

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JEFFREY DOWNIE! After many years of preparation and striving to answer God's call, Jeffrey is now a Priest! Here in our own community of Welwyn Garden City, we have had the privilege of journeying with him through his final months of formation; others, obviously, have had their part to play. He has visited the sick and housebound; he has gone to our schools. The ecumenical and interfaith groups have been blessed with his presence. We have heard Fr. Jeffrey preaching and have got used to him assisting at Mass. There are babies he has baptised and Funerals he has conducted. Fr. Jeffrey's musical skills in playing the organ and singing have enriched the Liturgy. I am afraid that I let him down by not arranging a 'Stag Night' ! However, this weekend we have (had) the joy of his Ordination to the Priesthood and his First Mass. The honeymoon is top secret...! Our thanks to the Diocese for sending us Jeffrey and to Jeffrey for all he has contributed to the life of our parishes in Welwyn Garden City and the wider community. Now he will move on to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George in Enfield. We wish him much happiness and peace as the Lord's Priest. Ad multos annos!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul. They were called and chosen for special ministry in the Church. They took the Gospel to many places, preaching Christ Crucified and proclaiming the power of the Resurrection. They learned from their mistakes and at times faced opposition from others in the Church. They never stopped responding to the Vocation Jesus had summoned them to carry out. Finally, they gave their lives as Martyrs in Rome and are definitely two great pillars of the Church. We ourselves carry on the great task of the spread of the Gospel and the building up of God's Kingdom.

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Our Vocations may vary but our conviction and response complement one another and enrich everyone! Thank you, once again, for all your prayer and hard work in getting ready for, and celebrating, this weekend's events.

May God bless Fr. Jeffrey and may God's choicest blessings come down also on each one of you. *Fr. Norbert*

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Saturday 6th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's organised by the SVP. The priest lays hands on the sick person's head and anoints the forehead and palms of the hands with the Oil of the Sick. It is a powerful Sacrament! If you are seriously unwell or feeling the burden of old age, do not be afraid to come forward. You do not have to be dying to be anointed! If you are not seeking to be anointed, why not come to the Mass and pray for the sick and infirm of our community? All welcome. Followed by refreshments and a party in the hall. If you need a lift please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

CATHOLICISM COURSE The next session will be on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room when we will reflect on the Communion of Saints. The evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing at 9.15pm. All welcome.

THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL are collecting donations for their forthcoming fete after 9.30am (Holy Family) and 10.30am Mass (St. Bonaventure) today. Why not go along to The John Henry Newman's Summer Fete and join them in celebrating our 25th Anniversary? Fun for all the family with many activities including: BMX display, Zorbs, Pony rides, BBQ, Go Karts, Tombola, Bouncy Castle and many more. Sunday 7th July, 12-4pm, The John Henry Newman Catholic School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage, SG1 4AE. Free Parking.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014 Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available from this weekend (at the back of church). Forms for Holy Family and Our Lady's will be available in due course. Children must be born before 1st September 2006 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2013) to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2014.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet as usual this Tuesday in St. Bonaventure's hall at 3.45pm. For the next couple of weeks we are thinking about the words 'Thank you'.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH 'Starting in the Faith' How and why you became a member of your Faith. Park Lounge, Campus West on Thursday 11th July, 7.30 for 7.45pm. See poster at back of church.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH The cleaning of the church and grounds maintenance will take place next Saturday 6th July at the earlier time of 9.30am (as Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place at 11.30am). All are welcome to help!

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP The CAFOD group are meeting on Tuesday 1st July at Holy Family in the Parish room at 7.30pm. You are all very welcome to join us.

PRIEST'S REFERENCE FOR SCHOOL Fr. Norbert would like to meet with all parents who will need a Priest's Reference in the coming year. Obviously, the first group will be those applying for Secondary School. However, parents who will need a Priest's Reference for Reception and for Nursery are advised to come. The meeting will be in Holy Family Church on Sunday 14th July at 7pm and will probably last an hour and a half. It is really important for parents to attend. Fr. Norbert will give advice about the process involved and try to answer questions. Children do not need to come. Please let others know.

AFRICAN MASS will take place at Our Lady's on Sunday, 7th July at 11.30a.m. All are welcome. The African community hopes that many people from WGC and other parts of the world will attend the Mass and the Reception. An African choir will lead the music at Mass with drums and dance. An African DJ will provide the music at the Reception at which there will be delicious food! There will be a rehearsal on Friday 5th July at 7.30pm at Our Lady's Church and the preparation of the church and hall on Saturday, 6th July at 7.30pm. All African parishioners are requested to attend and create a wonderful atmosphere for all who come.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S GROUP This group will be meeting again at SPACE on 9 July, 12.30 - 2pm. Usual arrangements, bring lunch, tea and coffee available.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our thanks to all who made last Sunday's Thanksgiving Mass such a wonderful celebration and the party which followed so much fun!

ETHNIC MINORITY ASSOCIATION (EMA) in Broxbourne in partnership with the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) for Broxbourne & East Herts (support organisation, providing information and services to community groups in the districts of Broxbourne and East Herts) and B3Living (previously Broxbourne Housing Association) are organising a trip to the Museum of Immigration and Diversity. This will be a great opportunity to visit unique cultural institution, called by the "Observer", one of the capital's finest buildings. The Museum is a place of a dialogue which links to today's debate over migration and multiculturalism.

The trip will take place on 12th July 2013. Leaving by coach from Waltham Cross train station at 10.30am and arriving back at approximately 4.30pm to the pick up point. COST £10.00 per person.

Booking is essential as we only have 30 seats and they will be offered on first come, first served basis. No lunch will be provided, all participants are asked to bring their own food. The deadline for booking is NOW!

For more information or enquiries, please contact Michal Siewniak, Community Development Officer on tel: 07825021746, e-mail: michal@cvsbeh.org.uk.

IRISH DANCING Classes every Saturday from 10am at Hornsmill Community Centre 115c Cecil Road, Hertford. Phone 07817 411553 for information.

NEED A CLEANER? Phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 for regular cleaning (weekly/fortnightly/monthly), one off clean, spring clean or to get your ironing done.

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

MASS TIMES

01 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Dedication of the Cathedral
02 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
03 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Thomas
04 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
05 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
06 Saturday	10.30am	Our Lady's	St. Maria Goretti

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

06 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	<i>Lord, Let me see your face, Know your heart and experience your love in my life. Strengthen in me the precious gift of faith. I believe Lord; Help my unbelief. Amen.</i>
07 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Holy Family	
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Our Lady's	
	6pm	Holy Family	

<p>CHAPLAINS TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplains: Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle, on 07884187463</p>
