

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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The Body and Blood of Christ 7th June 2015 (p. 85 of Mass book)

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi when the Church asks us to reflect on the great Gift of the Eucharist which is the Presence of Jesus under the form of Bread and Wine - the Presence which puts us in touch with the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Love beyond measure gathers us, nourishes us and empowers us to be servants of the Good News of Jesus Christ - Apostles!

One name we often use for the celebration is 'Mass' which comes from the Latin dismissal at the end: 'Ite, missa est!' These words are pregnant with so many layers of meaning: 'The Mass has happened', 'Go - you are sent out.'; the translation into English is difficult because nothing can quite encapsulate the sense in Latin! However, what is clear is that the Mass is dynamic, sacred and Divine; it is an Act of Worship instigated by Jesus Christ who in turn helps us to offer the Father the very best which is Jesus himself. The Spirit which comes upon the Bread and Wine, transforming them into the Lord himself is also poured out on each one of us uniting us, strengthening us and sending us forth to carry on the Lord's work. What is celebrated and proclaimed in the church must be lived out in the every day. Wow!

Today's Solemnity importantly invites us to try and grasp the fact that we believe that the Bread and Wine are truly Jesus' Body and Blood. So, the Son of God who is the Second Person of the Trinity allows us to taste of his very Life. Jesus who died and rose is presence in this significant way so that our reception of Holy Communion is an amazing experience as we are put in touch with such deep, sacrificial Love. As we incorporate Jesus into our very being by receiving him, he incorporates us into his Life so that we can become like him! Hence reverence, devotion and awe are crucial as we demonstrate our belief in the Transformation which takes place in the Eucharist.

Let us thank God for this great Gift left to us by his Son. Let us pray that today's Mass will serve to deepen our faith and be poured out in loving service in the coming week.. God bless you. ***Fr. Norbert***

FR. GERARD'S FAREWELL will be on Saturday 18th July beginning with Mass at 6pm at Our Lady's and followed by a reception in the Hall. More details to follow.

BISHOP JOHN wants to celebrate Mass in each parish of our Deanery and so here in WGC he will celebrate 8am Mass at St. Bonaventure's, 9.30am Mass at Holy Family and 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 26th July.

OVERSEAS SEMINARIANS Peter Wei from China will be ordained priest at the end of August. Cedric de la Serre from Nanterre in France will be ordained a deacon on Saturday 20th June. David Krupa will be ordained a deacon in St. Denis on Saturday 24th October. They will be in WGC the first week of September possibly with Remy Pignal from St. Denis. The Archdiocese of Seville has asked us to take two Spanish seminarians in July and so the international Church will continue to make its impact on our Garden City!

MINISTRIES The commissioning and re-commissioning of people involved in the various ministries will take place the weekend of 27th/28th June, namely: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians and Singers, Welcomers, Altar Servers and all Catechists (including Children's Liturgy). There will also be meetings with formation as follows:

Readers: Monday 15th June 7.30 - 9.00pm at Holy Family, **Welcomers:** Tuesday 16th June 7.45-9.00pm at Our Lady's **Eucharistic Ministers:** Monday 22nd June 7.30 - 9.00pm at Holy Family (please note this is the correct day and date) **Catechists** (incl. Children's Liturgy): Monday 6th July 7.30 - 9.00pm

WELCOMERS It is now essential in the Diocese that all parishes have fire marshalls in case of emergency in every church at each Mass. Fr. Norbert would like some of the welcomers to take on this role so that it is clear to those present at Mass who has this responsibility. We are also expected to have a fire drill at least once or twice a year and this means evacuating the church, timing the process and keeping a log!

FILIPINO MASS on Saturday 20th June at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a jamboree in the Hall. The Filipino community will lead us at Mass and then serve food from different parts of the Philippines. There will also be a cultural show. All welcome!

FUNERALS The Funeral Mass for **Jim Treacy R.I.P.** will be at 12.30pm on Monday 15th June in St. Bonaventure's. The Funeral Mass for **Tricia Knight R.I.P.** will be at 9.30am on Monday 15th June in Our Lady's Church. The Funeral Mass for **Mary Downey R.I.P.** will be on Tuesday 30th June at 12.30pm in Our Lady's. The body will be received into the church on Monday 29th at 4.30pm. The Funeral Service for **Alice Giblin R.I.P.** will be in Our Lady's on Thursday 11th June at 1pm (note time).

JUNE MINIBUS OUTING for anybody with limited mobility. Tuesday 23rd June to The Gardens of the Rose in St. Albans. £6 entrance fee. Telephone Kay on 01707 335633 if you would like to go.

THANK YOU As (sleeping) Chairperson of Holy Family CAFOD Group, I would like to thank the Committee for the excellent concert they arranged at Holy Family Church on Monday 1st June. The choir was excellent as indeed was the buffet – well done girls.

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GIFT AID The three parishes will shortly be completing their returns to the Diocese to claim the Gift Aid on offertory donations. If you have signed a Gift Aid form in the past but no longer pay income tax can you please advise Fr. Norbert or Fr. Gerard. Also if you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme please contact either priest.

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE We have been asked to host a gathering on Wednesday 1st July in Our Lady's Hall and the Peace Garden from 7pm - 9pm. There are parishioners from each continent who will speak about the effects of climate change in their own land; we will then pray for that continent and have a song/hymn from that continent. When we have travelled round the world in prayer and reflection, we will have simple food from these continents to round off the evening. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST COMMUNIONS First Communion Masses at Our Lady's will be today (7th) and 14th June at 11.30am; St. Bonaventure's has First Communion on Sunday 21st June at 10.30am.

The Thanksgiving Mass when all our children come together to celebrate will be on Sunday 28th June at 3pm at Our Lady's.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Parents of Year 5 children who will need a Priest's Reference Form signed in the autumn should come to a meeting in Holy Family Church on Sunday 5th July at 7pm.

MID HERTS CATHOLIC RAMBLES Walk about 5 to 8 miles once a month, on a Saturday. Includes a pub lunch stop. If you are interested contact- Olive e-mail: swemals@gmail.com Tessa landline 01707 257081 Mobile. 07759391537

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be celebrating their 60th anniversary with a trip to York on the 23rd of September. Any parishioners who would like to join them would be most welcome. The trip will be by train, the cost to be advised later. For more details contact Anne Davidson 01707 327569.

At our meeting on 9th June our seminarian Samuel will be talking to us, please come and join us.

WORLD YOUTH DAY We will have coach from the deanery going to next year's World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, where it is anticipated that 2 - 3 million young people (16-30 years old) from across the globe will gather with Pope Francis. The dates are Saturday 23rd July to Tuesday 3rd August, 2016 with no overnight travel and the price roughly £770. Obviously we would do fundraising, seek sponsorship and ensure safeguarding guidelines are followed. Do think about it for yourself or someone you know. It WILL be a brilliant experience and will definitely enrich our parishes with the enthusiasm of our young people when they return. The planning and promotion of the trip have to start at this early stage to secure the bookings and to fill the coach. For more information contact Fr. Norbert

OUR LADY SCHOOL raised a little over £2,000 from the school fete and would like to thank everybody for their support. With the funds raised a portable altar for School Masses will be purchased.

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

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP 'Vision' *The World for Our Great Grandchildren to Inherit* on Monday 15th June at Jim Macdonald Centre, Hatfield AL10 8HR. 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All welcome.

CAFOD COLLECTIONS The total raised by our three parishes for CAFOD Fast Day was £1808.62, this total does not include the Gift Aid. The total raised for Nepal was £2572.45 and again this doesn't include Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson 01707 377442
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LORETO REUNION 2015 Saturday 27th June 2.30pm - 5.30pm. The school will be open to any past pupil. Afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm (for which a contribution of £5 person is asked). Come and see how the school has changed and hear from the present head teacher, Mrs Maire Lynch, about the future. A good opportunity to catch up with old friends.

CONFESSIONS
 Holy Family: Thursday 10am - 10.30am
 St. Bonaventure: Saturday 10.30am - 11am
 Our Lady's: Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

MASS TIMES

08 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
09 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
10 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
11 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Barnabas
	1pm	Funeral Service	Our Lady's	
12 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Sacred Heart of Jesus
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
13 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

13 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
14 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	6pm	Mass	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