

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes Assistant Priest: Fr. Michael Mannion
Deacon: Rev. Jeffrey Downie Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard

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Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The Church gives us the opportunity to ponder anew the mystery which lies at the heart of our celebration of the Mass. Jesus is really and truly present here under the form of bread and wine. Jesus unites us with his great Sacrifice on Calvary and his Easter Victory. Jesus enables us to be his Body by holding us in a great embrace through the power of his Spirit. Jesus - God and Man - helps us to offer fitting worship to our Heavenly Father.

In our reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle speaks of what has been handed on to him, which he in turn hands on to us - namely Christ's words and actions at the Last Supper. The Eucharist creates Church and the Church receives her identity from the Eucharist. The Mass is both Sacrifice and Sacrament. The former points us to the ultimate source of compassionate, forgiving Love on the Cross. The latter is an outward sign of inward grace: as the priest recalls the Lord's words and breaks bread and shares the chalice of wine, these elements become Sacred Food to nourish us and fortify us with Divine Grace.

Our understanding of the Mass continues to deepen and broaden with every celebration we attend. There is a fresh insight which can break in when we least expect it! Even after nearly 25 years of celebrating the Eucharist, I never tire of standing 'in persona Christi' with the awe and inadequacy one can feel. I made my own First Holy Communion on 13th June, 1971; so I have had the privilege of receiving the Lord for nearly 42 years!

As we thank God for this wonderful Gift left by his Son, let us pray that we will be renewed in our love of the Eucharist and allow the Lord to share with us the riches of his Love.

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

FR. MICHAEL MANNION Fr. Michael has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Thomas More Church in Wheathampstead. Fr. Michael will be with us until his summer holidays after which he will move to Wheathampstead. Fr. Michael has been with us for nearly four years and in that time has contributed to the life of our three parishes, serving in the schools, the SVP, the sick at home or in hospital. Fr. Michael has been ready to help and be available in a variety of ways, many of them behind the scenes. We are grateful to him for his ministry and wish him well in his new appointment. Fr. Michael would like to come back in the autumn for a farewell from us all in Welwyn Garden City.

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST The Vicar General has informed Fr. Norbert that the new Assistant Priest for our parishes will be Fr. Vincent Malone who is currently in Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate. Fr. Vincent, who was ordained a priest in 2010, will come after the summer holidays and will take up residence in the Presbytery of Holy Family Church. We look forward to welcoming him to the Garden City.

CROSS OF SAN DAMIANO will this week be with the Constable family. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Thursday 6th June at 2pm. They live at 26 Reynards Rd Welwyn AL6 9TP. (Tel. 01438 716777-in case people can't find it)

CATHOLICISM COURSE continues in the Parish Room of Holy Family at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd June. This week's session will look at the great Apostles Peter and Paul. The evening will conclude with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending at 9.15pm. Each session is a unit in itself so even if you haven't come to one yet, you would still gain from the one/s to come.

FR. NORBERT'S 25TH EDGWARE CELEBRATION Everyone is most welcome at St. Anthony's Church, Garratt Road, Edgware HA8 9AN on Tuesday 11th June at 12noon for Mass followed by lunch. Everyone is welcome. Those travelling by car are advised to park in the Broadwalk Shopping Centre Car Park on Station Road, Edgware HA8 7BD with a five-minute walk along Church Way to Garratt Road. If anyone can offer a lift or any need a lift, please contact Kathryn Hubbard. (There will **not** be a coach.)

JAN ZABINSKI RIP The Funeral Mass for Jan Zabinski is on Tuesday 4th June at 9.30am in St. Bonaventure's. Jan's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Monday 3rd June.

FR. NORBERT'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN WGC 6pm at Our Lady's on Saturday 15th June **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** There will be a rehearsal for musicians and singers on Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm in Our Lady's. Any altar servers who would like to serve to sign up their names on the lists in each sacristy. Help will be needed with setting up, in serving food and drinks on the day, with finger food buffet.

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT? There will be entertainment for the Jubilee in the Hall during the course of the evening; if anyone would like to offer song, music or dance, please let Fr. Norbert/Barbara Moore (07789 743 703) know. There are lists for signing up this weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity offered in a myriad of ways.

ST JOSEPH'S CENTRE TASTERS in our Lady's Hall on Wednesday 12th and 19th June. 10.00-12.00 and 13.30-15.30. A chance to experience what the Centre offers through drama and creative paper technology. See the fliers at the back of our churches. For more information contact 020 82023999 or email hubs@stjoseph.org.uk Free!

DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am. We will be hiring a coach if there are sufficient numbers. There are lists at the back of church for you to indicate that you would like a place on the coach.

PRAYER FOR JEFFREY As Jeffrey gets ready for his Ordination to the Priesthood, we will have a Holy Hour each our church to pray for him: Tuesday 18th June 10am in St. Bonaventure's and 8pm in Our Lady's and Wednesday 19th June 10am at Holy Family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The final celebration will be next Sunday at St. Bonaventure's at 10.30am (just 5 benches each side will be reserved). On Sunday 23rd June, all the children who have made their First Holy Communion will gather for a Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady's at 3pm followed by a party in the Hall. Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers. Our thanks to all the catechists for their hard work in supporting the children and their parents.

OUR LADY SCHOOL Our Lady Catholic School will be marking its 60th anniversary on Monday 24th June with a very special Mass celebrated by Bishop John. We are very keen to have as many past pupils, staff and governors attend and would very much like to extend an invitation, in particular to those who joined the school between 1953 and 1978. The school are also planning to exhibit photographs and memorabilia from the last six decades. Please could you contact the school office for further information - Tel: 01707 324408.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE: The fayre is being held on Saturday June 8th from 12-3pm and your support would be much appreciated to make it a fun event for all. £2 per family admission. Attractions include a kite festival, bottle tombola, Welwyn Garden City Brass Band, and a BBQ. Please buy raffle tickets at the back of the church (first prize is a flight for 3 people at Panshanger aerodrome) at £1 per ticket, and any donations of homemade cakes would be welcome the day before the fayre.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday June 9th at 9.30am. There will be a practice this Sunday (June 2nd) after 9.30am Mass for all those children wishing to read or sing. There will also be a band practice at this time.

PEACE GARDEN We want to make the Peace Garden as congenial and welcoming as we can for Father Norbert's Celebration on June 15th. If you are able to give a spare hour to weeding or planting or donate some bedding plants or help in any way, please contact Anne (328516). Thank you.

MEMORIAL LECTURE H.E. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will be giving a memorial lecture entitled "The Ecumenical Legacy of the Second Vatican Council " to mark the fifth anniversary of Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement. Saturday 6 July 2013, 3.00 pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, WGC, AL8 6JG. The lecture will be followed by a reception. RSVP: email: cfu@focolare.org.uk or tel. 01707 323620.

CAN YOU HELP WITH DOG WALKING Local to St. Bonaventure's. An elderly parishioner needs more people to help with dog walking. If you think you can help please contact the parish office 322579.

INTER FAITH MATTERS Beginnings, How our Faiths came to be..... a panel of five will explain the origins of their faith, Reverend Jeffrey Downie has offered to chair it. Place: Jim McDonald Centre, Hatfield on Wed 12th June 7.30 for 7 45pm. Further information 01707 880941

AFRICAN MASS Next planning meeting in Our Lady's sacristy on Friday 21st June at 7.45pm.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

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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

03 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Charles Lwanga & companions
04 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass
	7pm	Our Lady's	feria
05 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Boniface
06 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Norbert
07 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
	7pm	Our Lady's	
08 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Immaculate Heart of Mary



		Tenth Sunday of the Year
08 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
09 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Our Lady's
	6pm	Holy Family

*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.*

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