Starting in the Faith' How and why you became a member of your Faith. Park Lounge, Campus West on Thursday 11th July, 7.30 for 7.45pm. See poster at back of church.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mass in St. Bonavneture's next Saturday is at 9am and there will be no Confessions.

**LORETO SCHOOL REUNION** Saturday 29th June 2.30 - 5.30pm, Afternoon Tea (£5) is served at 3.30pm. Past Loreto pupils come and see how the school has changed.  
**IRISH DANCING** Classes every Saturday from 10am at Hornsmill Community Centre 115c Cecil Road, Hertford. Phone 07817 411553 for information.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**

Bookings should be made with Phil (Philomena) Johnson 01707 377442 or 07790 135458  
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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**

24 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
26 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
27 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. John Southworth
28 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Irenaeus
	10am	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass
	7pm	Our Lady's	
	7.30pm	St. Bonaventure	Latin Mass Society
29 Saturday	<u>9am</u>	St. Bonaventure	feria

**SS Peter and Paul**

<b>29 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady's
<b>30 Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family
	<b>10.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b><u>12noon</u></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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