

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Last Wednesday I led a retreat day for the deaf community on a barge! We set off from Harlow, got stuck in a lock, managed to get unstuck and then proceeded to have Mass as we sailed along at three miles per hour. After a stop for a picnic lunch, the skipper turned us around and we made our way back to Harlow. It was such an amazing experience. Firstly, to see the beauty of creation with the trees forming a canopy over the river in places and the swans and ducks with their young darting out of the way. I watched the deaf as they sat at the front of the boat soaking in the sun and taking delight in what they could see. We worked well together with the crew, opening/closing the locks (except the faulty one!) and filling/emptying the locks. Mass took us to the Sea of Galilee and many present commented on how they could now imagine being with Jesus in a boat on the water. God is so good. God is mighty in his works. God has blessed us with so many gifts.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear from St. Luke about the seventy-two being sent out in pairs to proclaim the Good News; their return is marked by great excitement as they acknowledge that Jesus has worked through them. As we get ready for the summer holidays to begin, let us reflect on the ways that God has worked in our lives. Perhaps things have been complicated for you and you have just about made it with God's help? Maybe you have sailed through with no worries? Are you looking forward to a new period in your life with all that might bring you? Let us place this recent period in God's hands. He has blessed us with 101 events! He has helped us strengthen our bonds of friendship and community. He continues to send us out to share with others the Good News of his Kingdom. He challenges us to give of ourselves totally. May these coming months be a time of refreshment and peace. Thank you for making our parishes the places of warmth and love which they are.

May God be with you wherever you are! ***Fr. Norbert***

SAN DAMIANO CROSS of St. Francis will be with Ramil Lucido and his family this week. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Monday at 5pm at 24 Mountway Close AL7 4JZ. If anyone would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses, please let Fr. Norbert know.

CATHOLICISM COURSE The next session will be on Monday 8th July at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room when we will reflect on Prayer. The evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. All welcome. (The final session on The Last Things will be on Monday 15th July.)

THANK YOU Fr. Norbert would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the celebrations for Fr. Jeffrey's First Mass. It really was a wonderful occasion. Once again the community has come together, welcoming guests and providing a memorable day. The following is from one of Fr. Jeffrey's family friends from Liverpool; it sums up so much of what took place.

"I just wanted to write a few lines to thank you so much for the warm welcome you and all the parishioners gave us on Sunday for Jeffrey's First Mass. I was with Jeffrey's family in the VIP seats in the front row of your lovely Church! What a momentous celebration it was - I will never forget the whole weekend and the warmth and the kindness of everyone at St. Mary's in Chelsea, and more particularly at Our Lady's in Welwyn Garden City. I believe that we Northerners think we do hospitality best! After last weekend I have to say that this Northerner feels this most definitely is not the case!! Thank you once again, Father Norbert, and thanks to all the lovely people we met on Sunday. I feel that our boy [Father Jeffrey] will be very sad to leave you."

FR. JEFFREY WRITES: Just to say a huge thank you to everyone in Welwyn Garden City and the surrounding villages for all of your prayers, support and encouragement over the past ten months. It has been a real privilege to spend this final period of formation for the priesthood with you. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity in accompanying me to the ordination, in celebrating the 'first Mass' with such beauty and joy, and in your many kind words and gifts. My mother, relatives and friends all spoke of the warmth with which they were received - they thought WGC was wonderful! Thank you again to everyone for all you have done and I look forward to seeing you again in the near future. With prayers and good wishes, *Fr Jeffrey*

POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL Some Polish ladies are hoping to set up a Polish Saturday School. There will be an Open Afternoon on Sunday 14th July at 3pm in the Focolare Centre for those who might be interested. See poster at the back of each church for details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014 Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available from this weekend (at the back of church). Forms for Holy Family and Our Lady's will be available in due course. Children must be born before 1st September 2006 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2013) to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2014.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S GROUP This group will be meeting again at SPACE on 9 July, 12.30 - 2pm. Usual arrangements, bring lunch, tea and coffee available.

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.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP STRAWBERRY TEA The Holy Family CAFOD Group is holding a Strawberry Tea in Sandy Leys garden at 401 Knightsfield WGC on Sunday 21st July at 3pm. There will be no charge for the event but donation boxes will be available for contributions. Please do come along and give us your support.

A MINIBUS OUTING to Stockwood Discovery Centre has been arranged for a group of parishioners with limited mobility. This is free and will be on Friday 26th July; if you are interested in going please contact Kay Mason on 01707 335633.

SAVE THE CHILDREN Save the Children are holding a Quiz Night in St Francis Church on Saturday, July 13th at 7.30pm. The cost will be £8 per person including a Ploughman's supper. (teams of 6 to 8). Bring your own drinks and snacks. To reserve tickets ring Lynn on 01707 394234.

AND ANOTHER QUIZ NIGHT! On 20th July from 7.30 to 9.30pm at a cost of £4 with sandwiches provided during the interval. There will also be a raffle. It will be held in the hall of Our Lady's parish centre and to book your table ring 377442 or pop into Pomegranate Cafe Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm.

TALK ABOUT BOLIVIA On Wednesday 17th July (2pm to 3.30pm), CAFOD Westminster will be hosting a talk, at their Oakwood (north London) offices, about Bolivia and it will be given by Nikki Evans, the CAFOD person who specialises in that country. John Fogarty will be going along and, if anyone would like a lift, please let him know (01707 327771). Also, on Saturday 19th October, the diocese Justice and Peace Commission will be holding its Annual Day, at Regents Hall, Oxford Street, London.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday July 14th at 9.30am and all are welcome to take part. There will be a practice this Sunday (July 7) after 9.30am Mass for all those children wishing to read or sing. There will also be a band practice at this time.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet as usual this Tuesday in St. Bonaventure's hall at 3.45pm. For these last weeks of term we are thinking about the words 'Thank you'.

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.

HELP REQUIRED WITH CLEANING Disabled lady needs a cleaner 2 hours a week (Tues or Weds only) please ring Angela on 07796793660.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH : Thanks to all who came to clean the church and maintain the grounds on Saturday morning. Your help is much appreciated.

TOMMY MANSFIELD 400 CLUB : The collection for June will take place after the Masses at Our Lady's this weekend at the back of the church. Numbers are available for just £1.

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

MASS TIMES

08 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
09 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
10 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
11 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Benedict
12 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
13 Saturday	10.30am	Our Lady's	feria



		Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	
13 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	
14 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