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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

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Today is a day of reflection as we mark 'Remembrance Sunday'. So many lives given in sacrifice to safeguard others. Families carrying the scars of grief and personnel with injury and painful memories. For us as Christians we call to mind and proclaim our hope in Resurrection and the way that God's grace and work beyond our wildest dreams and make up for what we cannot achieve on our own.

As I think about my own loved ones who have died, I have a feeling of thanksgiving for them: their care, nurture, example and strength of faith. We always had lots of fun! When we went on holiday, my Mum would always write a postcard to ourselves, expressing what was going on! I found one the other day from November 2000. We were supposed to go to the Holy Land and it was cancelled because of warfare. Instead we visited Rome. Amazing thinking back to those times and what is now happening.

With bereavement, there is that gap in one's heart, life and routine. So many places and experiences are the constant reminder of a loved one. There are the fresh things hap-pening in life which you just want to share and then it hits home that they are no longer at the other end of a phone. Loss needs healing and patience. Sadness cannot be blown away. There are so many ways of dealing with grief and it is crucial to take time.

Let us pray: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.* With love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

**RCIA** Next session Monday 13th November 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy.

**OPEN PARISH MEETING** Around 45 people attended last Tuesday's meeting. There was a positive atmosphere. It was really good to hear about all that is happening. Discussion about the future ensued. Minutes will be ready for distribution next weekend.

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

**MARRIAGE** Couples planning on getting married in WGC or elsewhere 2024/2025 should contact Fr. Norbert. The Marriage Preparation Day will be on **Saturday 10th February 2024** ...in readiness for Valentine's Day!

**FOOD BANK** New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. If you are able to drop off non-perishable food, New Zion is happy to receive contributions from 8am on a Wednesday. The address is 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. To make a financial contribution to the Food Bank, email [foodbank@newzioncf.net](mailto:foodbank@newzioncf.net) There are Food Bank Baskets at the back of our churches. Thank you.

**CWL 17th November Peartree Christmas Fayre has been cancelled.**

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** There are sheets at the back of our churches on which you can write the names of loved ones who have died. There is no need to give any money.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** Sunday 12th November 1.30pm at Hatfield Hyde Cemetery (Hollybush Lane). Sunday 19th November 2pm Welwyn New Cemetery (Fulling Mill Lane) *You are invited to gather near the entrance of the cemetery for initial prayers and then each individual grave will be blessed. Obviously if pouring with rain, it might require adaptation!*

**MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF DEANERY** Our thanks to all who came. The singing of the children from Our Lady and Holy Family Schools was heavenly!

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP** invite you to a shared supper at the Focolare Centre Thursday 16th November at 7pm. All welcome.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS** A wonderful celebration last weekend. Thank you to all who contributed their gifts and talents to the Mass and party afterwards.

**RED BOXES/MISSIO** This is a reminder that it is time for the MISSIO Red Boxes to be emptied and the monies to be sent on to the Missions. Please do leave your box with us in church as soon as possible if you would like us to count and bank the contents and return the box to you in due course. Otherwise:

- Sent cheque Missio-Mill Hill to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU
- Online [missio.org.uk/redbox](http://missio.org.uk/redbox)
- By Bank Transfer: Account Name Missio, Sort Code 16-00-16, Account number 10824230 (Reference RB+ your postcode)

Your generosity makes such a difference and supports the work of the Missions. Thanks!

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** is this weekend when we pray for all who have given their lives in service of country in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Fr. Norbert will give the Address at Hatfield Hyde War Memorial at 3pm.

**VISITING PRIESTS** Fr. Mark Connolly is here this weekend and will celebrate 8am Mass on Sunday. Fr. Tom O'Brien from Hitchin will celebrate Monday's 9.30 Mass.

**FINANCE IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY** Standing order forms are available at the back of church. 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.* Thanks!

**LISTER HOSPITAL** If someone you know 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 want a priest's visit.

**TRANSPORT TO MASS** If any parishioners need a lift to Mass, the Transport to Mass Group is there! Drivers are urgently needed. Health & Safety training and Safeguarding requirements will be arranged. Contact Anne Maclean-Eltham on 07811926002 or [macleaneltham@btinternet.com](mailto:macleaneltham@btinternet.com)

**ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION** takes place this Sunday (12th) at 7pm in Holy Family Church. Young people who wish to be confirmed should be at least in Year 9. Parents are asked to come to this first meeting at which all dates of preparation will be outlined and the date of Confirmation itself. *The meeting will last one hour.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** If you missed the enrolment meeting, please contact Fr. Norbert as soon as possible. The first parents and children's workshop is next month.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Holy Family Church needs volunteers for church cleaning on Wednesday 15th November after 9.30 Mass and coffee.

**OUR LADY SCHOOL** Years 3 and 4 will attend 9.30 Mass on Monday 27th November.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** Sadly the pilgrimage at the end of the month has been cancelled. Obviously it is a great disappointment. Let us continue to pray for peace.

**THANK YOU** to all who help with hospitality in so many ways in our churches: teas and coffees weekly, First Friday breakfasts and the one-offs like Tuesday's Deanery Mass and the Parish Meeting. It makes such a difference having your support. There are also many who help in the background keeping everything going. This is appreciated.

**OPUS DEI** Evening of Recollection for men at Holy Family Church on Thursday 23rd November at 7pm. There will be one for women in Hatfield on 15th November. More information from Ed Newman-Sanders 07984149320.

**MASS INTENTIONS** *These can be booked through Fr. Norbert*

11th Saturday

6pm Our Lady Tom & Nancy Hogan

12th Sunday **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am St. Bonaventure Holy Souls

9.30am Holy Family Margaret Wilson's Intention

10.30am St. Bonaventure Charles D'Costa (Special intention)

11.30am Our Lady Dead of the two World Wars & subsequent conflicts

6pm Holy Family Holy Souls

13th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Deceased members of Coyle & Swift families

14th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Margaret Coyle RIP (2nd Anniv)

7pm Our Lady Deceased members of the CWL

15th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Holy Souls

16th Thursday *St. Edmund of Abingdon*

9.30am Holy Family Holy Souls

17th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Private Intention (J.A.)

7pm Our Lady Holy Souls

18th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Holy Souls

6pm Our Lady James Bonass RIP Anniv

**CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)**

Saturdays 5pm-5.30pm Our Lady

Thursdays 10am - 10.30am Holy Family

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** 10am - 10.30am Holy Family

**CHAPEL** *Near Trinity Hall open Monday to Friday 7.30am until 6pm.*

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

**STREAMED MASS** on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) 11.30 Mass will be livestreamed from Our Lady's.