

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Special Prayer Campaign for the Church

by Fr J D Stewart SJ, National Promoter, England and Wales

Pope Francis has given an urgent new mission to his personal Prayer Network to share among all the faithful. This task, to begin as soon as possible at the beginning of October, is to promote his intention that we all intensify our prayer during this month. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis, and to pray each day to St Michael the Archangel that he defend us against the attacks of the Evil One

During these last years and months, we in the Church have lived through difficult situations, brought about by shocking abuses of sex, power and conscience on the part of clerics, consecrated persons and lay people. Added to these are internal divisions in the Church. We should be aware, or remind ourselves anew, that evil manifests itself in diverse ways and the Church's mission of evangelisation is made more difficult, even discredited. The Church is all of us; the people of God and all share this evangelising mission, while those who are called to be leaders have a particular responsibility. Part of this is our own responsibility for having let ourselves be drawn by passions which do not lead us to true life, such as: riches, vanity, and pride.

During this month of October, then, the Holy Father invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis, and to pray each day to St Michael the Archangel that he defend us against the attacks of the Devil. According to spiritual tradition, Michael is the chief of the celestial armies and the protector of the Church (Revelation 12:7-9). There is a hashtag to make this easier - #prayforthechurch. Pope Francis invites us at the conclusion of the Rosary to pray:

*Under your protection, we fly to Thy protection, O holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Parents applying to a Catholic School will need a Certificate of Catholicity which affirms that a child comes from a practising Catholic family, i.e. a family which attends Mass every week. Fr. Norbert will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholicity Forms: Wednesday 10th 4.00 - 6.00pm, Monday 15th 4.00 - 6.30pm and Tuesday 23rd 4.00 - 6.30pm. Please make an appointment with Kathryn Hubbard for a 10-minute slot. Parent/s and child should come to Our Lady's Church and wait to be called. Parents should fill in the 'extra' form available at the back of our churches and bring it to the meeting.

FREDA McKENZIE RIP Freda's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 19th October at 1pm. Her body will be received into the church on the Thursday at 4.30pm.

KASIA LACINA RIP Kasia's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Wednesday 24th October at 12 noon.

RCIA Last Monday we started the RCIA, the process by which adults get to know more about the Catholic Church and then make a decision about joining the Church through Baptism (or Reception), Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Also, Catholic adults, who missed out on Confirmation when younger, prepare for this Sacrament. 3 people came to the meeting. There is still time to join. Come to the next session on Monday 8th at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy.

CONFIRMATION Enrolment of young people for Confirmation will be in Holy Family Church on Sunday 21st October at 7pm. Young people should be at least in Year 9 at school. Parents are asked to come to this meeting with their son or daughter. The meeting will last one hour.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Enrolment for St. Bonaventure's First Confession and First Holy Communion will be in the Parish Hall of St. Bonaventure's on Saturday 13th October at 11am. The children's sessions are once a month on a Saturday and will begin the following Saturday (20th October). Enrolment for Our Lady's Church will be on Tuesday 27th November at 7.45pm in Our Lady's Church (children do not have to attend); the sessions are on a Sunday morning starting in the new year. Enrolment for Holy Family Church will be on Sunday 2nd December after 9.30 Mass. Holy Family's sessions begin in the new year and are usually after school midweek.

HCPT 2019 Group 183 desperately needs helpers for Easter Week (Monday 22nd - Saturday 27th April) to ensure that the children and young people who wish to go can do so. Helpers have to attend training and safeguarding before the trip, as well as have time getting to know their child before travel. They will also have to be able to pay for their own fare. If this is some thing you feel you may be able to do, please contact Emma at group183@hcpt.org.uk or phone on 07740858313. Emma needs to know by the end of October so that a decision can be made about whether or not the group can go next year.

PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday 3rd November 12.00 at St Bonaventure's. We invite you and your family and friends to join us for a short Service of Prayer to remember our loved ones who have died and comfort for all who mourn them. Tea/coffee afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Holy Family needs 4 volunteers to join our teams for making teas and coffees after our Sunday morning Mass. Each volunteer will be required to help once every two months. Please contact Michael Cole on 01438 820531 or email michaeldcole@hotmail.com.

CLEANER VACANCY at Our Lady School. If interested visit or contact the school on 324408. **The SVP** are looking for a microwave for a single mum; dresses that can be slipped over the head for a little girl aged 5 to 6 years and elasticated skirts for a girl aged 6 to 7 years. If you can help please contact Desi Russell on 01707 371399 **and** on Sunday 14th October, Siobhan Garibaldi, former SVP Westminster Central Council President, will be giving a talk on the SVP to the Newman Society at 8pm at St Bartholomew's church in St Albans. All welcome.

JULIAN OF NORWICH - a Meditation - seen and heard in original dance, music and image will be presented in the Catholic church of Our Lady & St Vincent, (243 Mutton Lane), Potters Bar, EN6 2AT on Sunday 4th November at 6pm. This inspiring work has been well received around the country. Please just turn up; there is no ticketing.

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 30 pilgrims have signed up already. Pax Travel can take up to 41 in all, so send in your booking forms soon!

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

BLESSING OF GRAVES Sunday 11th November at 1.30pm Hatfield Hyde. Sunday 18th November at 2pm Southway. Sunday 25th November 2pm at Welwyn New Cemetery.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASSES Sat 20th October and Sat 8th December at 6pm at Our Lady's.

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. The Marriage Preparation Day will be on Saturday 23rd March 2019.

CALLING YOUNG ADULTS Following on from the successful series of events in the lead up to the Synod on Youth in October, the first post-synod event with Cardinal Vincent reflecting on the Synod in Rome, will take place at Archbishop's House on Tuesday 30th October, 7 to 8.30pm. Free to attend for young adults aged 18-35. For bookings, email youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit dowym.com. It would be brilliant to have young adults representing WGC at this meeting

SEMINARIAN Rémy Pignal from the Diocese of St. Denis (Paris, France) has asked to visit 22nd - 26th October; he will be ordained a deacon next year.

DATES Day Pilgrimage with the Deaf to Walsingham Saturday 18th May. Trip to Canterbury Cathedral with Christian Churches of WGC Saturday 15th June 2019. Service in the Crypt, Guided Tours, picnic lunch, free (shopping!) time and Evensong. in Cathedral. Keep the dates free!

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CLEANING will take place on Thurs 11th October at 10am.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Please take a box and leaflet (read carefully) from the back of church. Filled boxes can be brought to St. Bonaventure's or whichever church you attend as soon as you have them ready. We have a plentiful supply of hats to go in the boxes.

CWL are meeting on 9th October in the Sacristy of Our Lady's after Mass. A talk about The Red Hat Society, a ladies group dedicated to encourage a positive outlook on life. All welcome.

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY'S CHURCH The ladies who do the floral arrangements at Our Lady's Church need help. They are asking if any budding flower arranger or somebody who just love flowers would like to come and join them on a Saturday morning to make the church look beautiful. 10am for a couple of hours. Please contact Sally Rand 01707 884492.

OUR LADY SCHOOL GOVERNORS The Chair, Paraic McKenna, writes: I am writing to invite you to take a seat on our school's Governing Body as Foundation Governor. The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. It does this by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision – building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The retirement of incumbent governors means that vacancies have arisen for Foundation Governors – the school needs the voices of our diverse community on its Governing Body! Please contact on PMcKenna@OurLadys527.herts.sch.uk to find out more about these opportunities.

MONTHLY ADORATION The next 'Restoration' Holy Hour will be on Friday 12th October at 7.35pm in Our Lady's Church. The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

OUR LADY SCHOOL Year 5 will be coming to the 9.30am Mass on Monday.

COMMONSWOOD SCHOOL Two Year 5 classes from Commonwood will visit Our Lady's church on Monday 10.15am - 12.15pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEES Our Lady's Tuesday 23rd October. Holy Family 31st October.

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CONFESSIONS

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

Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

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

MISSIO / APF Boxes need to be brought into church for Our Lady's and St. Bonaventure's although some will be collected personally from some St. Bonaventure's parishioners.

THANK YOU from the family of Michael Mulrennan to friends, neighbours and family for their kind thoughts, flowers, cards, prayers and support on the death of Michael. Special thanks to Frs. Norbert, Tom, Michael and Frank for the Funeral Mass..

AVIGNON BLOG produced by the Deaf Service
https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/pilgrimage_to_avignon.php

INTERFAITH The next inter faith evening meeting will be at Hatfield Fire Station AL10 0DA on Tuesday 23 October 7.15 - 9.30pm on the subject of The Environment: Is Faith a Friend or Foe? The speakers will be Father Tom O'Brien, an Assumptionist priest from Hitchin, and Julian Wall from the Amaravati Buddhist Monastery near Hemel Hempstead.

ISABEL HOSPICE WALK Neville raised £460 for the Isabel Hospice London Bridges event most of which is Gift Aid. The weather was inclement but nevertheless enjoyable. Thank you for your sponsorship and God bless you all.

MASS TIMES

08 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
09 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Blessed John Henry Newman
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
10 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Paulinus
11 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. John Paul XIII
12 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Wilfrid
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
13 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Edward the Confessor

Twenty-eighth 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



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