

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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A new month - July - signals summer! Definitely the tropical heat of the last few days has put everyone in a holiday frame of mind! It is important to have the opportunity to slow down and find time for refreshment, peace and rest. A change of routine also gives everyone a chance to be renewed. I hope that in the next months, you will be able to seize opportunities which come your way.

In today's Gospel passage from St. Mark, Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee (an amazing experience for modern-day pilgrims!) and when he lands, a large crowd gathers. Has he tried to get away from the masses? Does he need to rest? Is he ready for a meal? What we are told is that the synagogue official, Jairus, comes looking for him in desperate straits because his daughter is ill. They set off together with a large number of people. And yet, even though he determines to go to Jairus' house, Jesus is ready to stop and interact with a woman who is so ill with a haemorrhage. Jesus has the ability to know when someone needs his help and has the capacity to let intrusions break in while not forgetting his original purpose. Jairus must have been a well-known religious official and still the Lord has compassionate eyes for a stranger in the crowd. One person, in the midst of so many, trying to touch his clothes is rewarded with healing and a commission to go in peace. Then, with the news of the child's death, Jesus continues the journey and raises the girl, asking her parents to give her something to eat. There is such simplicity in Jesus' actions! How great is the result!

What can we learn from today's Gospel? The Good News is that Jesus has time for everyone! Whatever your affliction, however sad your circumstances, he is waiting for you to find him. There is no-one so insignificant that he would ignore that person. This summer as we let the sun shine upon us, let us reflect the Son's love by looking out for others, giving them time and by trusting that the Lord is with us.

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

**FIRST FRIDAY** The next early morning Mass at St. Bonaventure's will be on Friday 6th July at 6.30am followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome.

**MONTHLY ADORATION** The next 'Restoration' Holy Hour will be on Friday 13th July at 7.45pm in Our Lady's Church. The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

**PAUL CHAPPELL RIP** Paul's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Monday 9th July at 9.30am. His body will be received into the church on Sunday 8th at 7pm. *NB This means there will NOT be 9.30 Mass at Our Lady's on Monday 9th July.*

**PHILOMENA FLANAGAN RIP** Philomena's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Monday 9th July at 12.30pm.

**JOE LAGGAN RIP** Joe's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 20th July at 1.30pm. His body will be received into the church on Thursday at 4.30pm.

**AVIGNON** Some places have become available on the Pilgrimage to Avignon (Sunday 23rd - Friday 28th September). If you are interested, please contact Pax Travel directly on 020 7485 3003.

**BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE TASTER COURSE** Shell Roca who is Director of the Diocesan Deaf Service is offering a six-week course at Our Lady's in the autumn. There will be Deaf awareness, tips for communicating with the Deaf and hard of hearing, finger-spelling, basic sign language, i.e. every day greetings, Liturgical sign language, Hail Mary, Our Father and the Mass responses. The dates are on Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.00pm (in the sacristy): 3rd, 10th & 17th October and 7th, 14th & 21st November. The cost of the course will be £30 to cover the materials etc. There are booking forms available at the back of our churches. Please fill one in and return directly to Shell.

**ME AND MY MUSIC** Kay Mason, one of our parishioners, will be interviewed by Reverend Rob Marshall at St. John's Church, Digswell (off Knightsfield) on Wednesday 25th July at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments and good wine. A donation of £8 is asked. Kay will speak about 'Donate a Kidney to a Stranger'. To book a place contact 07766952113 or email [stjohndigswell@gmail.com](mailto:stjohndigswell@gmail.com)

**ST BONAVENTURE'S DAY** is coming up on Sunday 15th July. There will be refreshments after 8am and 10.30 Masses. If you can contribute a cake for after 10.30am Mass, please let Kathryn Hubbard know. Thank you.

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way: drivers, musicians and singers, servers and hospitality. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul did a splendid job of co-ordinating everything. We were delighted to see so many housebound at Mass as well as those who are unwell. God bless you all.

**TRANSPORT TO MASS SERVICE** Several parishioners are now being given regular lifts to the Mass of their choice by our volunteer drivers. If you know of anybody in need of transport or feel you could offer a regular or occasional service as a driver please fill in a yellow or pink form at the back of each church or contact Kay on 01707 335633.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Thursday 10am at St. Bonaventure's and Saturday 10am at Our Lady's.

**INTERFAITH** The next meeting takes place on Thursday 12th July 7.15pm - a talk entitled 'Finding my Faith' Each person's journey of faith is unique, come and hear and share experiences.

**JUSTICE PEACE/CARE FOR CREATION** Saturday 7th July Ellen Teague of the Columban Fathers IPCC team will be making a presentation on the links between caring for God's Creation and working for Justice and Peace. It will take place at 11am at the Undercroft of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harpenden. There will be a shared lunch (please bring some food to share) then discussion and questions; all to finish by 1.30pm. Harpenden LiveSimply Group would love you to join them. Anyone interested, please contact Anne Stapleton 07932338813. Laudato Si!

**HERTS WELCOMES SYRIAN FAMILIES** Come to the Quaker Meeting House on July 7th, with anything you would like to get mended, to do some mending - or just to enjoy some tea and

**SVP There will be a collection** after all Masses next weekend to support the important work of the SVP in Welwyn Garden City. Gift Aid envelopes will be available. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please do read the leaflet enclosed with this newsletter.

**FILIPINO MASS** The Filipino Community did us proud with last Saturday's evening Mass and reception: the singing, dancing, food and tremendous warmth of welcome. We are so grateful.

**THANKSGIVING MASS** Last Sunday's First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass rounded off many months of hard work preparing our children for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. We are very appreciative of the support given by the catechists of our three parishes and to our parents for the loving way they have nurtured their children in faith. Thank you!

**SEMINARIAN** Juan Jose Feria Toscano from the Diocese of Huelva in Spain has asked to come to Welwyn Garden City to share in the life of our parishes. He will come at the end of August for a couple of weeks.

**ST ALBANS** Every Friday at St. Albans Abbey-Cathedral a Catholic Mass is celebrated at 12noon. You are all welcome.

**AFRICAN MASS** will be next Sunday 8th July at 11.30am. The parishioners of various African countries will lead Mass and have a party afterwards in the hall with food and dance. All are welcome.

**POLISH-ENGLISH MASS** has been set for Saturday 22nd September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

**CAMINO** from Opporto to Santiago de Compostella Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June 2019. Brochures with booking forms are at the back of our churches. If you would like one emailed to you, please contact Fr. Norbert on [welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk)

In 2020 there will be an Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Assisi 25th - 30th May and the Passion Play in Oberammergau 9th - 11th September.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** Cardinal Vincent is leading the diocesan pilgrimage on Saturday 22nd September. A coach will be going from the deanery picking up from Holy Family, The cost for the day is £17.50 per person. See the poster at the back of church for full details. See Fr Tom to book a place on the coach (or call him on 01707 327434 or email [tommontgomery@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tommontgomery@rcdow.org.uk) )

**CWL** The Catholic Women's League are having their annual Tombola Stall at The Peartree Fun Day. If you have any toiletries, toys, jewellery etc that you no longer need (or you need the space), please can you bring it to Our Lady's before Saturday, 14th July, or ring Anne Davidson on 01707 327569 to arrange for collection. Also there is a **STRAWBERRY TEA** on 10th July between 4.00 - 6.00. In the family centre. £5.00. If you are interested can you let Sally Rand know on 01707 884492 for catering purposes

**THE MIXED GROUP** are holding an Afternoon Tea at Mill Green Museum on 7th July from 1.00 to 4.00pm with entertainment. Donation will be £15 and the proceeds enable us to arrange the Christmas Day Dinner for the Lonely and Elderly with presents as well as a Cream Tea during the Summer for all our guests and others.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CAFÉ** in Our Lady's Hall every third Thursday of the month 10am - 2pm. **ZUMBA** for those with physical and learning disabilities in Our Lady's Hall on Wednesdays 11.30am - 12.30pm. The instructor brings in her dog Pickles for 'pet therapy'! Cost £6 which includes refreshments and fruits. Those who need support/carer must bring their own support/carer (who enters free).

**FOOD BANK** New Zion Christian Fellowship which runs the Food Bank on Cole Green Lane every Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00am is very grateful for all the donations made. Please ensure that tins and packets of food are in date and that egg cartons are for six eggs only. Donations of unused toiletries would also be most welcome. There are baskets at the back of each of our churches for this purpose.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
Bookings should be made with Phil  
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### CONFESSIONS

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

**GARDEN RETREAT** in the beautiful grounds of Rosary Priory and the Niland Centre with Sr Laurentia Carroll OP & Sr Anne Walsh OP on Tuesday, 10th July from 10.00 am - 3.30 pm. We hunger for beauty. Nourish your soul and your senses. Please bring a packed lunch (tea/coffee provided) & rain gear (precaution). Suggested donation £14. Registrations welcome at nilandcentre@gmail.com or 020 8950 4000. Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE.

**FR. MARK CONNOLLY CSSp** (Holy Ghost/Spiritans Fathers) who was the first priestly vocation from Welwyn Garden City, will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee (50 years!) of Priesthood on Friday 21st September at 7pm at Our Lady's where he was ordained priest. Please keep the date free and watch this space!

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** Any couples wishing to get married in Welwyn Garden City or elsewhere should speak to Fr. Norbert so that the necessary preparations can be made.

### MASS TIMES

02 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
03 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Thomas
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
04 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Elizabeth
05 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Anthony Zaccaria
06 Friday	6.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Maria Goretti
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
07 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
<b>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</b>				
07 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
08 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	



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