

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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This Sunday and next we have Solemnities which highlight great mysteries of our faith. Today the focus is on honouring the Most Holy Trinity and next week, we will move to the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ - the Eucharist. These celebrations prompt us into deep thinking! However, we must not remain solely at the level of the head, but move to the heart and our lives. I will make a number of statements and then reflect on their import for us.

God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is One and God is Three. God has always existed; that is what it means for God to be God. God has chosen to create all that is and the stamp of the Creator is to be found in what we see and hear. Indeed science reveals to us the complexity of Creation and the amazing Mind behind it. There has been a point in time when the Second Person of the Trinity took flesh in the womb of Mary, thus entering time and space. The Trinity has remained as Trinity; Jesus Christ is God and Man. How this has been possible and the explanations are many; the facts are laid before us.

In becoming one of us, God shows us the high nature of humanity - that God can be found in this way. Jesus Christ is leading us to God; so our destiny is the eternal life of God and his Son makes it possible. Here on earth, we have a taste of heaven, of love which is Divine and we glimpse in Jesus the nobility of our state. When we love, we are tapping into the source of love which is God the Father and we are blessed. When we are loved, God breaks into our lives with a treasure beyond compare. Just think about the God's freedom to fashion us in his image and likeness and his desire that we should live close to him for ever. In sacrifice, forgiveness, selflessness and care, we are caught up in the Divine and love blossoms. Just think what the experience for eternity might be like! Ponder these thoughts today as you listen to - and read - the Scriptures and feel God's blessing!

Fr. Norbert

FR. TOM The Vicar General of the Diocese has notified us that Fr. Tom will be taking up a new appointment at the beginning of September as Assistant Priest at St. Bernard and St. Gabriel's Parish in Northolt and South Harrow. We wish Fr. Tom every blessing in his new posting. A farewell will be announced in due course. As yet no replacement has been mentioned.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to each and every father and honorary dad! God bless you.

FIRST COMMUNION Today (16th) at St. Bonaventure's at 10.30am. On Sunday 30th June, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady's at 3pm when all the children from our three parishes will gather to thank the Lord for the Gift they have received. They can wear their First Communion clothes again. There will be a reception afterwards in the Salvation Army Hall next door. We are so grateful to the catechists of our three churches for their hard work in preparing our children for First Confession and First Holy Communion as well as for supporting our parents in getting ready for these important landmarks in their lives.

MARRIAGE Any couples who wish to get married in Welwyn Garden City or elsewhere should contact Fr. Norbert.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Our Lady's on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm.

SEMINARIAN Dániel Vörös from the Diocese of Szombathely in western Hungary will spend a month with us this July improving his English and sharing in the life of our parishes. We look forward to welcoming him. If any of you would like to invite him for a cup of tea etc, please let Fr. Norbert know.

JUAN GUZMAN from Spain who was with us two years ago, as a seminarian, will be ordained a priest on Saturday in Seville Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers.

CHAPEL at Our Lady's will have to remain closed while the new Parish Centre is being built. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused.

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS will be on Saturday 29th June at 6pm at Our Lady's. Serdecznie zapraszamy całą Polonię do udziału w dorocznej Polsko-Angielskiej Mszy Św, która odbędzie się w Sobotę, 29 Czerwca o godz 18:00 w kościele Our Lady, Welwyn Garden City.

Po mszy św, zachęcamy do pozostania aby wspólnie świętować poczucie wspólnoty. Zachęcamy aby dołączyć się do wspólnej radości oraz przyniesienia coś słodkiego do podziału.

FILIPINO MASS Saturday 6th July at 6pm at Our Lady's. After Mass there will be a bring and share finger food, Filipino 'picka picka' style, as well as a short programme of singing and dancing by younger members of the Filipino community. All are welcome.

AFRICAN MASS The celebration for 2019 will be on Sunday 14th July at 11.30am

ST ALBANS Every Friday at St. Albans Abbey-Cathedral a Catholic Mass is celebrated at 12 noon. You are all welcome.

CATENIANS John Blackburn is the new President of the local Mid-Herts Circle of the Catenians and will have his 'Presidential Mass' today. We wish him well in this role and ask God's blessing on the Circle and especially on their charitable outreach.

DANCE CLUB will be starting in the Woodhall Community Centre on Mondays 2 - 4pm (24th June will be the first session). For those who wish to join in the 'tea dance' price £5. However, pensioners, those in wheelchairs and those on their own who would like to come for a cup of tea and a chat would be welcome to come free of charge. The organiser is hoping one or two might be happy to make tea on a voluntary basis. If anyone is interested, contact Russell on 01707 264154.

ASSISI 2020 Brochures and booking forms are now available at the back of our churches. The pilgrimage will have Christians from WGC to mark the Centenary and will be from Sunday 24th May until Friday 29th May 2020. There will be limited places so if you are interested, please return your booking form to Pax Travel as soon as possible. If anyone needs an electronic version, please let Fr. Norbert know.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FLOWER GROUP This group is in need of more people who would like to help with arranging the flowers. If you are interested or just want to know more then please phone Kathryn in the office on 01707 322579 or speak to her after Mass. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger!

FR. GEORGE FROM MALAWI Fr George and his niece Ruth will be visiting the UK in August. They will be staying with Michael & Carol Cole from the 7th to the 14th of August. If any parishioner would like to entertain them could they please email Michael saying when and in what way they would like to entertain them so that Michael can put together an agenda. Michael's email is michaeldcole@hotmail.com.

INTERFAITH MEETING The inter faith evening meeting this month will take the form of a community walk around Stanborough Lakes. There will be 3 walks to choose from of differing lengths. Afterwards light refreshments will be served at the lakes. Time 6 - 8pm on Wednesday 19th June. Do come and bring a friend. Leaflets available at the back of the church.

SUMMER FETE at Our Lady's School on Saturday 6th July 11am till 3pm. Fairground rides, BBQ, Drinks' Tent, face painting, cakes, bouncy castle and slide, games with prizes, raffle and 2km fun run. Entry £1, under 11s free. If anyone would like to have a stall, please contact the school office on 01707 324408.

LIVE SIMPLY. PRAYER FOR CREATION. God our Creator, You have given us the earth and the sky and the seas. Show us the way to care for the Earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage or destroy the beauty of our creation. Send forth your Spirit to direct us, to care for the Earth and all creation. Amen

PATRICK DORE R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Patrick will be at St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 25th June at 11am.

JADWIGA BALAWENDER R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Jadwiga will be at St. Bonaventure's on Wednesday 26th June at 9.45am.

DO YOU KNOW anyone who would like to attend Mass but cannot manage the journey? We have experienced volunteer drivers willing to provide door to door transport. Please telephone Kay on 01707 335633 or Desi on 01707 371399.

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

Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

DO YOU NEED A CLEANER? Then Phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770. One off cleans, regular or weekly, fortnightly, etc.

NEED A MOBILE HAIRDRESSER? Then call Tracey on 075812129417 for competitive rates. Husband James is also available for any property maintenance, rubbish clearance or house clearance with no job too big or too small. Contact James on 07572527731

CAFOD The CAFOD group at Holy Family are appealing for any unwanted gifts you might have for them to sell from their Table Top cupboard. All proceeds go to CAFOD.

MASS TIMES

17 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
18 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
19 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
20 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Alban
21 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
22 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	SS John Fisher and Thomas More

Corpus Christi

22 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
23	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 **Chaplaincy Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net**