

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Fifth Sunday of the Year 8th February 2015 (p. 134 of Mass book)

In today's Gospel from St. Mark, we hear that Simon and his companions set out in search of Jesus who has gone off to a lonely place first thing in the morning to pray. The words addressed to Jesus are: 'Everybody is looking for you.' The bond between the disciples and Jesus is strengthening as they spend time with him and watch him in action as he carries out his ministry of teaching and healing; these followers of Christ are aware of the many people who are seeking him.

Are you looking for Jesus? Have you found him? Where is he to be found in your life? Are there people who help you to find the Lord or open you up to a new encounter? Do you know of others who are genuinely trying to find him? Are you a support for them in their quest? I suppose we have to acknowledge that in our society there are many who are not interested - they seem to manage quite happily without God and Jesus Christ specifically. There are others who just do not know of him in a real way. This does not mean that they are not good human beings; often their reaching out and generosity can be shining examples to religious people. What difference does your faith make to your life? How has your life been enriched by Jesus?

How would you put someone else in touch with the Lord?

Perhaps today we might take time especially to reflect on what will deepen our friendship with the Lord to such a degree that our lives will radiate the depth of love we have for him and the power of his personal presence.

May God bless you and the people you encounter! ***Fr. Norbert***

ALTAR SERVERS' MASS at Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols – Saturday 14 February. Will all servers who would like to go please sign this sheet in the sacristy. Each server **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Fr. Gerard will lead the visit. We will meet at Welwyn Garden City Train Station and take the **12.53** train to Kings Cross and then the underground to Victoria. We will have something to eat after and aim to be back at Welwyn Garden City at approximately 6pm. A great opportunity to visit our Cathedral if you haven't been before.

PILGRIMAGE Pax Travel is arranging for us a pilgrimage to Padua, Verona and Venice from Sunday 25th October to Friday 30th October 2015. Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of the church.

FUNERALS The Funeral Mass for **Mary Free R.I.P.** will be at 12.30pm on Monday 9th February at Holy Family.

Funeral Service for **Aldo Mazzetti R.I.P.** is at Harwood Park on 11th February at 4.15pm. The Funeral Mass for **Colette Maslen R.I.P.** is at 12.30pm on Friday 13th February in Holy Family Church. The body will be received into the Church at 4.30pm on Thursday.

The Funeral Mass for **Maureen O'Connor R.I.P.** is at 11am on Monday 16th February at Our Lady's.

The Funeral Mass for **(Jose) Joe Cassar R.I.P.** is at 10.30am in Holy Family on Thursday 26th February.

The Funeral Mass for **Madeleine Sawle R.I.P.** is on Wednesday 25th February at 11am in Our Lady's.

The Funeral Mass for **John Laggan R.I.P.** is on Wednesday 4th March at 12.30pm in Our Lady's.

The funeral arrangements for **Kevin Collins R.I.P.** are not yet known.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to all family and friends of the deceased.

PRAY THE ROSARY Parishioners are invited to join with the Catholic Women's League in praying the Rosary. This will be on Saturday 14th February at 10am in the Day Chapel. All parishioners will be welcome and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

SVP requires a washing machine for a single mum. Contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. **CWL** members capitation fees are now due, please see or ring Barbara 07789743703.

LOURDES INTENTIONS Fr. Norbert will leave for Lourdes on Sunday 15th February so if you have intentions you would like him to take please get them to him by then. The reason for not including money in the envelope with the intentions is that they are left at the Grotto and are eventually burned.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS Next parents' session is on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm at Our Lady's

CONFIRMATION Next session for the young people on Sunday 1st March at Holy Family.

LENT Six faith-sharing sessions to be held in the chapel at Our Lady's: 8 p.m. on Fridays beginning 20th February. If you intend to come, please tell Frances Wall 01707 709017 (there is an answering machine).

ALL SUNDAYS IN LENT Following 8am Mass at St. Bonaventure's there will be a **HOMEMADE CAKE SALE** with proceeds to Cafod Syria Appeal. Cake donations most welcome.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN We meet again next Saturday (10.30am) when we learn about the Gift of God's Forgiveness. Parents are reminded that we have a short meeting on this day at 11.15am.

CHILDREN'S MASS Next Sunday 10.30am at St. Bonaventure's. The theme is 'Jesus forgives us and heals us'.

RCIA There are four adults for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil; also 3 of their children. Please keep them in your prayers. They will be presented at Mass on Sunday 15th February.

CARDINAL'S MASS of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr. Norbert the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or tel. no.).

ASH WEDNESDAY is on 18th February. 9.30am Mass will be at Holy Family, 12noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's.

INTERFAITH On Monday 9th February at Hatfield Fire Station in Wellfield Road there will be a discussion on three faiths, Sikh, Buddhism and Hinduism, 7.15 for 7.30pm and on Tuesday 10th February the Women's Inter Faith Social Group will be having their usual lunchtime informal chat at 12.30 to 2pm at a new (and we hope permanent) venue at The Parish Room at St. Francis Church with access off Parkway.

CAFOD GROUP meets again on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm in the parish room at Holy Family. You are all welcome to come along.

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

HCPT would like to thank all the parishioners who kindly donated money, or baked cakes for our cake sale. We raised a massive £369 so a big thank you to all who got involved. There will be a **retiring collection** for this year's HCPT group trip to Lourdes, after every Mass **next weekend 14th/15th February**.

‘Multiculturalism - Interfaith - Dialogue - Do you care?’ A weekend for young people’
 After the recent news from France, the need for dialogue and understanding is stronger than ever. "Regenerate" is an annual weekend for young adults organised by the Focolare Movement. This year we want to engage in practical dialogue on the themes of Multiculturalism and Interfaith. Young people from the IUS (Islamic Unity Society) will also play a key role in the weekend. “Regenerate” will take place on 14/15th February at the Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG. For further information, see www.focolare.org/gb or: <https://www.facebook.com/RegenerateGB>

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MASS TIMES

09 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	feria
10 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Scholastica
	7pm	Our Lady’s	
11 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Our La\dy of Lourdes
12 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
13 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	12.30pm	Holy Family	Funeral Mass
	7pm	Our Lady’s	
14 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	SS Cyril and Methodius

Fifth Sunday of the Year

14 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady’s
15 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
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	11.30am	Our Lady’s
	6pm	Holy Family



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