

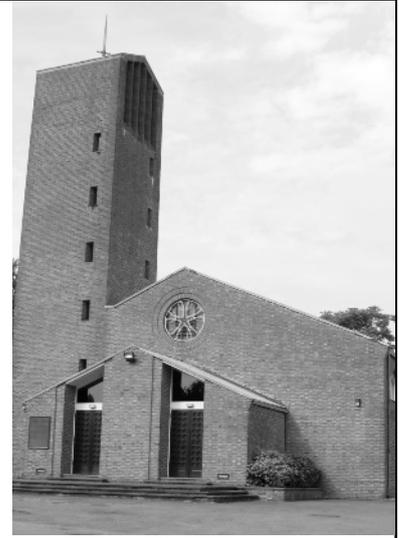
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 12th July 2015 (p. 106 of Mass book)

The Twelve are so important in Jesus' ministry: they reflect the twelve tribes of Israel, they are called to be with Jesus and to be his companions. They will be the pillars of the Church. Jesus wants them to continue his work and to be his presence in a variety of places. In today's Gospel from St. Mark they are first summoned and then sent out in pairs with authority over unclean spirits. Did they know what they were letting themselves in for? How trusting Jesus is as he commissions them to go out in his name!

What about you? When did you hear the Lord summoning you? Where has he sent you already? Which places are still waiting for your arrival with the Good News of Jesus Christ? Could it be your place of work? Does your own neighbourhood need him? Here in the church or in your own home is there a way in which you could strengthen faith and discover Jesus Christ anew? The Twelve were called upon to trust in Jesus totally in carrying out his work. There were amazing ways in which he used them as his instruments. Unfortunately there were people who refused to listen to them; this is obviously something which can happen to us. Perhaps you are like the prophet Amos of today's first reading who wonders 'Why me?' He had been quite happy tending his sycamore trees before being called to preach in the royal sanctuary in the face of great opposition. Perseverance is a crucial part of discipleship. Discipleship is dependent on the Lord. The Lord was sent by the Father and the Father wants us to be saved. Wow!

This week, ponder on your special role in God's plan. Firstly, reflect on the people who bring God's love into your life and feed you with the Good News of Jesus in word and in action. Then think about how God has used in ways you never thought possible. Give him glory by responding to the voice of Jesus Christ, his Beloved Son. I pray you will have a wonderful week. God bless you! ***Fr. Norbert***

FR. GERARD'S FAREWELL MASS will be on Saturday 18th July at 6pm in Our Lady's. Servers from our three churches are welcome to serve. Please come with your albs, cinctures and medals. Musicians and singers who wish to take part should gather in church at 5.15pm. The celebration afterwards in the hall will take the form of a bring and share, so we ask parishioners to leave food in the hall from 5pm. The hall will be set up from 4.30pm so help would be appreciated. If any of you would like to contribute towards a presentation for Fr. Gerard there are envelopes at the back of each church. Please return them to Fr. Norbert. Fr. Gerard's last Sunday in Welwyn Garden City will be 26th July.

SPANISH SEMINARIANS This weekend we welcome to Welwyn Garden City two Spanish seminarians who will be here until 28th July. They are Francisco José López (Fran) who is 34 years old and has finished his first year at seminary; the other is José Rubén Oliveros who is 20 years old and has completed his second year. They will be with us to improve their English and to share in the life of our parishes. They are the first seminarians from Seville to come to this country for this kind of placement. We hope they enjoy their stay.

FR. MARTIN TATE will start as the new Assistant Priest on Tuesday 29th September and be resident in the Presbytery of Holy Family.

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE Barbara Kentish from the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission has written: 'A big congratulations for Wednesday night. It is fantastic how each night has been different. I was so impressed with the quality of the input. I appreciated all the work that went into such a splendid evening.' Indeed it was a wonderful!

MEETING of Parish Advisory Council and the Growing in Faith Committee will be on Monday in Our Lady's Sacristy 7.30 - 9.00pm. We will build on the work of the last meeting.

NEW PARISH CENTRE Committee will meet on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy to look at spec for new Parish Centre.

BISHOP JOHN will celebrate 8am Mass at St. Bonaventure's, 9.30am Mass at Holy Family and 11.30 Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 26th July. This is part of his 'tour' of the parishes of Stevenage Deanery!

MINIBUS OUTING to Mill Green Museum (entrance fee £3.50). Door to door transport for anybody with limited mobility. Tuesday 28th July. Phone Kay on 01707 335633.

INTER FAITH MATTERS What is Islam? On Thursday 23rd July at The Quaker Meeting House, 109 Handside Lane. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm until 9.30m.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COMMUNION POUCHES Many of our Communion pouches seem to have disappeared; if you have ever taken Holy Communion to a sick or housebound parishioner please check whether you still have a pouch and return it to the Office or sacristy. Thank you.

NEED A BABYSITTER? If you need someone to babysit your children then please call 01707 552288 or 07533077879 for further information.

NEED A CLEANER or someone to do your ironing? Phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980887231.

The CAFOD group Strawberry Tea takes place on Sunday 26th July beginning at 3pm in Bob and Sandy Leys garden at 401 Knightsfield WGC. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S TUESDAY GROUP We finish the term this Tuesday with games in the garden and tea. Please bring food to share.

PROCLAIM '15 PRAYER

Loving Father,

You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,
that we might believe in him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day
and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim"
our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel
by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary,
so that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever,

Amen.

Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, Pray for us.

Blessed John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, Pray for us.

MARRIAGE We are going to have a Day on Marriage on Saturday 10th October here in Welwyn Garden City. It will be a day of enrichment for married couples - a time of retreat and reflection to support the Sacrament of Matrimony. We have never had something like this and it should be a brilliant and worthwhile experience. Edmund Admaus who is the Director of Marriage and Family Life in the Diocese will come with others to lead the day. More details to follow but do keep this date free.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be celebrating their 60th anniversary with a trip to York on 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. **ALSO** The Catholic Womens League are having a Tombola stall at the Peartree fun day on the 29th August. We would be grateful for any donations to our stall, all monies go to our various charities.

WORLD YOUTH DAY A coach from the deanery will be 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. Saturday 23rd July to Tuesday 3rd August, 2016 with no overnight travel and the price roughly £770. We would do fundraising, seek sponsorship and ensure safeguarding guidelines are followed. 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

FUNERALS The Funeral Service for **Audrey Curtain R.I.P.** will be at 3pm on Thursday 16th July in Holy Family Church.

The Funeral Mass for **Anne Hassett R.I.P.** will be in Our Lady's Church on 24th July at 3pm. The body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Thursday 23rd July.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings should be made with Phil Johnson 01707 377442
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MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL The Society of Saint Gregory Summer School is taking place from July 27 to 31st at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon. There are still places available for residents – and FREE places for 18-35 year olds. Or you can pay for a day visit (£50), including morning coffee, lunch and tea. Details on www.ssg.org.uk Bookings can be made up to July 16th. Don't miss this opportunity!

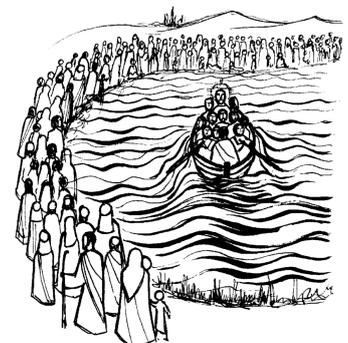
CONFESSIONS	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

MASS TIMES

13 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Henry
14 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
15 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Bonaventure
16 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
18 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

18 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
19 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