

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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*Today is Peace Sunday. We pray for the work of Pax Christit.
Below are some paragraphs from Pope Francis' Message to the world.*

FRATERNITY, THE FOUNDATION AND PATHWAY TO PEACE

In this, my first Message for the World Day of Peace, I wish to offer to everyone, individuals and peoples, my best wishes for a life filled with joy and hope. In the heart of every man and woman is the desire for a full life, including that irrepressible longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced.

Fraternity is an essential human quality, for we are relational beings. A lively awareness of our relatedness helps us to look upon and to treat each person as a true sister or brother; without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace. We should remember that fraternity is generally first learned in the family, thanks above all to the responsible and complementary roles of each of its members, particularly the father and the mother. The family is the wellspring of all fraternity, and as such it is the foundation and the first pathway to peace, since, by its vocation, it is meant to spread its love to the world around it.

We Christians believe that in the Church we are all members of a single body, all mutually necessary, because each has been given a grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, for the common good (cf. Eph 4:7,25; 1 Cor 12:7). Christ has come to the world so as to bring us divine grace, that is, the possibility of sharing in his life. This entails weaving a fabric of fraternal relationships marked by reciprocity, →

forgiveness and complete self-giving, according to the breadth and the depth of the love of God offered to humanity in the One who, crucified and risen, draws all to himself: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:34-35). This is the good news that demands from each one a step forward, a perennial exercise of empathy, of listening to the suffering and the hopes of others, even those furthest away from me, and walking the demanding path of that love which knows how to give and spend itself freely for the good of all our brothers and sisters

CONGRATULATIONS to our Archbishop Vincent Nichols who has been appointed a Cardinal; the ceremony will take place in Rome on Saturday 22nd February. The Archbishop has sent a copy of the note received from Pope Francis about the role of Cardinal: ‘The cardinalate is not a promotion, an honour or an award; it is simply a service which calls for a broader vision and a more expansive heart. Although it may seem paradoxical, this ability to see farther and have a greater universal love can only be achieved by following the same path which the Lord himself took, the path of abasement and humility which the Lord himself took (Philippians 2:5-8). For this reason, I would ask you please to receive this appointment with simplicity and humility of heart. Though it is fitting that you should do so with great joy, try to avoid any expression of worldliness and celebration not in keeping with the evangelical spirit of austerity, sobriety and poverty.’ The Archbishop asks us to pray for him and also for Pope Francis.

THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE Archbishop Nichols will be inviting to the Cathedral couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversaries. This year’s Mass will be on Saturday 7th June at 3pm. Please give your details to Fr. Norbert (names of husband and wife, wedding date, full postal address and email/phone number) who will then pass on the names to the Archbishop’s Office; in due course invitations will be sent out. In recent years many couples from Welwyn Garden City have gone to this annual Mass and had a wonderful, prayerful experience.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY As has become the custom, there will be a main Service (45 mins) today (Sunday) and daily services (30mins) in a number of churches usually followed by refreshments.

Saturday 18th Our Lady’s at 12 noon + Soup lunch

Sunday 19th Christchurch Baptist Church, Broadwater Road, AL7 3AX at 3pm (Fr. Norbert will be giving the address at this service)

Monday 20th Space, Church Road, AL8 6PW (near Sainsbury’s) at 8am

Tuesday 21st Panshanger Church, Hardings AL7 2EJ at 12.30pm

Wednesday 22nd St. Mary Magdalene’s, Hollybush Lane, AL7 4JS at 12.30pm

Thursday 23rd Digswell Village Church, Warren Way AL6 0DH at 12.30pm

Friday 24th Free Church, Church Road, AL8 6PS at 12 noon

Saturday 25th Shared Supper at Focolare Centre, Parkway at 7pm.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY The Council is arranging a service to mark Holocaust Memorial Day this year on Monday 27th January 11am -12 noon - The Links, Hatfield. The day is intended to ensure that the horrendous crimes against humanity during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides are never forgotten and that its relevance for each new generation is understood. This year the theme is ‘Journeys’. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION preparation starts today (Sunday) at 7.15pm in Holy Family's Parish Room.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Preparation for these Sacraments at Holy Family Church and Our Lady's Church will soon begin for children and their parents. The first parents' meeting for our three parishes will be on Wednesday 29th January at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION If you are planning to get married in 2014 or 2015 either here in Welwyn Garden City or in another parish in this country or abroad, please let Fr. Norbert know. There are Church papers which have to be prepared as well as civil requirements. The Marriage Preparation Day for our parishes will be on Saturday 15th February (the day after Valentine's Day!) in Our Lady's Hall.

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR THE SICK in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at 2pm on Saturday 8th February. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside, and as in previous years, the Mass will include the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome, no seat reservations or tickets.

NEW INSPIRATIONS New music for Lent and Holy Week with Frances Novillo, Saturday 25th January 2014 2-5pm at St. Bartholomew's Church, Vesta Avenue, St. Albans AL1 2PE, £5 per person. Singers and instrumentalists welcome. Booking in advance essential for both singers and instrumentalists. Contact Peter Godwin 01727 843309 or godwin.peter@gmail.com

OUR LADY'S MINISTERS' ROTA: The new rota for Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers from February to April 2014 will be available at the back of the church from this weekend and on Our Lady's website at the beginning of February.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP Anyone who has received any gifts they are unable to use or are surplus to requirement would you please consider gift aiding them for sale on the CAFOD table at Holy Family church.

JUSTICE AND PEACE At 6pm on Wednesday 22nd January the Justice & Peace Commission are holding an Open meeting and all are invited. This will take place at the Commission's offices, in West Green (north London), there will be soup, bread and cheese, cake, tea, coffee and juice. Some parishioners will be attending. If you would like to go, please contact John Fogarty (john.fogarty@ntlworld.com or 01707 327771), who will give you more information and provide a lift, if required.

NEED A CLEANER TO HELP WITH YOUR HOUSEWORK? Contact Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980887231 Regular or weekly cleans/one off/fortnightly or monthly or ironing.

Need a Mobile Hairdresser, or a Decorator /Handy man or a Cleaner? As a family concern, we offer competitive rates which won't be beaten. Tracey (**MOBILE HAIRDRESSER**) 07581212941. Jamie (**DECORATOR/HANDYMAN**) 07572527731. Jackie (**CLEANER**) 07938917631.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet on Tuesdays, 3.45pm - 4.45pm, all welcome to come along and meet other parish children and learn more about the faith in a fun way.

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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

20 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Fabian or St. Sebastiaan
21 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Agnes
	7pm	Our Lady's	
22 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Vincent
23 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
24 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Francis de Sales
	7pm	Our Lady's	
25 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Conversion of St. Paul

Third Sunday of the Year

25 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
26 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Our Lady's
	6pm	Holy Family



CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463