

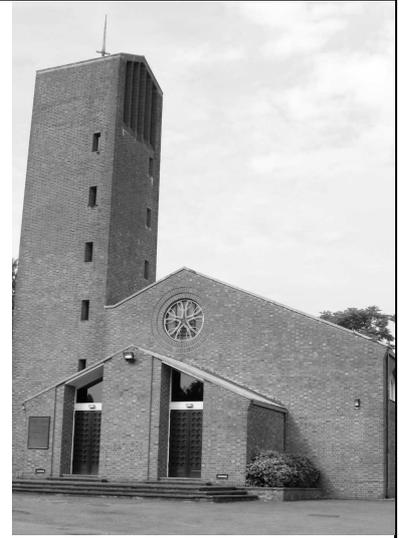
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard

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We have now returned to Ordinary Time but it will be a number of weeks before we see green on Sundays. Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity; next week it will be Corpus Christi; then on 29th June we will honour St. Peter and St Paul. Definitely not 'ordinary' yet!

In our Gospel reading we hear from St. John and Jesus' first words are: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' God is perfect, pure Love! This Love is relational between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is the Source of Love and he pours out his Love upon the Son who receives this Love, returns this Love back to the Father while at the same time sharing this Love with the Spirit. This happens eternally and yet God has chosen to express this Love in time and space in Creation which bears the divine stamp and reaches its summit in humanity. Because of the Fall, God wants to save the human race and that is why Jesus Christ, God's Son, is sent. This is Mystery! We can try and fathom what God is like. The love we know on earth is but a taste of the Love of heaven. The perfection of Love in Jesus Christ can only be glimpsed in our efforts to mirror his Sacrifice. When I think I have understood, I realise that there is still so much further to go!

What about ourselves and our lives on earth? God is calling us to share in his eternal life of Love - that is our destiny. We have been created in God's image and likeness - that reveals our dignity. We are worth saving which is why God was willing to send his Son - He is the Gift who transforms us. This week as you love others, consider whose Love you are showing; when you experience love, open your eyes to God's Love breaking into your life. The rest will one day be made very clear to us all!

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

NEW PRIEST We should be hearing soon the name of the new priest who will start in September. In the meantime we continue to be very grateful to Fr. Frank Leonard and Fr. John Helm for the tremendous support they give. Next Sunday Fr. Frank Johnson from the Focolare community will celebrate 9.30am and 6pm Masses at Holy Family. In the month of August Fr. Patrick Mileham, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, will take up residence in WGC and celebrate Masses supported by retired priests. Fr. Patrick is a Birmingham University Chaplain and lectures in Scripture at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham. He is looking forward to coming!

CORPUS CHRISTI in this country has been transferred to next Sunday, so this Thursday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

JOAN BERESFORD RIP Joan's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 8th July at 12.30pm at St. Bonaventure's.

MEMORIAL MASS for Brendan Corr RIP (the late husband of Mrs Catherine Corr, Head of Our Lady School) in Our Lady's Church on Wednesday 18th June at 2pm.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS Our thanks to all who helped with the Mass and the celebration which followed last Saturday; it was a wonderful evening. The Pentecost decorations, the Irish dancers and the food and drink marked a great conclusion to the Easter Season. The Hospitality Group came up trumps again!

LATIN MASS SOCIETY celebrates Mass in St. Bonaventure's this Thursday at 7.30pm.

CHILDREN'S MASSES Our thanks to all the adults and children who enrich our Sunday celebrations of Mass in our three churches when we have a Children's Mass. There are instruments, singing, reading and great enthusiasm. Just one more month to go before the holidays: 6th July at 11.30 in Our Lady's, 13th July at 9.30 in Holy Family and 20th July at 10.30 in St. Bonaventure's. The adults who co-ordinate these celebrations put a lot of hard work into all that takes place. We are very grateful to them.

DEREK HYETT Please pray for Derek as his Ordination to the Priesthood fast approaches on Saturday 28th June at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral. You are most welcome.

PETER WEI The Chinese seminarian will be arriving on Monday 23rd June and will stay with us until the end of July. He will share in the life of our three parishes and learn/improve (?) his English. If any of you would like to invite him over to practise his English or take him out, please let Fr. Norbert know.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Fr. Norbert will have a meeting with parents who will need a Priest's Reference in the autumn for their child's application for a Catholic Secondary School. The meeting will be in Holy Family Church on Sunday 6th July at 7pm and should last an hour. It will be an opportunity for Fr. Norbert to give parents helpful advice about the process and the expectations of the various schools. It would also be helpful for Year 4 parents to come. In January Fr. Norbert has to do references for Reception Class and then in March for Nursery admission; parents of these younger children might find coming on 6th July beneficial. The meeting itself will be for parents and not for children (though they are welcome to be present).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to each and every father and honorary dad. May God bless you!

OCTOBER TRIP to Rheims. 32 have signed up so far. There is still time to book. Leaflets and booking forms at the back of our churches.

RACE FOR LIFE Marion Brogan thanks those parishioners who sponsored her. She completed the course.

ANNUAL APF MASS on Sunday 22nd June at 3pm at Holy Apostles Church, 47 Cumberland Street, Pimlico, London SW1V 4LY. We have many parishioners who support the 'red boxes' of APF/Missio. Anyone who would like to attend should let Fr. Norbert know so that he can send in the numbers to the organisers.

AFRICAN MASS Sunday 13th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall. Plans are well underway with practices galore! All welcome.

FILIPINO MASS on Saturday 5th July at 6pm in Our Lady's followed by a cultural programme in the hall with music, dance, food and drink. All welcome. If anyone would like to help in any way with the Mass or afterwards in the hall, please contact Rizza on 07960083681 or Angie on 07879827769.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS next Sunday (22nd) at 3pm in Our Lady's Church. Children are welcome to wear their First Communion clothes. There will then be a party in the Hall after the Mass. Our thanks to the catechists of our three churches who have worked so hard to support the children in their preparation and to our parents whose contribution to their children's deepening of faith has been crucial.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR is being held on Saturday 21st June from 12 to 4pm. Please come and join us as there is something for everyone: laser quest, ponies, slides, food and a grand tombola with £150 cash first prize!

JUNE MINIBUS OUTING for anyone with limited mobility. Tuesday 24th June. Door to door transport provided by the parish to the Gardens of the Rose (entrance fee £6). Alternative venue in the event of bad weather. Contact Kay on 01707 335633.

LORETO REUNION Saturday 28th June 2.30 - 5.30pm. Once again the doors of the school are open to any past pupil and it is a wonderful opportunity to see how the school has changed, hear from the present Head Mrs Maire Lynch about the future and to catch up on news of friends. Afternoon tea at 3.30pm (donation £5).

SVP requires a chest of drawers and microwave for a young family in financial difficulties. Contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

JUSTICE AND PEACE Network Meeting on 13th September at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, entitled The two world wars - warnings from history. 9.30am (for 10am start) until 2.30pm. Interesting talks and reflections. More details nearer the time.

“A Life Examined.” What does holiness mean? Is it relevant today? Chiara Luce Badano died at 18 and was beatified in 2010. Her parents, Ruggero & Maria Teresa, will be in London **29th June**. Come to encounter Chiara Luce through them: **2- 5pm, Amigo Hall (next to St George’s Cathedral) Lambeth Rd., London SE1 7HY**. Coach from St Bonaventure’s £15 return; special rate for families.

Bring packed lunch. Departure 11.15am return 7pm approx. Further details and bookings tel. 339706 or e mail focolare.colgrove@ntlworld.com.

POLISH/ENGLISH MASS will be on Saturday 18th October at 6pm.

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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

16 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	St. Richard of Chichester
17 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady’s	
18 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
	2pm	School Mass	Our Lady’s
19 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
	7.30pm	Latin Mass Society at St. Bonaventure	
20 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Alban
	7pm	Our Lady’s	
21 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	St. Aloysius
		Corpus Christi	
21 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady’s	
22 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Holy Family	
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Our Lady’s	
	6pm	Holy Family	



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