

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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***Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year 29th September 2013 (page 143)***

God of abundance, all good things come from you.  
The world, full of life, reflects your glory and sings your praise.  
You call us all to share fairly the bounty of your creation,  
and the gifts you give us.  
But so many people in this world of plenty do not have enough to eat.  
And so we ask you, God of all, to create in us  
a desire to make all things new,  
So that through your goodness all those in need may eat and be satisfied.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
*This is the prayer given us by CAFOD to use on the Fast Day this Friday.*

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus puts us on the spot as he challenges us with another parable. A rich man closes his eyes to the misfortune of poor Lazarus and separates himself from the wonder of God in heaven. The stark warning at the end of the passage is that we should heed the words of the prophets - and of Jesus himself - and live in the hope of heaven with our hearts open to the needs of the poor and downtrodden on our earthly journey.

It is so easy to get caught up in our own lives and only focus on what we have to do, what brings us happiness, our worries and forget that there are others less fortunate than ourselves. We have to think about those far away who experience injustice and who long even for a morsel of what we have. There are those on our doorstep who are deprived and would benefit from a share of what is ours - no matter how small that might be.

On Friday we are asked to make a sacrifice - a real sacrifice for the sake of our brothers and sisters in need. Let us be like St. Francis whose feast is that day and give with a generous, cheerful heart, knowing we can make a difference. God bless you. ***Fr. Norbert***

**FR. VINCENT MALONE** This week we welcome Fr. Vincent to Welwyn Garden City to serve as our Assistant Priest. He has spent three years in New Southgate and we hope his ministry here will bring him much joy and enrich us too! He has moved his belongings into Holy Family's Presbytery and he can be contacted on 01707 327434 and [welwyngdncitydigs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:welwyngdncitydigs@rcdow.org.uk)

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** Friday 4th October. It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries to get enough nutritious food to eat. CAFOD Fast Day envelopes will be given out as you leave Mass today and the money you save collected in a retiring collection next weekend. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. Thank you.

There will be a meeting of the Holy Family CAFOD Group on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm in the parish room at Holy Family. Please do come along and join us you will be made welcome.

**YEAR OF FAITH** will conclude with the feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November. As part of our prayer and reflection, the San Damiano Cross of St. Francis has been available for households to 'host' and invite others to join them in prayer. St. Francis made such a difference to the Church of his time and subsequent centuries and so it is fitting to pray with the Cross that spoke to him, asking him to renew the Church.

This week the Cross will be with the Spillane family who live at 132 Boundary Lane, AL7 4DF. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Friday at 7pm (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). If you would like to host the Cross for a week in the these remaining months, please let Fr. Norbert know.

To mark the conclusion of the Year of Faith, there will be a Dinner at the Homestead Court Hotel on Saturday 16th November at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

**FR. MICHAEL'S FAREWELL** will take place on Saturday 23rd November at 6pm followed by a Reception in Our Lady's Hall. This Mass will replace the Children's Mass for the end of the Year of Faith scheduled for 4pm that day. We wish Fr. Michael every blessing as he starts in Wheathampstead.

**RCIA** (The Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in the sacristy of Our Lady's Church. Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who missed out on Confirmation (or First Holy Communion) when you were younger and feel ready now for these Sacraments? Perhaps you are engaged to - or married to - a Catholic and would like to find out more? Maybe you have attended Mass for years and no one ever asked you? Had you ever thought of it before? Are you getting married in the next year or two in a country where a non-confirmed Catholic cannot marry without having been confirmed? Do YOU know someone who is waiting to be invited? There is much to reflect on! In these next few months why not think about it? Perhaps this is the year for you or some you know to take this important step. Let us as a community pray hard that God's Spirit may inspire and guide those who are considering it.

**OUR LADY'S** Cleaning of the church and grounds maintenance will take place next **Saturday 5th October** at the earlier start time of **9.00am** due a wedding taking place at 11am. All are welcome to help with this vital work!

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER** Parents who wish to send their children to a Catholic Secondary School will need a Priest's Reference. Fr. Norbert has scheduled days and times in the coming weeks when parents and their children can come to see him with their forms. Friday 4th October 4 - 6pm at St. Bonaventure's, Tuesday 8th October 4 - 6pm at Our Lady's and Tuesday 15th October 4 - 6pm at Holy Family. Please ring Kathryn Hubbard on 01707 322579 to arrange a ten-minute appointment. You can attend whichever date/venue is most convenient regardless of the church you usually go to. It is essential that the 'Self-Assessment Form' is filled in completely. Please wait in the respective church to be called to see Fr. Norbert. Thank you for your co-operation.

**POST-CONFIRMATION DAY** Bishop John Sherrington has sent this note: 'I write to thank the young people who went to Walsingham on the post-Confirmation Pilgrimage last Saturday. We enjoyed a sunny day with Mass, catechesis and adoration with Benediction. Many pilgrims in Walsingham that day who saw the young people expressed their delight in seeing them there and said how impressed they were by their prayerful participation in all that took place. I would also like to thank catechists and parents who helped to support our young people on the pilgrimage.' Well done to our young people who were a credit to WGC!

**MINIBUS OUTING** A parishioner who went on last Tuesday's trip to the Van Hage Garden Centre has written to express her thanks for the great experience she had from start to finish. Our thanks to Kay Mason and all who made the trip possible.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES 2013** Hatfield Hyde Cemetery on Saturday 2nd November at 11am. Hatfield Lawn (Southway) Cemetery on Sunday 17th November at 2pm. Welwyn Cemetery on Sunday 24th November at 2.30pm.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS** on Sunday 6th October at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a Barn Dance in the Hall. Come and share in the gifts of adults and children with Special Needs and Learning Difficulties and have some fun afterwards as well! For those who have never been to a Barn Dance, no skills are required! You just listen to the caller and respond. We ask people coming to bring desserts to share. The celebration will finish around 2.30/2.45pm.

**EDUCATION MASS** for this Tuesday has been postponed and a new date will be arranged with Bishop John for next half-term. 7pm Mass will take place as usual this coming week.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN** are having their Quiz Night on Saturday, the 5th of October at the Guide Hut, Guessens Road at 7.30pm. The tickets are £8.00 per person, including pizza. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Ring Lynn to reserve on 01707 394234.

**AUTUMN FLOWER WORKSHOP** Tuesdays 1st & 8th October 7pm in St. Bonaventure's hall. After a successful year of classes Connor is running a short Autumn Workshop looking at flower arranging with seasonal flowers. Open to all levels of ability. First session is £6 - to book your place please call 07791226819.

**HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S LITURGY AGM** This will take place on Thursday 3rd October at 7pm in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church. It would be lovely to see everyone there. If you are interested in becoming a Children's liturgy leader please feel to come along to the meeting and find out what it is all about.

**JAM JARS NEEDED** with lids if possible. A basket has been placed under the table at the back of Our Lady's to put them in. The jars will be filled with home-made preserves and sold in aid of the Peace Garden. Thank you.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
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<b>CONFESSIONS Holy Family:</b>	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30 - 11am
Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

**MASS TIMES**

30 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Jerome
01 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
	7pm	Our Lady's	
02 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Guardian Angels
03 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
04 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Francis of Assisi
	7pm	Our Lady's	
05 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

		<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year</b>	<i>Lord, Let me see your face,</i>
<b>05 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady's	<i>Know your heart and</i>
<b>06 Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	St. Bonaventure	<i>experience your love in my life.</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Family	<i>Strengthen in me the precious</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	St. Bonaventure	<i>gift of faith.</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	Our Lady's	<i>I believe Lord;</i>
	<b>6pm</b>	Holy Family	<i>Help my unbelief. Amen.</i>

**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