

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes Assistant Priest: Fr. Martin Tate
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

Eleventh Sunday of the Year (page 96) 12th June 2016

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TEA

*in Howardsgate, organised by the Christian Churches
in Welwyn Garden City*



TODAY SUNDAY 12TH JUNE!!

3 - 5pm Tea and cakes
Bouncy castle
Face-painting
Games

3.15pm Holy Family School will sing on stage

4.00pm Sing-song for all ages

5.00pm Songs of Praise - around stage

5.45pm Final Blessing

***COME AND SHARE IN THE JOY OF
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
AND SUPPORT ALL THAT OUR CHURCHES
IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY ARE TRYING TO DO
TO ENRICH THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.***

*HELP CAN STILL BE OFFERED: Come to Howardsgate at 12 noon to set up,
putting up gazebos, tables, and bunting or join the Stewarding team by being
a welcomer for the day. Help with the clear up afterwards from 6-8pm.*

FIRST HOLY THANKSGIVING MASS for all the children of our three churches will be next Sunday (19th) at 3pm in Our Lady's. Altar servers from our three churches would be most welcome.

POSTCONFIRMATION DAY Bishop Paul will be gathering all the young people he has confirmed this year at St. Edmund's College, Old Hall Green, Ware SG11 1DS on Saturday 2nd July at 2pm. There will be tours of St. Edmund's followed by catechesis, Mass and a barbecue. Bishop Paul has asked Mike and Anita Cade from WGC to give the major input! The whole event will finish around 6pm. It would be great if many of our newly confirmed from our three parishes were able to attend.

PRAGUE & HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES Brochures are at the back of our churches. Please note Pax Travel's new address: Pax Travel Ltd, Second Floor, 102 Blundell Street, London N7 9BL.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 24th July - 2nd August in Krakow, Poland. Stevenage Deanery is definitely on for Krakow! **In the next two weeks, decisions have to be made for the World Youth Day Registration, so why not sign up even at this stage? You need to be 16 - 30.** Brochures and booking forms are at the back of our churches. The price is £750 including a deposit of £80. Here in WGC our finance committees have agreed to subsidise each young person by £300. So sign up! The young people will put on a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 8th July at 7.45pm. Why not put together a team and support our young people by coming on the night. More details soon.

CARDINAL'S VISIT Don't forget that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be coming to Our Lady's Church on Sunday 3rd July as part of the Year of Mercy. He will preach on the 'Jubilee of Consolation' at 4pm; there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5.30 - 6.30pm and Mass at 6.30pm followed by a Social. It is vital that we support the Cardinal as he comes to us in WGC in this Jubilee Year.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION 'Breathe in Mercy. Breathe out Mercy' led by Bishop John Crowley, retired Bishop of Middlesbrough on Saturday 10th September for our Deanery in Our Lady's Hall, WGC starting with Mass at 9.30am (in the church) and finishing around 3pm. This Day will provide a great time of enrichment for us all but especially Catechists, Eucharist Ministers, Readers and Welcomers. Here in our WGC parishes we will then have the Recommissioning of Ministers the following weekend (17th/18th September at all the Masses).

ST. ALBANS Bishop John Sherrington will be preaching at an Ecumenical Evensong at St. Alban's Abbey Cathedral on Saturday 8th October at 4pm for this Year of Mercy. Bishop John would like all the schools of Hertfordshire to lead a procession from Verulamium Park at 2.30pm which will enter the Abbey and prepare for Evensong. Watch this space!

CHARITY CAR PARK The Holy Family CAFOD group are having a Charity Car Park at Oaklands College on Saturday 25th June from 9.15am - 3.45pm. Parking will be £1 per visit. Please consider parking with us on the 25th June if you are going into WGC town centre or going into London for the day.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) The SVP are publishing their annual report next week and having a collection on 25/26th June so that they can plan for the months ahead. They are very grateful for your continued support and ask you to please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes to increase the value of your donation. Thank you

PLEASE HELP - SPANISH STUDENTS VISITING WGC We have a small group of children (boys and girls aged 12 to 16) from the Canary Islands who are staying in WGC from 23 June-21 July, to learn English. They are on a full time educational programme and stay with English host families. We are desperately short of places for them to stay and we would like to ask that you consider becoming a host family. It is more important that you are someone who will offer a warm welcome rather than have a 'perfect house'. You will be paid for having them in your home. Some of our most successful families don't have children at home, but it is a bonus if you do. Please call Elizabeth on: 07986 468736 if you would like to talk about what it involves.

e via Fr. Norbert. Thank you for your support!

INTER FAITH EVENTS 'Money and Faiths' come and find out how different faiths approach the matter of good stewardship of our money on Monday 13 June at 7.15 at the Jim Macdonald Centre in Hatfield and the following day, Tuesday 14 June an invitation to our monthly Ladies' Lunch for conversation on topics of mutual interest in the Focolare Centre from 12.30 - 2 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided.

CWL The Catholic Women's League will be having a speaker from Guide dogs for the blind accompanied by his dog, on Tuesday 14th June at 8pm. Everyone is invited.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE are giving a concert in aid of Grove House Hospice, St Albans on Saturday, June 18th at 7.30pm in St John's Church (Monks Rise, W.G.C.). No tickets are required as there will be a retiring collection. For more information call: 01707 377543.

We celebrate FATHER'S DAY next Sunday!

**MEETING FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS AND THOSE WHO TAKE HOLY
COMMUNION
TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Saturday 2nd July after the 10 am Mass in St Bonaventure's

The reasons for this meeting are:

- **to make sure people who are sick, elderly or housebound are registered on our list.**
- **To support carers and special ministers**
- **To discuss any problems and give some guidelines regarding Holy Communion and pastoral care of carers and ministers**
- **Safeguarding requirements**
- **Future formation and spiritual input**

If you cannot attend this meeting, please let Kathryn know as well as the names of those you are visiting with Holy Communion

If you are interested in becoming a Special Minister for the sick and housebound you are very welcome to come to this meeting.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE
Bookings should be made with Phil
Johnson 01707 377442
Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

DAY FOR LIFE Sunday 19th June will focus on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides the opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. For more information visit www.dayforlife.org.

DEANERY MISSION OF MERCY A huge 'Thank you!' to everyone who helped with the recent Mission. Visitors enjoyed a warm welcome and great hospitality afterwards. It was wonderful to have so many parishes from across the Deanery taking part. Thanks also to all who helped with Friday's WGC-led Mass.

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. Anthony of Padua
14 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
15 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
16 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Richard of Chichester
17 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
18 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
Twelfth 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