

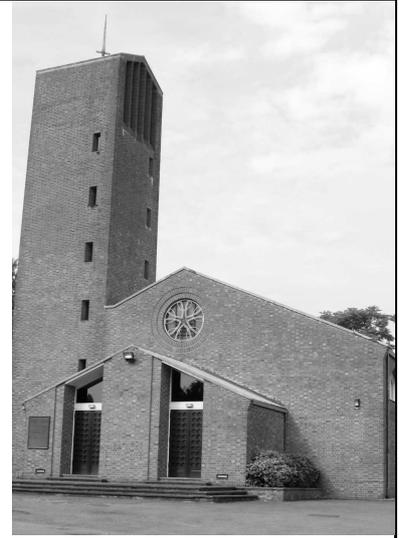
# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes  
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

***Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 13th July (page 102 of the Mass book)***

‘Some seed fell on rich soil and produced their crop...Listen anyone who has ears.’ What an amazing message from Jesus to the crowds gathered on the seashore as they listen to his teaching. Just think of the throng of people with the sun blazing down on them and the cool breeze coming from the sea. They must have wondered what he was going to say. Jesus gives them images from their own experience: the sower’s concern is to ensure that some seed lands on rich soil where it will germinate and draw strength from the ground on which it falls. The sower realises some will get wasted but that does not take away from his confidence that his efforts will bear fruit.

Jesus challenges his audience to listen, to open their ears fully and be receptive to his words. As you listen, what is Jesus saying to you today? What do you consider he wants to plant in you? Do you want this to happen? Are you helping his ‘seed’ to take root within you and grow? What can you do to co-operate with his grace? Do you really believe that this rich soil is in you? As the summer continues to unfold, we will see the crops growing and in no time the fields will be ready for harvesting. Look, watch, think and allow this parable of Jesus to resonate deep within you. Take heart from what Jesus has to say!

Soon many of you will be away on holiday. As happens throughout the year we will welcome a huge number of visitors to our community. I pray that the holidays will give everyone an opportunity for refreshment, peace and relaxation. I ask God’s blessing on those who come to join us for Mass and worship in our churches; may they experience a warmth of welcome that makes a difference to their stay in the Garden City. Whether we are on holiday or not, the seed continues to grow - if we let it!

Enjoy your week. *Fr. Norbert*

**SEA SUNDAY** Today is the day when the Church prays for all those who live and work a sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Let us pray for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea - the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in this country - which provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

**GROWING IN FAITH** We are now approaching the final stage of Growing in Faith. We plan to complete our efforts next weekend. Our goal has been to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish and to date we have done well in reaching the majority of parishioners. However, for those we were unable to contact but who still wish to support Growing in Faith they will have the opportunity to join the campaign during Mass this weekend. To ensure we can look ahead to the future with confidence we hope to receive many more gifts and pledges this week.

Planning for our future is a collective effort. Everyone is being invited to consider joining the campaign at a level appropriate to them so that together we can achieve great things for our present and future generations. Praying for the success of Growing in Faith is also a valuable way of participating.

**SCHOOLS** As the year draws to a close we wish all our children and their parents, staff and governors a refreshing summer break. Our thanks for all their hard work!

**FR. NORBERT'S FATHER** is now in Central Middlesex Hospital, Park Royal. The consultant has been very positive about his chance of walking again in the future and that has given Fr. Norbert and his family much hope. Please keep up the prayers.

**FR. GERARD O'BRIEN** will be the new Assistant Priest in Welwyn Garden City. He was ordained in 2010 and is currently in Holy Trinity, Brook Green (Hammersmith). Fr. Gerard will take up residence in Holy Family Presbytery on 3rd September. We will formally welcome Fr. Gerard (and Samuel Ejeregbe, the seminarian) to WGC at the Special Needs Mass on Saturday 13th September at 6pm.

**FR. MICHAEL MANNION** Please keep Fr. Michael in your prayers as he recovers from surgery last Friday.

**WESTMINSTER SEMINARIANS** At the beginning of September all the Westminster seminarians will be having an overnight stay at the Focolare Centre. We have been asked to give them a taste of our parishes' hospitality - in true WGC spirit! Watch this space.

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

**MARJORIE CLEGG RIP** Marjorie's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 15th July at 12.30pm at St. Bonaventure's.

**HANNAH BRIMLEY R.I.P.** There are no funeral details yet.  
*We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.*

**ASSISTED DYING BILL** The Bishops of England and Wales ask Catholics to write to a member of the House of Lords before 18th July when the Bill to legalise assisted dying, i.e. assisted suicide, will be debated with a free vote. If passed this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Your comments can and will make a difference. Thank you.

**FR. DEREK HYETT** Our congratulations to Fr. Derek on his Ordination to the Priesthood. We wish him well in his ministry and look forward to welcoming him back to WGC for a 'First Mass' on Saturday 30th August at 6pm followed by a 'get-together' in the hall.

**PETER WEI** The Chinese seminarian is settling well into the life of our parishes and is being introduced to much mischief! He has sung for us in Mandarin and is offering to teach us to prepare Chinese noodles. If any of you would like to invite him over to practise his English or take him out, please let Fr. Norbert know. He is with us until the end of July.

**FRENCH SEMINARIANS** David Krupa from St. Denis and Cédric de la Serre from Nanterres will be arriving on Monday 14th July. David will leave on Saturday 19th and Cédric on Thursday 24th.

**PRIESTS** We continue to be very grateful to Fr. Frank Leonard and Fr. John Helm for the tremendous support they give. This Sunday Fr. Bruce Burbidge, a priest of East Anglia Diocese who teaches in Rome, will celebrate 8.am and 10.30am Masses at St. Bonaventure's and 6pm Mass 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!

**JULY MINIBUS OUTING** for anyone with limited mobility. This Tuesday 15th July. Door to door transport provided by the parish to Van Hage's Garden Centre, Great Amwell, Ware. Contact Kay on 01707 335633.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015** Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available 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 2007 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2014) to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2015.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S TUESDAY GROUP** This Tuesday is our last meeting for this term and we will have fun and games and tea in the garden (weather permitting). Please bring some food to share. Next term we meet again on Tuesday 9th September. More details later.

**CHILDREN'S MASS** Next Sunday 10.30am - we will remember to thank God for all he has given us.

**EXPERIENCED CARER** An experienced carer is looking for the position of a Live-in Carer. Contact Alicja on 07772891750.

**VERY EXPERIENCED PRIVATE CARER** available to work in WGC & surrounding areas. Immediate start. Hours negotiable. Rates & references on request. Please call Cathy on 07837 242116.

**BABYSITTING** Anyone looking for Babysitting in July? Contact Kate Anderson on 07772309010 or 01707 883770 or email: kateanderson\_@msn.com.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S FEAST DAY** will be celebrated next Sunday at St. Bonaventure's when there will be refreshments after 8am and 10.30am Mass. Donations of cakes for after 10.30am Mass will be very welcome.

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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 10.30am - 11am |
|                    | Our Lady's:      | Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm   |

**MASS TIMES**

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|--------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 14 Monday    | 9.30am  | Our Lady's      | feria                    |
| 15 Tuesday   | 9.30am  | St. Bonaventure | St. Bonaventure          |
|              | 12.30pm | St. Bonaventure | Funeral Mass             |
|              | 7pm     | Our Lady's      |                          |
| 16 Wednesday | 9.30am  | Holy Family     | Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 17 Thursday  | 9.30am  | Holy Family     | feria                    |
| 18 Friday    | 9.30am  | St. Bonaventure | feria                    |
|              | 7pm     | Our Lady's      |                          |
| 19 Saturday  | 10am    | St. Bonaventure | feria                    |

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|                    |                | <b>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year</b> |  |
| <b>19 Saturday</b> | <b>6pm</b>     | <b>Our Lady's</b>                   |  |
| <b>20 Sunday</b>   | <b>8am</b>     | <b>St. Bonaventure</b>              |  |
|                    | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Holy Family</b>                  |  |
|                    | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>St. Bonaventure</b>              |  |
|                    | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Our Lady's</b>                   |  |
|                    | <b>6pm</b>     | <b>Holy Family</b>                  |  |



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| <p><b>CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS:</b> If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463</p> |
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