

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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***Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year 20th October 2013 (page 152)***

## **Today is World Mission Sunday**

**World Mission Sunday is celebrated on this day all over the world. It is an opportunity for us to support the growing Church overseas and to rejoice in the fact that we belong to the one family of God.**

Today the Pope asks Catholics all over the world to join together at Mass to pray, celebrate and care for the whole family of the Church. A big part of our Church (40%) still needs our help to survive and grow to self sufficiency. Even more challenging is the fact that more than 50% of the world's people has never heard of Jesus and so don't know that they are loved unconditionally by God.

Through Missio, your prayers and donations (in the Red Boxes) will support the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, so that all may know God's love and live a life of dignity. The money you donate will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide.

**missio**  
sharing faith  
giving life

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** Fr Vincent is hoping to have an overview of all the sick and housebound of our parish. As such he would like to draw up a database of all those who are currently being visited and by whom and anyone else who is long-term sick and/or unable to get to church. Over time he would like to visit all those people to get to meet them and to offer them the sacraments of the church as and when they require. Not all these people will see a copy of the newsletter and so if you know of anyone who fits this category please draw their attention to it. It is best to email Fr Vincent but a phone call would be just as good. Contact details are on the back of the newsletter.

**TEA AND CAKE . . . art . . . music** At The Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG Taking inspiration from the vision and ideals of the founding fathers of Welwyn Garden City, a small group of artists – of various disciplines – will spend the weekend working together at the Focolare Centre. THIS Sunday 20th October, from 3 pm – 5 pm the artists will present some of their work. All are welcome.

**YEAR OF FAITH** This week the Cross of San Damiano will be with Paul and Mary Brannan 6, Gresley Close WGC - join them for prayers at 7.30pm on Thursday, Marion and Jim Brogan 1, Newfields - join them on Wednesday at 4.30pm and Angela Fitzgerald 102, Rowans - join her on Wednesday at 2.30pm. If you would like to host the Cross for a week in the these remaining weeks, please let Fr. Norbert know.

**END OF YEAR OF FAITH DINNER** at the Homestead Court Hotel on Saturday 16th November at 7.30pm. It will be a 3-course meal with coffee and mints. Cost £19.50 (children 10 years and under £9.75). Next week there will be flyers with the menu and a chance to reserve a place. The round tables take 10 people.

**FR. MICHAEL'S FAREWELL** will take place on Saturday 23rd November at 6pm followed by a Reception in Our Lady's Hall. In due course envelopes will be available for a presentation to Fr. Michael.

**WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISHES -- EVENT HOSPITALITY MEETING** Saturday, 26 October, 10.45 – 12.00, Holy Family Church Hall. Please join us for coffee and to help organize upcoming events including Fr Michael's Farewell Reception. Planning and participating in events is a wonderful way to meet others within the three Parishes of Welwyn Garden City. If you are unable to attend, but would like to offer your assistance (cooking, greeting, setting up, providing talent, clearing up), please call me, Ann Chappell (01438 714 846). This is an enjoyable opportunity to serve your Parish Community, so do join in on Saturday or give me a call.

**CHARITY CAR PARK** The Holy Family CAFOD group are running a charity car park at Oaklands College on Saturday 26th October from 9.15 am – 3.30pm. Parking will be charged at £1 per visit. This is the cheapest fee paying car park in WGC town centre. Please consider using us if you need to visit the town on that day.

**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.

**THANK YOU** Many of those who attended the SVP Tea Party have said what a wonderful and happy time they had and they thank the SVP members and all their helpers for their hard work and kindness.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Registration for First Confession and First Holy Communion will take place as follows: for Holy Family Church on Sunday 10th November at 10.40am in church (after Mass); for Our Lady's on Tuesday 19th November at 7.45pm in church (after Mass and Novena). Parents are requested to come and receive all the important dates related to their children's preparation for these Sacraments. Children do not need to attend the evening meeting.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS** available at the back of each church. Write down the names of loved ones who have died and they will be remembered at Mass during November. There is no need to give any money.

**LOURDES** The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes leaves WGC early on Saturday 26th October. If you would like petitions taken to the Grotto, please put them in a clearly marked envelope and give them to Fr. Norbert. Don't put any money inside as the envelopes eventually are burned.

**FUNERAL MASSES** The Funeral Mass for Brendan Doody is at 1pm in Our Lady's on Monday and the Funeral Mass for Doreen Bernas is at 10am in St. Bonaventure's on Thursday. We offer our prayers and sympathy to family and friends.

**MANY STREAMS ONE RIVER- 9th November 2013** at the Methodist Central Hall, London SW1 9NH A day organised by the new Ecclesial Movements and Communities in the Church. Programme will include talks by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and Archbishop Vincent Nichols as well as music, drama, prayer and witness..... Tickets £12. A coach is leaving from St Bonaventure's at 8.45 - £8 return. Further information and tickets from Focolare Centre for Unity, 69, Parkway, WGC. Tel. 01707 323620.

**CHARITY BIKE RIDE** Kevin completed his 80km bike ride last Saturday entering the Olympic park to much applause. He has to date raised over £600 for YMCA and Help The Heroes. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful cause sponsorship forms can still be found at the back of all three churches.

**POLISH SCHOOL** On 16th of November the Polish Saturday School is planning to celebrate its Official Opening as well as to mark The Polish Independence Day. The event will take place in Holwell Primary School, Holwell Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 3RP. It will last one hour. It will start at 10.45 am and it will finish at 11.45 am. The event, which will include performances prepared specially on this occasion by Polish children and teachers, will be followed by refreshments. Booking for this event is essential! For more information, please contact: szkola@pss-wgc.co.uk.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOE BOXES)** Filled boxes can be brought into church as soon as they are ready. There are some covered boxes waiting to be filled in the hall at St. Bonaventure's, take one if you would like one that you don't need to cover!

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP PARTY** We have our party on Tuesday 5th November from 3.45pm - 5.30pm. Games, Spooky Tea and Fireworks. Bring a small amount of food (hot dogs and pizza provided). Parents (dressed for the occasion!) are welcome to stay but those who don't must return by 5pm so there is maximum supervision for the fireworks. £2 to cover costs.

**REMEMBER** Clocks go back one hour next weekend.

**YELLOW MOON** Catalogues are available at the back of Holy Family Church to help with Holy Family School fundraising. Order gifts/craft materials etc. online at yellowmoon.co.uk, quoting code STH1733 when ordering.

**EXPERIENCED HAIRDRESSER** Hairdressing for all in your own home. Any time. My prices won't be beaten. Contact Tracy 07581212941.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
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<b>CONFESSIONS</b> 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	feria	
	1pm	Our Lady's	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	feria	
	10am	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass	
25 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria	
	7pm	Our Lady's		
26 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria	
		<b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</b>		<i>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.</i>
<b>26 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady's		
<b>27 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		

**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