

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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‘The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.’ These are the words from the prophecy of Isaiah chosen by Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth. This passage comes after his Baptism and the Temptations in the wilderness and marks the beginning of his public ministry.

The Spirit is the driving force of Jesus’ life. It fills him, impels him, empowers him and touches others through his healing, preaching and teaching. The Spirit helps Jesus to pray at important moments of his life. The Spirit is communicated to the Church at Pentecost and underpins the life and activity of the first Christians. We believe that the same Spirit - revealed in many gifts and charisms in the Church and her members - is still at work, handed down from one generation to another. The Spirit helps the Church understand who Jesus truly is and draws believers more deeply into the dynamic life and love of the Trinity; similarly the Spirit never stops sending believers forth to live the Good News and share it with those hungry to learn about Jesus and the Kingdom he inaugurated. At the end of today’s passage Jesus says to his audience: ‘This text is being fulfilled today, even as you listen.’ Jesus’ ministry is making things happen NOW. The Spirit of the Lord holds us close to him and gives us the confidence to offer his saving love to others.

In this Year of Faith, let us mull over the words in St. Luke’s Gospel chosen by Jesus to sum up his ministry. How can we let the Spirit be more active in us? What will allow our proclamation of the Gospel to bear much fruit? Who are the people around us desperate to hear this message and when will we act so that they can receive his Word? May God help us!

God bless your week. *Fr. Norbert*

EDUCATION SUNDAY Let us pray for all involved in Education: for staff, governors, parents and, of course, our children and young people, that our schools and colleges may help them develop in every way. Let us pray that our parish schools may continue their great work of fostering and developing faith in our children. The theme this year is 'Belonging and Believing.' Holy Family School is leading 9.30am Mass and Our Lady School is leading 11.30am Mass.

CANDLEMAS Saturday 2nd February is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas - the 40th day after Christmas. Candles will be blessed and distributed at 10am Mass at St. Bonaventure's.

PARISHES ADVISORY COUNCIL will be meeting this Tuesday evening. The Council will be discussing ways of marking and celebrating the Year of Faith.

YEAR OF FAITH This week the San Damiano Crosses will be at Holy Family School and Our Lady School as part of the Year of Faith.

YEAR OF FAITH GROUP meets Mass on Monday 21st at Our Lady's Centre for a talk & discussion on 'the three Holy Orders and their ministry'. All are welcome.

PEACE SUNDAY Last Sunday was Peace Sunday. The theme Pope Benedict chose for his message was 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' from the Sermon on the Mount. The full text is available on info@paxchristi.org.uk The Pope's message affirms the Church's teaching on peace, from the great letter of Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, through the teaching on war and peace in Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes*, to the challenge offered by the Year of Faith for us to seek out and hold up 'the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord...' Last year we had the privilege in our parishes of hosting Pax Christi's Peace Icon. Let us pray that our efforts and prayers will bear much fruit. **RCIA** continues on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm in Our Lady's sacristy.

LOURDES 2013 Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of our churches. Deposits and completed forms should be returned to Pax Travel.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This week we will celebrate Candlemas by making Christingles and having a short service in the hall, 3.45pm.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP Fasting, food and Drink - a question and answer session on sustenance as part of the Faiths' Ritual at the Jim Macdonald Centre, Macdonald Court, Off High View, Hatfield on 6th February 7.30pm for 7.45pm.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES There will be Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 9th February at 2pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All welcome.

MASS to mark Fr. Norbert's Mother's first anniversary of death will be celebrated in Our Lady's on Saturday 9th February at 6pm. You are most welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY this year falls on 13th February!

TOMMY MANSFIELD 400 CLUB - Collection of subscriptions for Jan 2013 will be taken at Masses at Our Lady's over this weekend with the draw being made on Mon 28th Jan. Numbers are available for new members!

OUR LADY'S CHURCH - next Saturday (2nd February) the monthly cleaning of the church and maintenance of the grounds will take place at 10am. The cleaning and maintenance will be for ONE hour only. All are welcome to help. Refreshments will be available.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY will be marked in WGC on Monday 28th January with a commemoration at 11am at the Holocaust Memorial on Parkway (just along from St. Francis' Church).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY on Saturday 2nd February in Our Lady's Hall 10.30am - 5pm followed by a Blessing of Engaged Couples at 6pm Mass. Any couples planning to get married this year (or next) should contact Fr. Norbert with their details. Even if the wedding is in another part of the country or abroad the Church papers should be completed in the parish of residence i.e. here in Welwyn Garden City if this is where you worship at Mass.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MATRIMONY at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 18th May at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. If you are celebrating this year your 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary, please give your details to Fr. Norbert (names, wedding date, full postal address, email/phone number). These will be sent to Archbishop's House and formal invitations be sent to the couples.

MUSIC DAY Last Saturday's Music Day was cancelled because of the weather. A new date has been set for Saturday 4th May 10am - 4pm in Our Lady's Hall and Church. Musicians and singers from a wide area will be coming. It would be a great experience for those involved in music in our parishes.

HEALTHCARE MEETING Healthcare students and professionals: Are you interested in meeting other Christian healthcare professionals and students informally? Then come to a meeting organised by the Catholic Medical Association on Saturday 16th February 2013, 12noon - 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 373 Bowes Road, New Southgate, N11 1AA (150 yds from Arnos Grove Stn) Please bring food to share for lunch.

LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION THROUGH LECTIO DIVINA During the season of Lent a series of weekly prayer and reflection sessions will be taking place following the prayer method of Lectio Divina. The introductory session will be on Wed 6th February between 8 and 9pm at the Holy Family Church Parish Room. Subsequent sessions will continue on Thursdays up until Holy Week. Further information will follow. In the meantime, please feel free to speak to Spencer or Jenny White or contact them on 01707334896 / 07425137469 /spencer.white4@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are appealing for volunteers to help run the Children's Liturgy at 9.30am Mass on a Sunday. If interested please sign your name on the clipboard at the back of the church and come along to a special meeting in the parish room on Thursday 7th Feb. when we can tell you more about what is involved.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S MASS Sunday 10th February at 9.30am. Children who are making their First Holy Communion this year will be taking part in this Mass.

FUNERALS Helen Reynolds' Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Tuesday 29th January at 10.30am.

Jean Beck's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Friday 8th February at 12noon. *We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.*

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL YEAR 6 MASS This Tuesday at 9.15am in school. All welcome.

OUR LADY'S MINISTERS' ROTA - The new Rota for Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers from February to April 2013 is now available at the back of the Church. A copy can also be found on the parish website.

A POLISH LADY is looking for a room to rent. Contact Sylvia on 07825216627.

RED BOXES Thank you to those from Our Lady's who contributed to the £980 sent to MISSIO. Boxes need collecting from the back of church, there are some without names - take one and fill it up during the year!

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

MASS TIMES

28 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Thomas Aquinas
29 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass
	7pm	Our Lady's	
30 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
31 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. John Bosco
01 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
02 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Presentation of the Lord
Fourth Sunday of the Year			
02 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	<i>Lord,</i>
03 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	<i>Let me see your face,</i>
	9.30am	Holy Family	<i>Know your heart and</i>
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	<i>experience your love in my life.</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady's	<i>Strengthen in me</i>
	6pm	Holy Family	<i>the precious gift of faith.</i>
			<i>I believe Lord;</i>
			<i>Help my unbelief. Amen.</i>

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