

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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CARDINAL'S VISIT ON SUNDAY 3RD JULY

The Cardinal has chosen Our Lady's Church as the Church with Doors of Mercy in Hertfordshire in which to preach on the Jubilee of Consolation. I have heard from a priest in another part of the Diocese that the Cardinal's words were powerful and very moving.

Given that he is coming to our area, I would ask you please to come and offer your support by attending a part or all of the afternoon/evening:

4 PM SERVICE There will be readings and hymns. The Cardinal will then give an extensive catechesis on the Jubilee of Consolation with an opportunity for Questions and Answers. The Cardinal heard the Pope use this term and has decided to let it form the basis for teaching in four churches in the Diocese. Our Lady's will be the final instalment.

5.15/5.30 EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

During this period there will be some music but also silence in the Lord's Presence. I am hoping that many priests will be available for Confessions.

6.30 PM MASS CELEBRATED BY THE CARDINAL FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL IN THE HALL.

Thank you very much for your support. Let us pray that next Sunday will be a day of grace and blessing for our parishes here in the Garden City and for all who visit us. ***Fr. Norbert***

CALLING ALTAR SERVERS! Help will be needed next Sunday at the Cardinal's Mass at 6.30 pm at Our Lady's. Come with your alb and cincture to the Sacristy around 6.15pm. **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FOR 3 JULY - RECEPTION FOR THE CARDINAL.** Following Mass on the 3rd July at Our Lady's, we will host a reception for the Cardinal. Please contact me if you can prepare either 40 - 60 finger sandwiches or 40 - 60 pickup appetizers on a tray ready to be passed among the guests with a napkin (only items that can be eaten with fingers and do not need to be kept warm or heated). We will need cakes, cupcakes or cookies to serve. The food items can be left at the Hall at Our Lady's from 2.30pm on Sunday. Please label the food items and your tray (if it needs to be returned). If you can provide food for this event, call me on 01438 714 846 or e-mail me at ahchappell@aol.com. We will need to know what food to expect so we can cover if there is a shortfall. Thank you for your help.

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL This Wednesday 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation when the Church asks Catholics to come to Mass to mark the Solemnity - major feast. The Vigil Mass will be on Tuesday 28th at Our Lady's at 7pm. On the Wednesday, Masses will be as follows: 9.30am at Holy Family, 12noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's. It feels as though it has been a very long time since we had a Holy Day on a weekday!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) The SVP published their annual report last week and are having a retiring collection this weekend so that they can plan for the months ahead. They are very grateful for your continued support and ask you to please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes to increase the value of your donation. Thank you.

POSTCONFIRMATION DAY Bishop Paul will be gathering all the young people he has confirmed this year at St. Edmund's College, Old Hall Green, Ware SG11 1DS on Saturday 2nd July at 2pm. There will be tours of St. Edmund's followed by catechesis, Mass and a barbecue. Bishop Paul has asked Mike and Anita Cade from WGC to give the major input! The whole event will finish around 6pm. It would be great if many of our newly confirmed from our three parishes were able to attend. Please let Mike know.

WORLD YOUTH DAY We will now be flying on Monday 25th July and returning by air on Monday 1st August. We are still staying in the Hollywood Hostel in Krakow and will take part in all the World Youth Day activities that week. The highlight will be time spent with Pope Francis and 2 - 3 million young people! **Decisions will soon have to be made for the World Youth Day Registration, so why not sign up even at this stage? You need to be 16 - 30.** Brochures and booking forms are at the back of our churches. The price is £750 including a deposit of £80. We are subsidizing each young person by £300. The young people are putting on a fundraising **QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 8th July at 7.45pm** at Our Lady's Parish Hall, Woodhall, WGC, AL7 3TP. Tickets cost £7 each and will include a fish and chip supper and a selection of desserts. There will also be a raffle of some great prizes. Posters with full details are on display at the back of the churches. For more information or to purchase a ticket please contact Lisa 07812952087 or Cathy 07525014859. Why not put together a team and support our young people by coming on the night.

FIRST FRIDAY There will be early Mass at St. Bonaventure's on Friday 1st July at 6.30am followed by breakfast in the Hall. Around 15-18 people have come for the 25-minute Mass and then shared in refreshments.

Please remember that there will not be Mass at Holy Family Church at 6pm on 3rd July.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Fr. Norbert will be holding a meeting this **Wednesday 29th June at 8pm in Our Lady's Church** (after 7pm Mass) with parents of Year 4 and Year 5 children at Primary School who will need a Priest's Reference when it comes to Secondary Transfer to a Catholic School this year or next. The Bishops of England and Wales introduced a Certificate of Catholicity last year which was used for Nursery and Reception entry. Now it will be in use for Secondary School. The requirements are very clear and Fr. Norbert wants to explain what the process will be here in the Welwyn Garden City parishes.

AFRICAN MASS will take place on Sunday, 10th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's. The rehearsal is set for this Sunday, 26th June after 11.30am Mass. All African Parishioners (in particular, choristers and readers) are requested to remain in church after Mass for the rehearsal.

SEMINARIANS Fran Trigo and Alfonso Pascual from the Seminary in Seville will come to share in the life of our WGC parishes arriving on 2nd July and leaving on 22nd July. We are sure you will make them welcome and help them improve their English!

OUR LADY'S The monthly cleaning of Our Lady's Church and maintenance of the grounds will take place next Saturday 2nd July at 10am for ONE hour. All are welcome to come along. Can you help?

PEARTREE FUNDAY Saturday 9th July 1pm - 4pm in Woodhall Community Hall, Mill Green Road. Children's entertainment, Irish Dancing, Fencing, Sports etc. Do come!

PRAGUE & HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES Brochures are at the back of our churches. Please note Pax Travel's new address: Pax Travel Ltd, Second Floor, 102 Blundell Street, London N7 9BL.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION 'Breathe in Mercy. Breathe out Mercy' led by Bishop John Crowley, retired Bishop of Middlesbrough on Saturday 10th September for our Deanery in Our Lady's Hall, WGC. This Day will provide a great time of enrichment for us all but especially Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Welcomers. Here in WGC in our parishes we will then have the Recommissioning of Ministers the following weekend (17th/18th September at all the Masses).

ST. ALBANS Bishop John Sherrington will be preaching at an Ecumenical Evensong at St. Alban's Abbey Cathedral on Saturday 8th October at 4pm for this Year of Mercy. Bishop John would like all the schools of Hertfordshire to lead a procession from Verulamium Park at 2.30pm which will enter the Abbey and prepare for Evensong. Watch this space.

MEETING FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS AND THOSE WHO TAKE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND next Saturday 2nd July after the 10am Mass (about 10.30am) in St Bonaventure's. Please let Kathryn know if you are unable to come.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE Walsingham in Norfolk has been chosen by the Cardinal as the place for our Diocese to gather to honour Our Lady in this Year of Mercy. The Diocese will go on pilgrimage on **Saturday 9th July** led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Our coach will leave from Our Lady's Church at 7.30am sharp and leave from Walsingham around 5pm returning to WGC at about 7.30pm.

If you would like to join us on the coach, please sign your name on one of the sheets at the back of our churches. Cost: £10 for adults and £5 for children payable in advance or on the coach. If you have never been before, why not come?

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 Bookings should be made with Phil
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 Website for our 3 parishes
 www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

WORLD REFUGEE WEEK At Monday's meeting, at the Quaker Meeting House, we heard from both Herts Welcomes Syrian Families and Welwyn Hatfield Council's Officer who has to look for accommodation for Syrian refugees. It was stated that there's a need for rented properties (with a "reasonable" rent to be paid), for the families (for a period of five years), and also, there is a need for space where Herts Welcomes Syrian Families may store furnishings and fittings, for the homes, until the families move in. If any parishioner has either a property that they would be prepared to rent out and/or space that they would allow to be used for storage, would they please contact John Fogarty (tel' 01707 327771, john.fogarty@ntlworld.com). Also, Herts Welcomes Syrian Families have decided that they will hold a monthly meeting, now, on the first Monday of each month, at the Quaker Meeting House, in Welwyn Garden City.

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

MASS TIMES

27 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. John Southworth
28 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Irenaeus
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
29 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Peter and St. Paul
	12noon	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
30 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
01 Friday	6.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Dedication of the Cathedral
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
02 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
Fourteenth Sunday of the Year				
02 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
03 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	
	6.30pm	Mass	Our Lady's	



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