

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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SS Peter and Paul 30th June page 180 of the Mass Book

Today the Church invites us to honour the great Apostles, Peter and Paul. These two men are pivotal in the life of the Church and yet are so different! St. Peter, we are told in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) is called to leave his nets and follow Jesus; when the disciples are asked who they think Jesus is, it is Peter who articulates faith (as we hear in Sunday's reading from St. Matthew). In St. John's Gospel, Simon Peter is introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew and it is Jesus who looks at Simon and says he is to be called 'Cephas' which means Rock. Saturday evening's Gospel passage from St. John outlines the encounter of Simon Peter with Jesus after the Resurrection when three times, Peter is asked if he loves the Lord and the three affirmatives make up for the three denials before Jesus' death. St. Peter goes on to give his life for Christ in the city of Rome thus establishing it as the centre not only of the Roman Empire but the heart of Christianity whence the Good News will radiate to every corner of the earth.

Paul is an educated man! His following of the Pharisaic ways gives him the confidence to persecute the followers of 'The Way' - Christians. Paul really does meet Jesus but the circumstances and the effects are distinct: Jesus speaks to him personally, the 'old' Saul becomes a new person with the name 'Paul', the persecutor becomes the proclaimer and servant of the Gospel not only for the Jewish People but for the pagans who are transformed by the power of the message. Paul is able to put in writing what he has seen and heard, who he has experienced and grown to love. He too gives his life for Christ in Rome and shares with St. Peter in the great act of martyrdom for the sake of Christ and his Church.

So what about you and me? Like Peter and Paul, we are very different! The Lord calls out to us and he waits for our decisive responses to him. He has a role for us to play in the continuing building up of the Kingdom and he empowers us with grace to carry out the Mission. Don't wait for someone else! Let your relationship with the Lord blossom - no matter what! Let the Spirit which moved in the lives of the Apostles fire you up on ways you never thought possible. Bear witness - be a Martyr - of Jesus Christ. Have a good week. *Fr. Norbert*

FR. TOM 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. The new Assistant Priest will be Fr. Tony Thomas who is currently at St. George's, Sudbury (Harrow).

FABIO CICALA RIP There will be a Memorial Mass for Fabio on Saturday 6th July at 11.30am at St. Bonaventure's. If you would like to make a donation to Cancer Research in memory of Fabio there will be a bucket collection at the back of the church on the day.

MARGARET KEMHADJIAN RIP Margaret's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 10th July at 9.30am. (Margaret's daughter is Erica Evans.)

EILEEN COUGHLAN RIP Eileen's Funeral Service will be at Our Lady's on Thursday 18th July at 10.15am. (This means there will not be Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that morning at Holy Family Church.)

JACOB HUGHES RIP Jacob's Funeral Service will be in the Chapel of Hatfield Lawn Cemetery (Southway) on Friday 19th July at 1.30pm.

FIRST COMMUNION This afternoon (Sunday), 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.

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. If any of you would like to invite him for a cup of tea etc, please let Fr. Norbert know.

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.

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

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS We welcome members of the Polish Community at Our Lady's 6pm Mass this weekend. We are grateful for their leading us in this celebration. Also, this weekend the Polish School in Welwyn Garden City marks its 5th Anniversary. Congratulations!

FILIPINO MASS Next 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. Lots of preparation has been underway for some time. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL There will be Mass at 9.15am on Thursday 4th July led by the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. The Headteacher, Ms Ginnette Stevens, will be retiring at the end of the year. We are grateful for all she has contributed to the life of the School and we wish her a long and happy retirement! The new Headteacher will be Mrs Katie Linnane, coming from St. Joseph's in Hertford.

OUR LADY SCHOOL will be coming to the 9.30 Mass at Our Lady's Church on Monday 8th July. The Mass will be led by this year's First Communion children.

OUR LADY'S REPOSITORY New stock of Mass and General cards. Open before and after most Masses.

ANNUAL SVP COLLECTION This collection for the work of the SVP will take place today after all Masses.

CHURCH VISIT Peartree Primary School's Year 2 children will be visiting Our Lady's Church on Monday 8th July in the afternoon.

FIRST FRIDAY The next First Friday early Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's at 6.30am on 5th July followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome.

MONTHLY ADORATION The next 'Restoration' Holy Hour will be on Friday 12th July at 7.30pm (after 7pm Mass). The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

DANCE CLUB Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) in the Woodhall Community Centre 2 - 4pm. Price for those who join in the tea dance £5. However, pensioners, those in wheelchairs or people on their own who would like to come for a cup of tea and a chat are welcome; no entry charge just price of a cup of tea. Russell, the organiser, said that last Monday's first session had 30 people, with many smiling faces and lots of happiness.

SANTIAGO REUNION The pilgrims who walked the 100km Camino a month ago will be having a reunion (in the Sacristy) after 6pm Mass at Our Lady's on Saturday 20th July.

OUR LADY'S 60TH The Foundation Stone of Our Lady's Church was laid on 30th September 1959. The Cardinal has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 15th September at 11.30am. Please let former parishioners know. Everyone is welcome.

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

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 desperate 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!

CLIMATE CRISIS Recently when Pope Francis spoke to leaders of the five most important Oil Companies, meeting In Rome, he said "What we need now is a radical energy transition and a complete overhaul in how we power our businesses, warm our homes and stimulate our economies, because it won't be senior executives at multinational companies who are hit first - and hardest - by rising temperatures, but instead people living in the poorest communities around the world".

PLANTS Digswell Community and Gardening Project have lots of plants for sale. Find a Bargain. Open every day 10.00-4.00pm. B197 Old great North Road AL8 7SR.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH CLEANING This Thursday at 10am . New helpers welcome! **OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING** The monthly cleaning and the maintenance of the grounds at Our Lady's will take place on Saturday at 10am. Come for just one hour. New volunteers are always welcome.

NEED A LIFT TO MASS? 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

EXPERIENCED LOCAL GARDENER AVAILABLE Call Daniel on 07751992492.
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

01 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	Dedication of the Cathedral
02 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
03 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Thomas
04 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
05 Friday	6.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
06 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Mass	Memorial Mass for Fabio Cicala R.I.P.	St. Bonaventure

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

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



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