

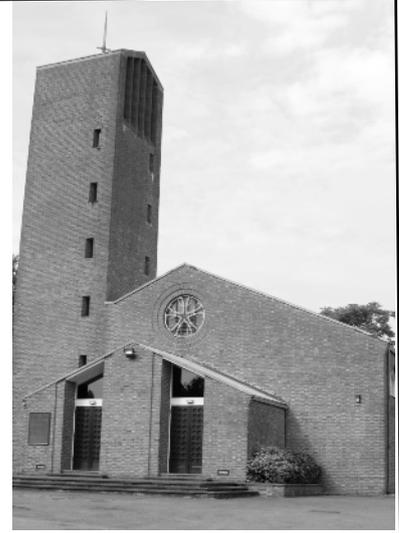
# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

*Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year 14th October page 143 of the Mass Book*

Last Sunday's Gospel passage from St. Mark gave us Jesus' response to the Pharisees asking him questions to test him. Jesus gave clear teaching about marriage and proceeded to welcome the children, not letting his disciples get in way. A very challenging section from St. Mark. Today we move to another sphere, presenting us with more to chew over! A man comes to Jesus wanting to inherit eternal life and Christ asks him *to go and come back* and in the process to off-load all his riches; THEN *to follow* the Lord! The man's sad departure results in more teaching from the lips of Jesus about the burden of wealth and the complications it introduces in a person's journey into eternal life. However, everything is possible for God! This whole section of St. Mark is focussing on Jesus as the Messiah who must suffer, die and then rise. It draws us into a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple and some of the pitfalls we face as we try to stay close to Jesus Christ.

So what about us? The Scriptures are the Word of God 'alive and active, cutting more finely than a double-edged sword' as we read in our excerpt from the Letter to the Hebrews. As you reflect on today's Gospel, what do you think God is asking you to do and to be? What do need help with? What is challenging you immensely? What have you tried with all your might and still found to be taxing? Remember God wants to save us! The Cross brings into sharp focus the power of Divine Love and the salvific nature of Christ's Sacrifice. So when we are asked not to let anything come between us and God, we are being invited - very often sacrificially - to be disciples who are ready to let go of what might be good in itself and yet may be an obstacle on our journey towards eternal life. As God's Word penetrates us we are put in touch with Love and may well find ourselves at the foot of the Cross or being a Simon of Cyrene carrying it!

May God bless your week with his Love. *Fr. Norbert*

**CANONISATIONS** Today Pope Francis will canonise a number of new saints, among them Pope Paul VI (1897-1978) and Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980). Let us ask for the intercession of these holy ones and pray that we will be inspired by the example of their lives.

**BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN** will celebrate next Sunday's 9.30 Mass at Holy Family and 11.30 Mass at Our Lady's. We look forward to welcoming him.

**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** Continues on Monday 15th at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy. There's still time to join if you are interested in becoming a Catholic.

**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 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. *If you missed St. Bonaventure's Enrolment Meeting, please contact Fr. Norbert as soon as possible. Preparation starts next Saturday at 10.30am.*

**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 something you feel you may be able to do, please contact Emma at [group183@hcpt.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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** this 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.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CLEANING** This Wednesday 17th October at 1pm. All welcome.

**NEED CLEANER?** Then phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980 887231 - regular cleans, one off, ironing etc.

**EXPERIENCED GARDENER** available to maintain the beauty of your garden. Lawn cutting, hedge cutting, pruning shrubs and roses and weeding of flower beds. Call Daniel on 07751992492.

**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: 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.

**CAMINO** from Opporto to Santiago de Compostella Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June 2019. If you would like a brochure emailed to you, please contact Fr. Norbert on [welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk) 40 pilgrims have signed up already. There'll soon be a waiting list! 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 MASS** Saturday 20th October at 6pm at Our Lady's Church. After Mass there will be a quiz, bingo and a bring and share in the sacristy of 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](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) or visit [dowym.com](http://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) had asked to visit this month. He has realised that it is not a holiday week for him! He'll come 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!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** 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.

**GEN VERDE** is coming back to the UK! Gen Verde is an International Performing Arts Group of **the Focolare Movement**. Their music and choreographies are an expression of their own experiences of living the Gospel and working for peace. Since the 20 artists come from 14 different countries, their styles are very varied and their concerts are suitable for people of all ages (from 8 years old upwards). **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.30pm**, Christ Church Baptist, 20 Tewin Rd, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1BW. Tickets £7.00 each (Family concessions) available on the door (cash only) or contact: [cfu.responses@focolare.org.uk](mailto:cfu.responses@focolare.org.uk) or tel: Lucy 01727 765 262 (evenings)

Further information can be found on the leaflets at the back of the church.

**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](mailto:PMcKenna@OurLadys527.herts.sch.uk) to find out more about these opportunities.

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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.

**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. Thank you.

**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.

**OUR LADY SCHOOL** Year 4 will be coming to the 9.30am Mass on Monday.

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

**HERTS WELCOMES SYRIAN FAMILIES** Bikes are still needed, in particular one for a 'not to tall' adult male.

### MASS TIMES

15 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Teresa of Jesus
16 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
17 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Ignatius of Antioch
18 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Luke
19 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	1pm	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
20 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year</b>				
20 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
21 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 **Chaplaincy Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net**