

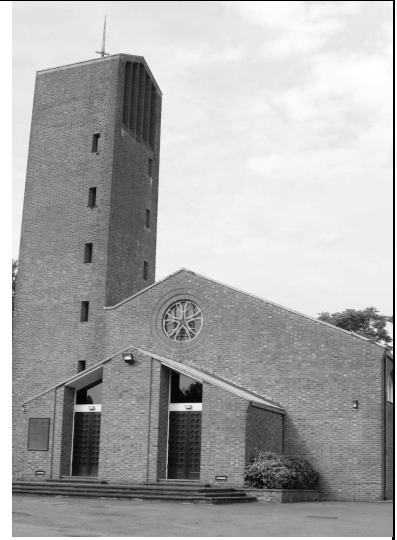
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Corpus Christi 22nd June (page 83 of the Mass book)

Corpus Christi is the great Solemnity which we celebrate to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Christ. Our Gospel passage is from St. John's 6th chapter as Jesus teaches the people that he is the Bread of Life. He had fed the five thousand and now he sets out before them the true significance of what has taken place. Jesus says quite explicitly: 'The bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world... My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.'

Last week our minds were pondering the Mystery of the Trinity. Today our gaze is fixed on bread and wine which we are told are flesh and blood - food and drink. Bread and wine are part of God's Creation, bearing his stamp. At the Last Supper Jesus asked us to do in memory of him what he himself did that evening when gathered at table with his disciples. The 'memory' is connected intimately with the Event of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection.. Jesus has chosen to communicate his life to us and for our salvation through the transformation of bread and wine into his Body and Blood. The word 'transubstantiation' infers that what we see, touch and taste do not appear to have changed ; rather in themselves there is a new Reality - Jesus Christ, God and Man, is there! The Mass is a dynamic celebration which puts us in touch with the Sacrifice offered by the Lord on the Cross which resulted in Death and Resurrection; Jesus was totally obedient to the Father and his submission opens us up to salvation. The Mass is called Eucharist; the Consecrated Bread and Wine - the Sacred Host and Precious Blood - are also called Eucharist. The word means 'Thanksgiving' - principally Jesus' Thanksgiving to the Father but also our thanks for all we have received. Jesus is the Guarantor of the Divine Worship we enter into at Mass.

Today let us give thanks to God that we have the privilege of being present at the Eucharist and that we are fed with Jesus' Body and Blood, helping us to become like him. May this Eucharist strengthen us for another week. *Fr. Norbert*

FR. GERARD O'BRIEN will be the new Assistant Priest in Welwyn Garden City. He was ordained in 2010 and is currently in Holy Trinity, Brook Green (Hammersmith). Fr. Gerard will take up residence in Holy Family Presbytery on 3rd September. We will formally welcome Fr. Gerard (and Samuel Ejeregbe, the seminarian) to WGC at the Special Need Mass on Saturday 13th September at 6pm.

DEREK HYETT Please pray for Derek as his Ordination to the Priesthood fast approaches on Saturday 28th June at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral. Some parishioners are planning to get the 8.53am train from WGC Station. If you wish to travel with them, please buy your ticket and meet them on Platform 2 in time to get the train. Fr. Norbert has invited Fr. Derek to celebrate a 'First Mass' in WGC. It will be on Saturday 30th August at 6pm followed by a 'get-together' in the hall.

PETER WEI The Chinese seminarian will be arriving on Monday 23rd June and will stay with us until the end of July. He will share in the life of our three parishes and learn/improve (?) his English. If any of you would like to invite him over to practise his English or take him out, please let Fr. Norbert know.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK Last Saturday's Mass was a wonderful occasion. The power of faith and love as the sick and infirm came forward to be anointed; the prayer of all who gathered; the deep sense of community as we ate and drank in the hall. We are very grateful to the SVP, the Hospitality Group and all involved in the Mass and Reception.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Young Friends' Reception. A wine and canapè reception on Tuesday, 1 July to meet and find out about The Friends of Westminster Cathedral. From 7pm-9pm at Vaughan House, Francis Street SW1P 1QN. Open to all with free admission. Contact address: young.friends@mail.com.

PRIESTS We continue to be very grateful to Fr. Frank Leonard and Fr. John Helm for the tremendous support they give. This Sunday Fr. Frank Johnson from the Focolare community will celebrate 9.30am and 6pm Masses at Holy Family. Next Sunday Fr. Bruce Burbidge, priest of East Anglia Diocese who teaches in Rome, will celebrate 9.30 Mass at Holy Family and 11.30 Mass at Our Lady's. Fr. Bruce was the organ scholar at Westminster Cathedral back in 1987 when Fr. Norbert was deacon there! In the month of August Fr. Patrick Mileham, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, will take up residence in WGC and celebrate Masses supported by retired priests. Fr. Patrick is a Birmingham University Chaplain and lectures in Scripture at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham. He is looking forward to coming!

JOAN BERESFORD RIP Joan's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 8th July at 12.30pm at St. Bonaventure's.

PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY John Fogarty would like to thank all those parishioners who sponsored him for CAFOD'S Pedal Against Poverty. He hasn't yet sent the money received into CAFOD so if you haven't yet given your money or would like to sponsor him there is still time (John has nearly doubled his target). Go to www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty3. e-mail him: john.fogarty@ntlworld.com or see him after Mass.

UNCLAIMED Raffle prizes: Green 126, blue 196. Collect from the office.

JUNE MINIBUS OUTING for anyone with limited mobility. **Next Tuesday 24th June.** Door to door transport provided by the parish to the Gardens of the Rose (entrance fee £6). Alternative venue in the event of bad weather. Contact Kay on 01707 335633.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Fr. Norbert will have a meeting with parents who will need a Priest's Reference in the autumn for their child's application for a Catholic Secondary School. The meeting will be in Holy Family Church on Sunday 6th July at 7pm and should last an hour. It will be an opportunity for Fr. Norbert to give parents helpful advice about the process and the expectations of the various schools. It would also be helpful for Year 4 parents to come. In January Fr. Norbert has to do references for Reception Class and then in March for Nursery admission; parents of these younger children might find coming on 6th July beneficial. The meeting itself will be for parents and not for children (though they are welcome to be present).

OCTOBER TRIP to Rheims. 32 have signed up so far. There is still time to book. Leaflets and booking forms at the back of our churches.

AFRICAN MASS Sunday 13th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall. Plans are well underway with practices galore! All welcome.

FILIPINO MASS on Saturday 5th July at 6pm in Our Lady's followed by a cultural programme in the hall with music, dance, food and drink. All welcome. If anyone would like to help in any way with the Mass or afterwards in the hall, please contact Rizza on 07960083681 or Angie on 07879827769.

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR SCHOOL has a 50th Anniversary Open Day on Sunday 13th July 12.30 - 4.30pm. Inflatables, archery, football competitions, bands etc. You are invited to see how the school has changed over the last 50 years. Address: Colney Heath Lane, St. Albans AL4 0TT.

TOWARDS A NEW GARDEN CITY A lecture (organised jointly by the Welwyn Garden Society and the Welwyn Garden City Heritage Trust) is being given by a leading international planner. Campus West this Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm. Entry is free but there is a small booking fee of £1.50 by phoning their box office, 01707 357117.

JUSTICE AND PEACE Network Meeting on 13th September at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, entitled The two world wars - warnings from history. 9.30am (for 10am start) until 2.30pm. Interesting talks and reflections. More details nearer the time.

SAVE THE CHILDREN Save the Children will have their Open Gardens on Sunday 29th June: 5, Russelcroft Road (cake stall), 51, Valley Road (cream teas), 56, Attimore Road (plant stall), 120, Parkway (pimms) and 110, Handside Lane. They will be open from 2pm till 5pm, cost £2 per garden or £5 for 5 gardens.

DO YOU HAVE NEED OF? A Mobile Hairdresser, a Decorator /Handy man or a Gardener? A family concern, offering competitive rates. Contact Tracey (MOBILE HAIRDRESSER) 07581212941. Jamie (DECORATOR/HANDY MAN) 07572527731. Tony (GARDENER) 01707 260502.

EXPERIENCED CARER An experienced carer is looking for the position of a Live-in Carer. Contact Alicja on 07772891750.

SVP A client is in need of a single bed. If you can help please phone Janet on 01707 326456.

“A Life Examined.” What does holiness mean? Is it relevant today? Chiara Luce Badano died at 18 and was beatified in 2010. Her parents, Ruggero & Maria Teresa, will be in London **29th June**. Come to encounter Chiara Luce through them: **2- 5pm, Amigo Hall (next to St George’s Cathedral) Lambeth Rd., London SE1 7HY**. Coach from St Bonaventure’s £15 return; special rate for families.

Bring packed lunch. Departure 11.15am return 7pm approx. Further details and bookings tel. 339706 or e mail focolare.colgrove@ntlworld.com.

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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

23 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	St. Etheldreda
24 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Nativity of John the Baptist
	7pm	Our Lady’s	
25 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
26 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
27 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
	7pm	Our Lady’s	
28 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

Saints Peter and Paul

28 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady’s
29 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