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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

7th July 2024
14th July 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

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In these two Sundays' Gospel readings we hear about *not being welcomed*. Firstly, Jesus goes home to Nazareth and the people feel they already know him because of his roots. St. Mark tells us: 'And they would not accept him.' The following Sunday Jesus tells his disciples what to do should people not welcome them and refuse to listen to them - shake the dust from under their feet as a lesson to them! Are there times when those around you do not understand your motivation? Do they pigeon-hole you into stereotypes of their own making and forget to see you and listen to you *as you are*? Just think about our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world whose families might have rejected them because of their faith in Jesus. What gives them hope and courage? Surely Christ himself who understands their experience! On 7th July St. Paul says to the Corinthians 'My (God's) grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness...For it is when I am weak that I am strong.' on 14th July we embark on St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and he tells them 'he chose us, chose us in Christ...' What great gifts!

For many of us, we are longing for the summer of rest and refreshment. Ironically it seems to be the season of driving rain and cold winds! All of us need time to stop, reflect and take stock of how things have gone and are going - an opportunity to look into the future with the lens of the Lord's eye. Obviously we cannot predict what is coming our way but we can trust in him who feels with us and offers a grace which is light shining in darkness. In these weeks Wimbledon is unfolding and the European Football Championship will reach its conclusion. The players have all prepared with intense training and strict dietary regimes. What should we be doing as followers of Jesus Christ? May his Spirit inspire us! May God bless you and those in your hearts. With love, **Fr. Norbert**

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

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.

STRAWBERRY TEA hosted by the CAFOD group on Sunday 14th July at 3pm in the Holy Family Church gardens. Enter from car park. There will be no charge for this event but donation boxes will be available for contributions. *Come and give your support!*

SEA SUNDAY on 14th July is when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea, often in difficult and hazardous conditions. If you would like to support 'Stella Maris' - a Catholic organisation which provides chaplains for those at sea, use one of the envelopes at the back of the church or visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate *Thank you!*

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

IRMA HUMES RIP Irma's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's Tues. 16th July at 11am.

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

AFRICAN MASS Today (Sunday 7th) at 11.30am at Our Lady's followed by a party in the Trinity Hall. *Come and join the celebration!*

LOOKING AHEAD

Special Needs Mass Saturday 14th September at 6pm followed by a gathering in the Trinity Hall with a quiz, bingo, food and drink.

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

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR on Friday 12th July after 7pm Mass. Come and share in Scripture, prayer, song and silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

CHURCH CLEANING at Holy Family on Wednesday 10th July after 9.30 Mass. Come and lend a hand if you are free! *Our thanks to the many volunteers who give of their time to look after our churches.*

CHARITY BOXES FOR CAFOD are situated in the porches at Our Lady's and Holy Family Churches. Unwanted items, as follows, may be placed: 1) Gold, silver and costume jewellery, watches (even broken); 2) mobile phones, game-consoles, cameras (in any condition); 3) currency, old/new banknotes and coins, (UK & Foreign), Stamps, UK & Foreign. **NO OTHER ITEMS CAN BE ACCEPTED.** When you sort out things for your summer holiday you might find something at the back of a drawer which will help fill our charity box! *Thank you!*

NEW LECTIONARY Many thanks to the people who have donated money towards the purchase of these new books. Everything requested has been paid for. There are other related books associated with this new Lectionary which can be purchased should anyone wish to contribute. Let Fr. Norbert know.

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.

DONATIONS over £500 need to have an accompanying form attached to satisfy the Diocesan requirements in regard to Charity Law. There are 'One-off Payment' forms available at the back of our churches. This also applies to those who prefer to make their Sunday offering as an annual payment. *Thanks for your patience with these expectations which have to be complied with!*

INTERFAITH GROUP talk on Extremism in Hertfordshire on Tuesday 9th July at Focolare Centre 7.30 - 9.30pm. Flyers available at the back of the church.

NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE FOR THE WHOLE SUMMER *Please let Fr. Norbert have information by Wednesday 17th July.*

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM We are pleased to announce that transportation has been arranged for a 70-seater coach to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday 21st September 2024**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit together such an iconic place. Indeed, the shrine of Our Lady was established around 1061 and soon after became one of the greatest centres of pilgrimage not only in England but in the whole of Europe. Its legacy and tradition has been preserved throughout the centuries. The coach will pick up passengers from Our Lady's Church, 141 Woodhall Lane, AL7 3TP at 7 am and then proceed to Walsingham to arrive in time for the start of the event. Then, it will depart from Walsingham at 5 pm and drop off passengers at the same pick-up point by hopefully 8pm. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please complete the form available at the back of our churches and return it to the parish office by the end of July. The cost of the pilgrimage is £20 which includes a £5 Pilgrim's Levy fee contribution towards the maintenance of the shrine. Please make sure to bring enough food and drink to cover the whole day and come prepared for any weather condition. More information from Fr. Marco marcosalvagnini@rcdow.org.uk

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

6th July

6pm	Our Lady	Eric Coutinho RIP <i>Remembering Canon Alfred Cummings RIP Anniv</i>
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7th Sunday *FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am	St. Bonaventure	John Joseph Small RIP Anniv
9.30am	Holy Family	Andrew Myles RIP
10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Examination success (Osefo family) <i>Fr. Eugene Curran from Mill Hill celebrant</i>
11.30am	Our Lady	Marcella Webb RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Przemyslaw Pawlak RIP

8th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Irma Humes RIP
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9th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Mona and Moria Geelan Intentions
7pm	Our Lady	<i>Fr. Adams Tatsidjodoung from Hitchin celebrant</i>

10th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Andrew Myles RIP
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11th Thursday *ST. BENEDICT*

9.30am	Holy Family	Francisca D'Souza RIP Anniv <i>Monsignor Harry Turner celebrant</i>
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12th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Joe and Alice Phelan RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Julian Fuller RIP

13th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Molly Livingston RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Peter Bonass RIP Birthday

14th Sunday *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am	St. Bonaventure	Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP & Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP
9.30am	Holy Family	John Blackburn RIP Birthday
10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Eric Fishwick RIP
11.30am	Our Lady	Andrew Myles RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Bridie Frost RIP

15th Monday *St. Bonaventure*

9.30am	Our Lady	Ian Lewis RIP Anniv
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16th Tuesday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Denis O'Brien RIP Anniv
7pm	Our Lady	Fr. Michael Giffney RIP Anniv

17th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Frederick Myers RIP
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18th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Geoffrey Turner and Family Intention
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19th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Sr. Kathleen Swift RIP Anniv
7pm	Our Lady	Mr. Brind RIP

20th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Geraldine Delaney (sick)
6pm	Our Lady	Andrew Myles RIP

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)**Thursdays** 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family**Saturdays** 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure 5pm - 5.30pm Our Lady**CHAPEL** Open Monday to Friday 7.30am until 6pm. Entrance near Trinity Hall. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle and have a moment of silence.**ST. ALBANS** Catholic Mass in the Lady Chapel of St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon on Fridays.**STREAMED MASS** on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches)