

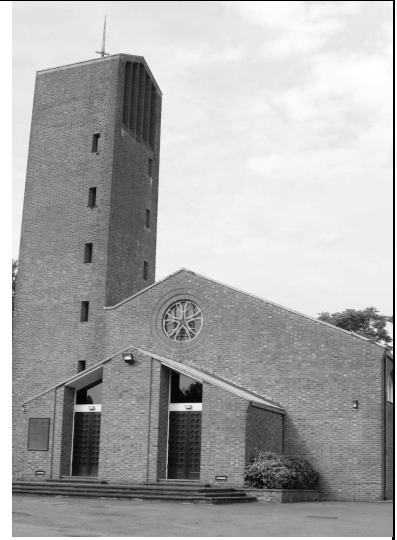
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year 31st August (p.108 of Mass book)

I am very grateful to Fr. Patrick Mileham for the help he has given us this month in Welwyn Garden City. He leaves us on Sunday afternoon to continue his University Chaplaincy work in Birmingham and lecturing at Oscott Seminary. During the holidays we have also been able to count on the support of the retired priests: Fr. Frank Leonard, Fr. John Helm, Canon Bernard Scholes and Fr. Brian Reynolds. Sadly, Fr. Gerard O'Brien cannot start this coming week as his mother is dying and for the present I will be depending on Fr. Frank and Fr. John. Please pray for Fr. Gerard's mother and for his family. This does mean that in terms of the pastoral care of the parishes, I will still need much patience and understanding from you.

My Dad is in the Central Middlesex Hospital making slow and steady progress, waiting for the bed at Stoke Mandeville to become available. The nasal feeding tube he had has been removed and he is able to take pureed food. During my holidays I was able to see Dad most days for the first couple of weeks and then I went to Lourdes and on to Bergerac for the final half of the holiday. I prayed very hard for you at the Grotto. With the start of the new school year, so many things will start up again. I will in due course publish dates for the start of the RCIA, the Marriage Preparation Day and registration for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

This week we welcome Samuel Egeregbe, the seminarian who will be with us full-time for the year sharing in the life of our parishes. I am sure he will have a brilliant time - and you will have a huge part to play in that! Fr. Derek Hyett celebrates a First Mass Saturday evening and it will be good to have him back. Finally, on Wednesday and Thursday all the Westminster seminarians will be in our midst - the future of the Diocese of Westminster! It will be a privilege to offer them our hospitality as they come to our Garden City.

It is going to be a busy time! Let us ask God to bless each one of us as we build his Kingdom here on earth.

Fr. Norbert

WESTMINSTER SEMINARIANS' VISIT Nearly all the Diocesan seminarians (30) will be in WGC this week staying at the Focolare Centre. On Wednesday there will be **Evening Prayer in St. Bonaventure's Church at 6pm**. The students will then journey to **Our Lady's for Dinner at 7pm**. The following morning they will attend **9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church** followed by coffee and cake; the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington. Parishioners are most welcome at each place. Parishioners who wish to attend the dinner can still indicate that they would like to come. (Please let Kathryn Hubbard know on 322579). This will be a unique couple of days...one of those students could one day be WGC's parish priest!

ALTAR SERVERS We are recruiting new altar servers in our three churches. Please let Fr. Norbert know (or present yourself in the Sacristy) so that training can be arranged and albs procured.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available at the back of church. St. Bonaventure's preparation begins on Saturday 20th September at 10.30am.

Our Lady's and Holy Family details will follow later.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet again on Tuesday 9th September. Children from our three parishes are welcome to attend from 3.45pm - 4.45pm (in the parish hall) to learn more about their faith in a relaxed and fun way. Come and get to know other parish children. If you haven't been before just turn up. Parents welcome. Our next **CHILDREN'S MASS** is on Sunday 21st September.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP There will be a meeting of the CAFOD group on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30 in the parish room at Holy Family. Anyone who would like to come along will be very welcome.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK DAY The Two World Wars (*Warnings from History*) Saturday 13th September 10am - 3pm in Our Lady's Church. Please see the posters at the back of our churches. Everyone is welcome.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH Cleaning and maintenance on Saturday 6th September at 10am the cleaning of the church and maintenance of the grounds will take place for one hour. All are invited to assist with this essential work, and new volunteers are very welcome. Refreshments will be available.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S 90TH! There are some important dates for St. Bonaventure's coming up: 3rd October 2015 will be 90 years since the first priest arrived; 10th March 2016 will be the 90th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church and 14th September 2016 the 90th Anniversary of the First Mass. Please start thinking about how these milestones might be marked. There will be a meeting in the autumn to start mapping out plans. Holy Family's Golden Jubilee will be in 2017!

FUNERALS

DORA MEAD R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Dora Mead will be on Monday 1st September in St. Bonaventure's at 11.45am.

ANNE GALWAY R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Anne Galway will be on Wednesday 3rd September at 12.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

KATHLEEN MCHUGH R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Kathleen McHugh will be on Wednesday 3rd September at 2pm in Holy Family Church.

ANGELA WALLACE R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Angela Wallace will be on Thursday 4th September at 12pm in St. Bonaventure's.

ELSIE BUTLER R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Elsie Butler will be on Tuesday 9th September at 9.45am in Our Lady's Church

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

FLOG IT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HCPT on 12th September. Tickets £3 which includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Our Lady's Lounge Bar all welcome Buyers, Sellers and Watchers

An auction in an evening, bring along items you wish to sell they must all be in good working order, clean and presentable. All items will be placed on a table or designated area and the owner needs to be aware when their items are being sold to record the sale. The auctioneer will start the bidding at a low price unless a reserve price has been stated on the item. Please remember if items are not sold you will be taking them home! The auctioneer will let people know when they have won an item to record on their sheet and the seller also needs to record the sale. This is fun evening and everyone should bring cash on the day please to ensure all sellers are paid on the night. There will be a raffle and refreshments available for sale during the evening

Once the auction is completed the buyers are asked to pay for the items purchased and then the sellers can collect their fees minus 20% which will go to the HPCT.

For Further details Contact Bev Kleiser 01707 390065 (kleiserbev@gmail.com)

DO YOU NEED A CLEANER? Angela Edwards (St. Bonaventure's parishioner) offers this service. Weekly or fortnightly house cleaning in the Welwyn Garden City area. Phone Mobile: 07879610109 or home: 01707 690157.

ALSO Elizabeth Anderson will do one-off cleans, regular or weekly etc, and ironing. Phone 01707 883770 or 07980 887231.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE
 Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson
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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

01 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria	
	11.45am	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass	Dora Mead R.I.P
02 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Martha	
	7pm	Our Lady's		
03 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Gregory	
	12.30pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass	Anne Galway
	2pm	Holy Family	Funeral Mass	Kathleen McHugh
	6pm	Evening Prayer in St. Bonaventure's		
04 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Cuthbert	
	12noon	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass	Angela Wallace
05 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria	
	7pm	Our Lady's		
06 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria	

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

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



<p>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</p>
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