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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

23rd June 2024
30th June 2024

TWELTH SUNDAY
SS PETER & PAUL

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Church is a word which is so much a part of our vocabulary as Catholics. It has many meanings and can be unpacked in a variety of ways. We often think of the building which is the church - of our local church or the place where we were nurtured. Lots of people reflect on the Church which is universal - millions spread across the world, holding on to faith in Jesus Christ and in communion with the Bishop of Rome - the Pope. First and foremost, the *Church* is an *assembly* - those called to gather in the Lord's name. For the early Christians this coming together on the Lord's Day - the Day of Resurrection - defined their identity and gave them courage when they faced opposition and persecution. They read from Scripture (Old Testament) and shared accounts of this Jesus who was their inspiration as Son of God and Saviour of the World. In time there were St. Paul's Epistles to encourage (and challenge!) them. They remembered what Christ did at the Last Supper and were convinced that this memory in the Bread and Wine would put them in touch with his Saving Sacrifice. Gradually they would have come to an understanding of the Reality of the Presence in this great gift of the Eucharist. *Tradition* is a crucial element of our being Catholics - not a dead holding onto the past but a treasuring of the living faith received and handed on to another generation in new circumstances. On 23rd June, we read from St. Mark's Gospel and have the picture of the Church as a boat battered by storms but Christ at the heart and in control. On 30th, St. Matthew's image is of the 'rock' of Peter's faith as the foundation of the Church. Each involves trust and both have Jesus Christ at the centre. I invite you to ponder these and to invite Christ to support you as a member of the Church. God bless you together with all our brothers and sisters. With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

BAPTISMS Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. Marco to arrange the Baptism of your child.

CAFOD APPEAL for Sudan where there are millions facing extreme hunger. To contribute go to cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 08085858885 *Thank you!*

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. Items received from 8am on a Wednesday at 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. Email foodbank@newzioncf.net to donate. Use Food Bank Baskets at the back of church.

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Drivers are needed. Health & Safety training and Safeguarding requirements will be arranged. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham on 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

LISTER HOSPITAL Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (and ask for duty chaplain), emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net

KATHLEEN STARLING RIP Kathleen's Funeral Service will be at Oakhill Crematorium on Monday 22nd July at 1pm.

PILGRIMAGE 4-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Our Lady's Birthday from Friday 6th until Monday 9th September. <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0959/> or take a leaflet.

SVP Our thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Group for hosting the recent Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. We are grateful to the drivers, welcomers, all who helped with the Liturgy and those who made the refreshments. It has been a joy to be together with members of our community who don't often come out.

FILIPINO MASS Our thanks to the Filipino Community for the beautiful Mass on 15th June. The party afterwards with dance and karaoke was sensational. The food delicious!

AFRICAN MASS Sunday 7th July at 11.30am followed by a party in the Trinity Hall. Different languages will be used in the Mass and there will be the Offertory dance. Afterwards food and drink and a DJ. *Come and join the celebration!*

LOOKING AHEAD Polish-English Mass and party on Saturday 28th September 6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY On Friday 5th July there will be the early morning Mass at St. Bonaventure's at 6.30 followed by breakfast. All welcome. First Friday Rosary after 9.30 Mass at St. Bonaventure's and on First Saturday at 9.30am.

EVENING OF REFLECTION at Holy Family Church on Thursday 4th July at 7pm. A couple of hours when you can reflect on how you live your faith in the everyday. There will be spiritual reading, a talk, an examination of conscience, time in church between activities. There will be tea/coffee/biscuits. Also a priest available for confession. This evening is intended for men, however, there are similar evenings for women at St. Peter's Church, Hatfield. More info from Ed Newman-Sanders (07984149320).

CHURCH CLEANING at Our Lady's on Saturday 6th July at 10am as well as the maintenance of the grounds. St. Bonaventure's church cleaning on Tuesday 2nd July after 9.30am Mass. Come and lend a hand if you are free!

OUR LADY SCHOOL Our Lady's Primary School Summer Fete will be on Saturday 6th July, 11am - 3pm on Woodhall Lane. A fantastic day of children's stalls, food, drinks and cakes - fun to be had for all! Cake and bottle donations welcome. If anyone would like to run a stall please contact ourladyschoolpta@gmail.com

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL has its Summer Fayre on Saturday 6th July 12 - 3pm at Crookhams AL7 1PG. Face painting, inflatables, BBQ and more! Admission £1 for adults, children free. If you would like to run a stall, contact holyfamilyfa@gmail.com

SKY JUMP Andrew McCann, one of our parishioners, will be doing a skydive on 22nd June for HCPT Group 204 (based in Stevenage, of which he has been a volunteer for 2 years). The link is https://www.justgiving.com/page/andrew-mccann-1716241088964?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fandrew-mccann-1716241088964&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email *The jump is with Group 148 and monies raised will be sent to Group 204.* Thank you!

THE NEW LECTIONARY will become mandatory for use in the Catholic Church in this country from Advent 2024. The Lectionary will use the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the Psalms. These translations are felt to be more faithful to the original languages, to current biblical scholarship and provide a text for use in a liturgical setting which is more 'proclaimable' and more inclusive. So change is happening! This means that present lectionaries, missals and Mass books will become obsolete. We will need to order three Lectionaries for our three churches which will each cost £695 (for a four-volume set). We will also need one Book of Gospels for special occasions - price £395 (with silver-plated cover plaque). If these are purchased before 30th June, there will be a 15% discount. We will place the order soon. If you would like to contribute towards these, let Fr. Norbert know. *Thank you.*

VOLUNTEERS The Diocese of Westminster Caritas 'Love in Action' Awards are going to be presented soon. Nominations close on 30th June. Is there someone you believe deserves special recognition for their contributions to the parish or community? Some of the categories include: Parish Social Action Award, School Action Award, Young volunteer/s of the Year Award. To make a nomination visit www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/awards Any questions, call 07738183833 or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk

QR CODES Another 'modern' way of giving money to the parish! These will soon be near the entrances to our churches in special glass-fronted cabinets

MASS INTENTIONS *These can be booked through Fr. Norbert*

22nd June

6pm Our Lady Martin Sweeney RIP

23rd Sunday TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP and Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP
 9.30am Holy Family David Sturgeon RIP
 10.30am St. Bonaventure Roy D'Cunha RIP
 11.30am Our Lady Examination success (Osefo family)
 6pm Holy Family Joan Ricketts RIP

24th Monday THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9.30am Our Lady Pauline McEleney RIP

25th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Maureen Brennan RIP Anniv
 7pm Our Lady Kitty Coakley RIP Anniv RIP

26th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family John McGeehan RIP Anniv

27th Thursday St. John Southworth

9.30am Holy Family Sr. Josephine Chambers (Get-well Intention)

28th Friday St. Irenaeus

9.30am St. Bonaventure Pauline McEleney RIP (Month's mind)
 7pm Our Lady Steve Royals RIP

29th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Susan Cairns RIP Anniv
 6pm Our Lady Joao Domingo Dias RIP Anniv

