

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Saints Peter and Paul 28th June 2015 (p. 172 of Mass book)

With the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul falling on Monday, the Church in this country transfers it to this weekend. So, we have the joy of remembering these two giants in the history of the Church - two Apostles chosen by Jesus in such different circumstances and yet each playing a crucial role in the spread of the Good News. Peter was a fisherman and yet called to be a fisher of men; Paul, who was determined to put Christians to death, heard the voice of Christ himself. Each had tremendous gifts and a strong resolve to do the Lord's work; nevertheless they were aware of their frailty and their total dependence on Christ. There must have been times when they would have wondered WHY they had been chosen and WHAT would be the outcome of their lives; however, it is the WHO (of Jesus) which sustained them through difficulties, disappointments and persecutions.

Today as you come to Mass, reflect on your life thus far. Why did the Lord choose you? Do you recognise the gifts he has given you which help you to be his faithful follower and to persevere no matter what? What signs can you already see around you and in your own life that Christ is at work? Are there any unexpected ways in which he has made you his instrument? Who is this Jesus? Where do you find him? How does he break into your life? What does his voice sound like deep within you? St. Peter and St. Paul carried out the different missions entrusted to them and laid the foundations of the Church with Christ as the cornerstone.

Christ needs each one of us in our day to continue his work and to build on the ministry of these Apostles. Sometimes it will be easy; very often it will be a struggle. At times we'll feel it's going well; then we'll fall and need our compassionate Saviour to pick us up and help us carry on.

God bless you. ***Fr. Norbert***

SAMUEL Today we say Farewell to Samuel who has been with us since September. We are grateful to him for all he has brought to us and the many ways he has shared in the life of our parishes here in Welwyn Garden City. May God be with him and richly bless him with love, peace and joy. Adieu!

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. Details will be in next week's newsletter.

FILIPINO MASS Our thanks to the Filipino Community for leading us at Mass last Saturday and for the wonderful party which followed. The food, the dance and the atmosphere were brilliant!

CONFIRMATION Next Saturday (4th) Bishop John will be gathering young people from Hertfordshire whom he confirmed this year. The afternoon of reflection and celebration will be at St. Edmund's College in Ware.

BISHOP JOHN will celebrate 8am Mass at St. Bonaventure's, 9.30am Mass at Holy Family and 11.30 Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 26th July. This is part of his 'tour' of the parishes of Stevenage Deanery!

MARY DOWNEY RIP Mary's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Tuesday 30th June at 12.30pm. Her body will be received into the church on the Monday at 4.30pm.

MINISTRIES Our thanks to all who serve in such a variety of ways to enrich the life of our parishes not only in the Liturgy but also behind the scenes. God bless you.

CATECHISTS have a meeting with Fr. Norbert on Monday 6th July 7.30 - 9.00pm. This includes Catechists involved in Children's Liturgy.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The Cardinal has requested that we have a time of Exposition on Saturday 11th July. This will be from 10.30am - 11am in St. Bonaventure's and 5.15pm - 5.45pm in Our Lady's.

OUR LADY'S Cleaning of the church and grounds maintenance will take place next Saturday 4th July for just **ONE** hour.

Extra hands will be really helpful to help our more mature helpers! Refreshments will be available afterwards.

INTER FAITH MATTERS What is Islam? On Thursday 23rd July at The Quaker Meeting House, 109 Handside Lane. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm until 9.30m.

MAUREEN BELL R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Bell R.I.P. who died this Friday afternoon. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Peter and all the family and friends of Maureen.

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE Pope Francis' Encyclical is quite timely as we get ready to host the gathering this Wednesday (1st) 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/music 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. The parishioners speaking are from Australia/New Zealand, Ghana, Mexico, United States, Philippines and Focolare Community for Europe. If anyone would like to contribute food, they would be most welcome. EVERYONE IS INVITED! So why not come?

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. The meeting will last about an hour and is principally for parents though children can attend.

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.

ALSO The Catholic Womens League are having a Tombola stall at the Peartree fun day on the 29th August. We would be grateful for any donations to our stall, all monies go to our various charities.

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

AFRICAN MASS The African Mass is scheduled for Sunday, 12th July at 11.30pm at Our Lady's. There will be a meeting on Saturday, 4th July at 4.30pm at the Parish Centre at Our Lady and the following day Sunday, 5th July after 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's.

NEED A CLEANER or someone to do your ironing? Phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980887231.

BABYSITTER REQUIRED If you are interested please phone 07533077879 or 01707 552288 for more information.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson 01707 377442
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ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Just for this week items for the newsletter need to be in by Thursday lunchtime. Thank you.

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

MASS TIMES

29 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
30 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
01 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Dedication of the Cathedral
02 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
03 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Thomas
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
04 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

04 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
05 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