

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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‘God loved the world so much...’ These are words from today’s Gospel reading from St. John for Trinity Sunday. When you hear these words, what do you think of? When you read them, do they jump out at you? The God in whom we put our trust, who is at the heart of our Christian Faith, is pure Love. This means that dynamically God knows and experiences Love to such a degree that this selfsame Love spills out into Creation, with humanity as its pinnacle and culminating in the Incarnation of God’s Son. St. John tells us that God sent his Son into the world so that we might be saved. For me, this means that if I really want to know what God is like, I turn to Jesus Christ and find out from him the qualities of this Love: forgiving, selfless, seeing the very best, sacrificial, victorious over death, eternal. This Love reaches out to us, calling us to share in Love and inviting us back into Love. Jesus Christ reveals God to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit - a Mystery of Oneness and Threeness, completely Other and yet so close to us that we can have a glimpse of God here on earth!

Last Saturday we faced more tragedy in our land with the attacks in London. It is so hard to understand how anyone could be ‘radicalised’ to such an extent that he/she would carry out such atrocities. God’s Love reaches out and heals; God’s Love is reconciling; God’s Love can make such a difference. We must NEVER give up trusting. As I write this piece, the news that the General Election has resulted in a hung parliament is slowly sinking in. It would be easy to lose hope and allow the uncertainty of the situation to dominate. Again, we must always look for the Light which is God shining out in our world and breaking into our lives.

As I reflect on my Father’s death and prepare for his Funeral Mass and burial, my Faith opens me up to a vision of life to come in God’s presence and a perfecting Love which raises the dead to the glory of Risen Life and unites those who have gone before us in the Life of the Trinity. My prayer is that my Dad and Mum are united in the Love which sustained them, bore fruit in their family and has reached out to so many. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. Thank you. With much love, *Fr. Norbert*

**JOE FERNANDES RIP** Fr. Norbert's Dad's Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 14th June at 11am at St. Anthony's Church, Garratt Road, Edgware HA8 9AN. Joe's body will be received into the church at 6pm on Tuesday 13th. The best place to park is at the Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 7BD with a short walk to the church. You are all welcome and also to the gathering after the burial (at St. William of York Church Hall, Du Cros Drive, Stanmore HA7 4TJ).

**PARISH MEETING** on Wednesday 14th June has been postponed and will form part of the Open Parish Meeting on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**RCIA** For those who want to join the Catholic Church or to find out more, the next RCIA Course will begin after the summer. Please let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

**SYLVIA FAY RIP** Sylvia's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Monday 12th at 9.30am.

**DAVID BRADLEY R.I.P.** The Funeral Mass for David Bradley will be at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 27th June at 1pm,

**BRIDGET GODKIN R.I.P.** The Funeral Mass for Bridget Godkin will be at Holy Family on Wednesday 28th June at 12.15pm.

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** is having a speaker (Nick Noonan) on 13th June. He is coming to entertain us about his knowledge on Old Films and Musicals. We invite all who know Nick and also anybody who likes a light entertainment evening. There is no charge - it is just your company that we are after. Please think about it and if anybody needs a lift please ring Anne Davidson on 01707 327569.

**LOVING HOME** needed for very affectionate, playful, three year old female cat. Neutered and chipped, jabs up to date (boosters due in July). Comes with scratching post, carry case, hooded litter tray, toys and food. Contact Tim Hogan on 07752031462, [tj.hogan59@gmail.com](mailto:tj.hogan59@gmail.com) or choir loft at Holy Family after 9:30 Mass.

**REFUGEE WEEK** To celebrate "Refugee Week" [www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk) Herts Welcomes Syrian Families, Welwyn Hatfield and East Herts Amnesty, Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project are organising an informal meeting. The event will take place on Friday 23rd June between 7pm for 7.30pm start and 9.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House in Welwyn Garden City, 109 Handside Lane and will highlight and celebrate the contribution of refugees to the county in relation to culture, economy, cohesion. Our getting together for the 'Refugee Week will also symbolically demonstrate that whatever happens elsewhere can make a negative or positive impact on the community and will emphasize that the best way of solving problems, local and global, is a dialogue.

Speakers will include: Dzemal Paratusic who fled Bosnia and Hercegovina 25 years ago and Maurice Abd from the Syrian community. There will also be time for discussion, questions and socializing. Refreshments will be provided. Please feel free to promote the event and make sure you book your place! Booking is essential.

**To book a place or for further information – contact:** Michal Siewniak: [michalsiewniak@w3rt.org](mailto:michalsiewniak@w3rt.org) or Vicky Woodcraft: [woodcraftvicky@gmail.com](mailto:woodcraftvicky@gmail.com)

**ST. BONAVENTURE** will be 800 years old this year! We will mark this on the Feast of St. Bonaventure, Saturday 15th July, at the 10am Mass followed by cake and coffee/tea in the parish garden.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE** St. Bonaventure's: Sunday 25th June at 10.30am. Mass of Thanksgiving for the children and families of our three churches Sunday 2nd July at 3pm at Our Lady's.

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP** on Saturday 1st July 10am until 3pm in Our Lady's Hall. This 'Day' will discuss mental health awareness in parishes, faith and mental health and how to support those with a mental health problem so that the parishes become even more welcoming and inclusive. Ben Bano who has championed 'Welcome me as I am' will lead prayer and give input. Sonia Clarke from MIND Mid-Herts will speak about local services. The Day is aimed at care-givers and key leaders in parish groups who would then be able to inform/train others. The outcomes/hopes are: ·A few parishioners trained with the mental health 'first aid' course, Carers Support Groups, to strengthen the 'ministry of welcome', displays in parishes for MIND services and signposting to find help for mental health support. For more information and to book a place visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth) or email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk)

**YOU ARE INVITED this Monday** 12th June 7.15pm at the Focolare Centre to an evening on Music and Religion. The keynote speaker will be Brother Stephen, who is sub prior of the Norbertine Community in Chelmsford. Whilst at university he was a choral scholar at Oriel College, Oxford. The other speakers will be from the Hindu and Jewish faith.

**HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH PRAYER SERVICE AND BARBECUE** Sunday 16th July at 3pm. There will be a 30-minute Service with Benediction followed by a Parish Barbecue hosted by the Hedgehog.

**BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES** have organised a 'Mega Youth Poll'. In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you: what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).

**OUR LADY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE** Saturday 17th June 11.30am - 3.30pm. The theme will be 'Down on the Farm'.

**AFRICAN MASS** Sunday 9th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a reception in the Hall.

**POLISH/ENGLISH MASS** will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October at 6pm at Our Lady's.

**CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** Every Tuesday 3.45pm-4.45pm at St. Bonaventure's. Next Sunday is a Children's Mass.

**MOTHER AND TODDLER** Meets every Wednesday 10am - 11.30am. All welcome.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE** Bookings  
should be made with Phil Johnson 01707  
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**Website for our 3 parishes**  
**www.wgc-catholics.org.uk**

**CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE** This Diocesan Agency is seeking to recruit volunteers to be involved in social action. For more information pick up one of the leaflets at the back of our churches or email Verity Sykes on [caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk)

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS** The Diocese is always looking for volunteers to take on the role of being a foundation governor in our Catholic schools. Indeed here in Welwyn Garden City we need more. If you are interested take one of the leaflets at the back of the church and let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

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

### MASS TIMES

12 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
13 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Anthony of Padua
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
14 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
15 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
16 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Richard of Chichester
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
17 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

### Corpus Christi

17 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
18 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 and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) **Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: [chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net)**