

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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The Most Holy Trinity 31st May 2015 (p. 83 of Mass book)

We are back in Ordinary Time but we have to wait a while longer before we see green vestments on a Sunday! Today the Church asks us to proclaim the Most Holy Trinity at Mass: God is Three and God is One - the God Jesus Christ reveals to us - the Mystery and Truth at the heart of our Faith.

If we reflect on the Trinity in the light of our Scriptures today we find in the First Reading from Deuteronomy that God made himself known to the people of Israel in Egypt through signs and wonders, that he had a personal relationship with them and was leading them to their Promised Land. The Lord is God indeed! What a proclamation! In the Second Reading, the people of Rome are put in touch by St. Paul with a God who is Trinitarian. God's Spirit moves them, prays in them and helps them bear witness that they are God's children. They share in Christ's sufferings and so will share in his glory. They are heirs of all God the Father wants to pour out on his children and they call God 'Abba, Father!' In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, the disciples are told to go and make disciples of ALL the nations; they are to baptise in the name of the Trinity and to know that the Lord Jesus is with them to the end of time.

So, what do you think? How are you in relationship with the Father, with the Son and with the Holy Spirit? What does it mean for you to believe in One God? No easy answers! However, and crucially, Jesus wants us to know that God is there for everyone of every race, every language and every place. Jesus does not want anyone to miss out on this experience of God or the hope one day of being with him for ever. He wants us to be filled with his Spirit; allow this Spirit to work in you. He longs for us to be eternally with him; live in a Christ-like way. He is the Father's Gift to humanity as he shows humanity at its best; let this Treasure which is Jesus inspire you and through you those you encounter. The Mystery will always be there. We will be given glimpses of the Truth. All will be clear in God's time!!

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

MINUTES of the joint meeting of the Parish Advisory Council and the Growing in Faith Team are available at the back of each church. The group will next meet on Monday 13th July at 7.30pm.

HALL MEETING There will be a meeting on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Sacristy of Our Lady's for anyone who would like to be involved in drawing up the 'spec' for the new Parish Centre. Once this has been achieved, architects can then put in tenders for the detailed plans which then would be put to the wider community of our three parishes. Fr. Norbert's hope is that an architect would be chosen by the end of the summer and that the 2015/16 period would be used for the drawing up of plans, their refinement after consultation with parishioners, planning permission and tendering by builders. If this goes to plan, the demolition of the existing hall and building of the Parish Centre could take place 2016/17. Let us pray that there will not be any major hiccups!

MINISTRIES The commissioning and re-commissioning of people involved in the various ministries will take place the weekend of 27th/28th June, namely: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians and Singers, Welcomers, Altar Servers and all Catechists (including Children's Liturgy). There will also be meetings with formation as follows:

Readers: Monday 15th June 7.30 - 9.00pm at Holy Family, **Welcomers:** Tuesday 16th June 7.45-9.00pm at Our Lady's **Eucharistic Ministers:** Monday 22nd June 7.30 - 9.00pm at Holy Family (please note this is the correct day and date) **Catechists** (incl. Children's Liturgy): Monday 6th July 7.30 - 9.00pm

WELCOMERS It is now essential in the Diocese that all parishes have fire marshalls in case of emergency in every church at each Mass. Fr. Norbert would like some of the welcomers to take on this role so that it is clear to those present at Mass who has this responsibility. We are also expected to have a fire drill at least once or twice a year and this means evacuating the church, timing the process and keeping a log!

FILIPINO MASS on Saturday 20th June at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a jamboree in the Hall. The Filipino community will lead us at Mass and then serve food from different parts of the Philippines. There will also be a cultural show. All welcome!

FUNERALS The Funeral Mass for **Jim Treacy R.I.P.** will be at 12.30pm on Monday 15th June in St. Bonaventure's. The Funeral Mass for **Tricia Knight R.I.P.** will be at 9.30am on Monday 15th June in Our Lady's Church. The Funeral Mass for **Mary Downey R.I.P.** will be on Tuesday 30th June at 12.30pm in Our Lady's. The body will be received into the church on Monday 29th at 4.30pm. The Funeral Mass for **Alice Giblin R.I.P.** will be in Our Lady's on Thursday 11th June at 12.30pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY The priests of our Deanery (Stevenage) took the decision last week to have our own coach going to next year's World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, where it is anticipated that 2 - 3 million young people (16-30 years old) from across the globe will gather with Pope Francis. The dates are Saturday 23rd July to Tuesday 3rd August, 2016 with no overnight travel and the price roughly £770. Obviously we would do fundraising, seek sponsorship and ensure safeguarding guidelines are followed. Do think about it for yourself or someone you know. It WILL be a brilliant experience and will definitely enrich our parishes with the enthusiasm of our young people when they return. The planning and promotion of the trip have to start at this early stage to secure the bookings and to fill the coach. For more information contact Fr. Norbert.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY Celebrates Mass this Wednesday in St. Bonaventure's at 7.30pm. All welcome.

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE In Warsaw 2013 at the UN interim Climate Talks, Yeb Sano, leader of the Filipino climate delegation begged world leaders not to be a talking shop but to make a binding commitment to reduce global emissions and avoid the drastic consequences of global warming. He promised to fast on the first day of every month until such a decision was taken. The Justice and Peace movement, together with groups of different faiths and backgrounds, is undertaking to make that journey in solidarity with him and many people worldwide who have been inspired by his commitment. Consequently, we in our Garden City have been asked to host Wednesday 1st July. The event will be in Our Lady's Hall and the Peace Garden from 7pm - 9pm. Please keep the evening free and let your friends and neighbours know. The plan is to have representatives from each continent to speak about the effects of climate change in their own land, for us to pray for that continent and then to have a song/hymn from that continent. When we have travelled round the world in prayer and reflection, we will have simple food from these continents to round off the evening. If you would be happy to help in any way, please see Fr. Norbert.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK Saturday 6th June at 12noon. The Sacrament of the Sick is a powerful, beautiful and holy experience for those who are sick, infirm or desperately in need of healing AND also for the community which gathers around them. At the Mass the priest lays hands on the head of the sick person and then anoints that person's forehead and palms of hands with the Oil of the Sick (blessed by the Cardinal just before Easter). Our prayer is that those anointed may get better, receive strength for all they face and may feel the peace of Christ as they journey towards him. There will be a reception afterwards in the hall. All welcome. If you are in need of a lift to the Mass please fill in your name at the back of church.

FIRST COMMUNIONS First Communion Masses at Our Lady's will be today (31st), Sundays 7th and 14th June at 11.30am; St. Bonaventure's has First Communion on Sunday 21st June at 10.30am.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Parents of Year 5 children who will need a Priest's Reference Form signed in the autumn should come to a meeting in Holy Family Church on Sunday 5th July at 7pm.

MID HERTS CATHOLIC RAMBLES Walk about 5 to 8 miles once a month, on a Saturday. Includes a pub lunch stop. If you are interested contact- Olive e-mail : swemals@gmail.com Tessa landline [01707 257081](tel:01707257081) Mobile. [07759391537](tel:07759391537)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be celebrating their 60th anniversary with a trip to York on the 23rd of September. Any parishioners who would like to join them would be most welcome. The trip will be by train, the cost to be advised later. For more details contact Anne Davidson 01707 327569.

At our meeting on 9th June our seminarian Samuel will be talking to us, please come and join us.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP will be hosting a concert which is going to be given by the Herts Constabulary Choir on Monday 1st June in Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each, no concessions. Light refreshments will be available during the interval. Please support this very popular fundraising event. Pay on the door.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson 01707 377442
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HCPT will be having a quiz night on Friday 5th June. £5 per person in Our Lady's hall starting at 7.45pm. Tables of up to 8 people. All money raised will go towards funding a child's place on the trip next year. To book your table please contact Barbara Moore on 07789 743703.

OUR LADY'S Church cleaning and grounds maintenance will take place next **Saturday 6th June** at 10am for ONE hour. All are welcome to come along and help. This time there will not be refreshments as Mass with Anointing of Sick is at 12noon.

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

MASS TIMES

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| 01 Monday | 9.30am | Mass | Our Lady's | St. Justin |
| 02 Tuesday | 9.30am | Mass | St. Bonaventure | SS Marcellinus and Peter |
| | 7pm | Mass | Our Lady's | |
| 03 Wednesday | 9.30am | Mass | Holy Family | St. Charles Lwanga and Co. |
| | 7.30pm | Latin Mass Society | | |
| 04 Thursday | 9.30am | Mass | Holy Family | feria |
| 05 Friday | 9.30am | Mass | St. Bonaventure | St. Boniface |
| | 7pm | Mass | Our Lady's | |
| 06 Saturday | 10am | Mass | St. Bonaventure | St. Norbert |
| | 12noon | Mass with anointing of the sick | | |

Corpus Christi

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