

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

*Parish Priest: Canon Norbert Fernandes Assistant Priest: Fr. William Johnstone  
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

***14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th July 2023***

We are now well into July. Time is racing by, with so many events having taken place. The summer is so attractive as the opportunity to snatch some quiet moments and change gear. For so many of us our eyes are fixed on these coming weeks just to change pace and enjoy God's world. Of course, it has turned colder and the rain has showered down in abundance! Never mind! We have been promised warmer weather.

Today's Gospel reading is pivotal in St. Matthew. Jesus speaks of revelation - people, especially the children, come to an understanding of who the Father is and of the Son's identity. The Lord is intense in his praise of the Father and in his burning desire to let us all know about him. Then Jesus extends the wonderful invitation to everyone 'Come!' You can picture his arms outstretched, his hands beckoning and a gaze set upon us. He offers rest and a readiness to take upon himself our burdens. He is not holding back in any way and is prepared to carry it all!

As you reflect on his words today, what aspects of the Father's love do you feel he has consciously opened up for you? Does he remove fear? Are you inspired with confidence? Who are the little ones who in a compelling way show us as adults total trust in our God and in his Son? What would you love to put on his shoulders that would remove a huge burden for you? How does his serene peace come to you, giving rest? Remember, Jesus Christ is God-with-us - Emmanuel; he is Jesus - the Saviour. He remembers us!

May God bless you and your loved ones. Have a great week.

With love and prayers, *Fr. Norbert*

**FR. WILLIAM JOHNSTONE** will be moving in September to The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, London NW10. Fr. William will celebrate a Farewell Mass on Saturday 2nd September at 6pm in Our Lady's followed by a Reception in the Trinity Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**FR. MARCO SALVAGNINI** will be the new Assistant Priest starting in September and resident at Holy Family.

**KATHRYN HUBBARD** Kathryn's last day as Secretary will be Tuesday 5th September. 10.30 Mass at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 3rd September will be a Farewell with a Reception afterwards to which everyone is invited. We pray for God's Blessing upon Kathryn, her husband David and their family.

## **FUNERALS**

**RONALD WHITE RIP** Ronald's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Monday 10th July at 2.15pm.

**HAYLEY MEENAN-WILKIN RIP** Hayley's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Wednesday 12th July at 12.45pm.

**GERDA STANLEY RIP** Gerda's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 13th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's.

**MAUREEN BRENNAN RIP** Maureen's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Wednesday 19th July at 12.30pm. Maureen's body will be received into the church at 4pm on Tuesday 18th.

**EMAIL ADDRESS** Please note that the Diocese has created a new email address for our one parish of Welwyn Garden City: [wgc@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wgc@rcdow.org.uk) Please start using this new address from now on. Thank you.

**FINANCE IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY** Fr. Norbert writes: New standing order forms are available at the back of our churches. Thank you to all who have signed up! I would ask others please to consider setting up a standing order to make your regular gift to the church. Standing orders give us a steady income.

We also ask those of you who are tax-payers to allow the parish to claim back the tax you have paid - GiftAid. This results in an extra source of income which doesn't cost you anything as long as you are a tax-payer. The donation must come from a bank account in the name of the taxpayer who is claiming Gift Aid which can be a joint account.

*Thank you for your great generosity - it is much appreciated.*

**LISTER HOSPITAL** If a parishioner or a family member goes into the Lister Hospital, the following links might be helpful: Non-urgent referrals 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (and ask for duty chaplain), Chaplaincy Team email is [spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net) Please remember that the sick person must want the Chaplaincy to know that they are Catholic and that they want to be seen by a priest!

**FIRST FRIDAY** Please note there will NOT be an early Mass in August at St. Bonaventure's.

**PLEASE SPONSOR** Spencer White, one of our parishioners for his first full iron distance triathlon on the 15th July 2023. A gruelling 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 mile run, in aid of Parkinson's UK, something his mother-in-law and Auntie are suffering terribly from. You can donate to his JustGiving page by searching here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/spencer-white6> or if easier Spencer or his wife Jenny will be at Mass at both HF and Our Lady's over the coming weeks. Many thanks.

**SVP** There will be a retiring collection this weekend to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our local area. Please be generous and thank you!

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** This annual Mass organised by the SVP will take place on Saturday 15th July at 12 noon at the Focolare Centre. There will be refreshments afterwards. Come and experience the powerful healing grace of this Sacrament: the priest lays his hands on the head of the person who is sick or infirm and then anoints the forehead and hands with the Oil of the Sick. Fr. Frank Leonard and Monsignor Harry Turner will be coming to help. If you need a lift contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

**AFRICAN MASS** Our thanks to the African Community for last Sunday's great celebration, for the Mass and the party which followed. A wonderful day!

**CAFOD** Strawberry Tea 3pm Sunday 16th July at Sandy and Bob's, 401 Knightsfield, WGC. No charge. Donations welcome.

**VISITING PRIESTS** Fr. Juan de Dios Prieto Garralda. If anyone would like to spend conversational time with Fr. Juan or show him one of the sights in our area, please let Fr. Norbert know.

All the necessary paperwork is in place regarding safeguarding and testimonials.

Monsignor Harry Turner will celebrate 9.30am and 11.30am Masses this weekend. We are very grateful for his continuing support.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If anyone wants Mass offered for a particular intention, please contact Fr. Norbert.

**BAPTISMS** Please contact Fr. Norbert if you wish to arrange the Baptism of your child and he will organise all that is needed.

**MARRIAGE** Any couples planning on getting married this year or next should speak to Fr. Norbert to arrange the necessary preparations.

**FOOD BANK** New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. If you are able to drop off non-perishable food for the needy members of our community, New Zion is happy to receive contributions from 8am on a Wednesday. The address is 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. If anyone would like to make a financial contribution to the Food Bank, please email [foodbank@newzioncf.net](mailto:foodbank@newzioncf.net) and you will be given details as to how to make a donation. The Food Bank Baskets will be at the back of our churches and so items may be left in them. Thank you.

**CAKE SALE** at St. Bonaventure's after 8am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday 16th July to raise funds for the Red Caps going to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Come and give them your support!

**STREAMED MASS** on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) This Sunday streaming at 10am (Saturday's 6pm Mass.)

**ST. ALBANS.** The Catholic Mass at St. Albans Cathedral takes place at 12 noon every Friday in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome.

**CHAPEL** at Our Lady's is open. On weekdays (except bank holidays), come and spend a moment in prayer, light a candle and feel the peace of the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle 7.30am until 6pm. The Chapel will be closed during the school holidays.

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### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 5pm-5.30pm Our Lady  
Thursdays 10am - 10.30am Holy Family  
Saturdays 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure

**Website [wgc-catholics.org.uk](http://wgc-catholics.org.uk)**

**TRINITY HALL** The Hall is now available for general hire. Bookings and enquiries can be made through the [www.wgc-catholics.org.uk](http://www.wgc-catholics.org.uk) website, which contains the terms and conditions of hire, as well as a live diary showing bookings and time available for hire. Please enjoy this wonderful resource and spread the word amongst friends and family who may be looking for a Hall to hire. General enquiries please call 01707 537464

**TRANSPORT TO MASS** If any parishioners need a lift to Mass, the Transport to Mass Group is there! All necessary safeguarding and health and safety guidelines are followed. The new co-ordinator is Anne Maclean-Eltham.

### MASS INTENTIONS

08 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady	Peter Bonass (R.I.P. birthday)
09 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	Donald and Mary Shewring (intentions)
	9.30am	Holy Family	John Blackburn (R.I.P. 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Mrs Francesca De Souza (R.I.P. 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
	11.30am	Our Lady	Paddy Glynn (R.I.P.)
	6pm	Holy Family	Alan McEvoy (R.I.P.)
10 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady	Pat Kennedy (R.I.P.)
	2.15pm	Our Lady	Funeral Mass
11 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Patrick Glynn (R.I.P.)
	7pm	Our Lady	Pat Kennedy (R.I.P.)
12 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Mary Kearney (R.I.P.)
	12.45pm	Our Lady	Funeral Mass
13 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Special intention (cw)
	11.30am	Our Lady	Funeral Mass
14 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Patrick Glynn (R.I.P.) Month's mind
	7pm	Our Lady	Glynn family intentions
15 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Alan and Margaret Staples (intentions)
	6pm	Our Lady	Pat Glynn (R.I.P.)