

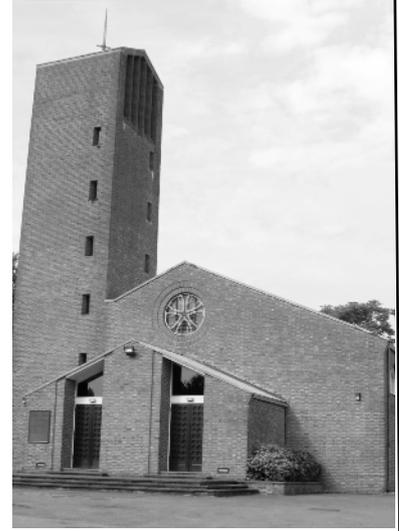
# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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

*Thirteenth Sunday of the Year 2nd July 2017 p. 96 of Mass book*

We start another month and launch very much into the ‘holiday’ season. The whole atmosphere is different as people relax from their usual routine and find various ways of being refreshed. Not everyone will have a chance to get away but hopefully we will all enjoy a summer of joy and renewal, welcoming visitors into our midst.

In our Gospel reading for today from St. Matthew, Jesus keeps saying to the Twelve: ‘Anyone who...’ Jesus wants them to put him first. He urges them to keep the Cross central to their lives. He shows them that others will discover him in them through hospitality and welcome. He speaks of the reward awaiting those who serve others. Sometimes we might feel in need of a break and Jesus does not let us off the hook! How can you give him first place in your life? What gets in the way? Is there a particular thing which distracts you from prioritising your Christian life? As you enter July 2017, where does the Cross figure in your life? Is it your own personal anguish or the pain of watching someone close to you suffer? Has someone else inflicted this on you, was it your own mistake which resulted in this, or is it just part of the mystery of life? Will you be entertaining guests this summer or enjoying someone else’s hospitality? Will you discover Christ in your midst? Finally, the needs of so many at home and abroad do not abate. How will you be able to help the needy person who comes your way?

I suppose the power of this Gospel passage comes from the fact that Jesus is confident that there is still more waiting to be found if only we take the risk and reach out in new ways to other people while still allowing him centrality in our lives. An insight, an experience, a challenge, a discovery - this is the beauty of Christian Faith...our Faith! May God bless your coming week. May our world be renewed by the strength of the Lord’s Spirit. *Fr. Norbert*

**FR. MARTIN** has been appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Stoke Newington. He will take up his new appointment at the start of September. We wish him every blessing. The Diocese will be sending us Fr. Tom Montgomery as the new Assistant Priest to serve our three parishes based at Holy Family Church. Fr. Martin's Farewell Mass will take place at Our Lady's on Saturday 26th August at 6pm followed by a Get-together in the Hall. Please put this date in your diaries.

**FIRST FRIDAY** This Friday (7th) there will be the 6.30 early morning Mass at St. Bonaventure's followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome!

**SEMINARIANS FROM SEVILLE** The Rector of the Seminary in Seville (Spain) has asked us again to take two seminarians 6th - 26th July. They are Juan Guzman Ivanovich and Ruben Perez Navarro. In addition, Fr. Manolo Jimenez who is in charge of the Junior Seminary in Seville will come with two students 23rd - 31st July; they are Miguel Angel Prieto Cantero and Jose Maria Gomez de los Santos. Very exotic names...once they arrive we will know what to call them! *If any of you would like to invite Juan and Ruben for a coffee and give them a chance to practise their English, please let Fr. Norbert know.*

**ME AND MY MUSIC** at St John's Digswell (off Knightsfield) on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm. Fr. Norbert has been asked to reflect on his life and choose his 6 favourite pieces of music; he will be interviewed by the Vicar of St. John's, Fr Rob Marshall, about his life and work and why the chosen music means so much to him. There will be cheese and wine at the interval. The cost is £7 per ticket and all proceeds from the evening will be put to one side to assist those charities which St John's supports. To book: text your attendance and how many are coming to 07766 952113 - or email [stjohndigswell@gmail.com](mailto:stjohndigswell@gmail.com)

**RCIA** For those who want to join the Catholic Church or to find out more, the next RCIA Course will begin after the summer. Please let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

**BABYSITTING-** I am a reliable and responsible pupil of the John Henry Newman School (previously Holy Family School) available for babysitting. I can provide my own transport and work weekday evenings and weekends. I love looking after children of all ages. Please feel free to contact me on 07580 757924. Ellen Day (Age 15) Reference available.

**NEED A CLEANER?** Then phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980 887231. One off cleans, regular or weekly/fortnightly/monthly. Spring cleans. Ironing.

**OUR LADY'S:** Thank you to all who came to clean Our Lady's Church and maintain the grounds on Saturday morning, Your help is much appreciated.

**OUR LADY'S:** We are grateful for the generous donation of £200 from the Monday Bingo Group towards the Benches Refurbishment Fund.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH CLEANING** Come along this Thursday at 10am to help clean the church. All are welcome.

**PEARTREE FUNDAY** is looming again, on Saturday 15th July at Woodhall. The Catholic Women's League are holding their Annual Tombola Stall. Please, please please, look out for all your unwanted gift, toys, teddies, decorative items and anything that you cannot use. We would be very grateful and if you want to either deliver these things to the back of Our Lady's at Woodhall or ring Anne Davidson on 01707 327569 or Sally Rand on 01707 884492 we will be pleased to arrange collection. Very many thanks in advance.

**HOLY FAMILY YEAR 3** will be attending 9.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's this Tuesday at the start of their Town Trail.

**ST. BONAVENTURE** will be 800 years old this year! We will mark this on the Feast of St. Bonaventure, Saturday 15th July, at the 10am Mass followed by cake and coffee/tea in the parish garden.

**HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH PRAYER SERVICE AND BARBECUE** Sunday 16th July at 3pm. There will be a 30-minute Service with Benediction followed by a Parish Barbecue hosted by the Hedgehog.

**AFRICAN MASS** Sunday 9th July at 11.30am at Our Lady's. There will be rhythm and exuberance at Mass with many languages, cultures and traditions. Afterwards there will be lunch in the hall for everyone with an African DJ. The African Community wants people from our three churches to come together and have a wonderful time. You are all invited! The rehearsal is set for this Sunday, 2nd July after 11.30am Mass at Our Lady. All African Parishioners, in particular, choristers and readers, are requested to remain in church after Mass for the rehearsal.

**POLISH/ENGLISH MASS** will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October at 6pm at Our Lady's.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER** Time is racing by and parents will be thinking about a secondary school for their children soon to be in Year 6. Fr. Norbert always suggests to parents to visit the different schools *with their children*. An open morning allows you to see the school in action and the way the pupils and staff are. Think about where your child will flourish, taking into account his/her gifts, travelling, friendship groups and what schools offer. Definitely read the admissions criteria and try to see whether or not your child has a good chance of getting in. Some Catholic schools will need a Certificate of Catholicity which implies weekly attendance at Mass. Fr. Norbert will be available in the autumn to sign these certificates. All Catholic schools will need a Baptismal Certificate, so now is a good time to request one if you have not got the original. If the Baptism was here in Welwyn Garden City, contact Kathryn Hubbard (01707 322579); otherwise make sure you give yourself time to acquire one from the church of Baptism. Should you need any other help, speak to Fr. Norbert or ask at school.

**CAFOD GROUP** The CAFOD group will be having a meeting in the parish room at Holy Family on Tuesday 4th July at 7pm. All are welcome.

**STRAWBERRY TEA** The CAFOD group are holding a Strawberry Tea at 401 Knightsfield on Sunday 30th July at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP** invites you to an evening meeting entitled 'What's it like to be a Baha'i'. The presenters will be Barney Leith OBE who received the award from the Queen for his work on inter faith dialogue, and his wife Erica. It will take place at The Jim Macdonald Centre in Hatfield AL10 8HR on Thursday 13 July at 7.15 - 9.30.

**KS1 TEACHING VACANCY** St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School, Bedwell Crescent Stevenage. The School requires a KS1 Teacher from September 2017. To arrange a visit or for further information please contact Sally Lorimer, School Business Manager at [finance@stvincent.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@stvincent.herts.sch.uk) or telephone 01438 729555.

**CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** Meets Tuesdays at 3.45pm - 4.45pm. All welcome. We finish for the term on Tuesday 11th July with Fun and games in the parish garden.

**MOTHER AND TODDLER** Wednesdays at 10am. Come with your little ones.

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**parishsec@stbonaventure.org.uk**

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE** Bookings  
should be made with Phil Johnson 01707  
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**Website for our 3 parishes**

**www.wgc-catholics.org.uk**

**CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE** This Diocesan Agency is seeking to recruit volunteers to be involved in social action. For more information pick up one of the leaflets at the back of our churches or email Verity Sykes on [caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk)

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS** The Diocese is always looking for volunteers to take on the role of being a foundation governor in our Catholic schools. Indeed here I Welwyn Garden City we need more. If you are interested take one of the leaflets at the back of the church and let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested. *A few of you have contacted Fr. Norbert. He will be in touch soon. Thank you.*

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

### MASS TIMES

03 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. Thomas
04 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
05 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Anthony Zaccaria
06 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Maria Goretti
07 Friday	6.30am	Mass		
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
08 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

### Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

08 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
09 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 and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) **Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: [chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net)**