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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

21st July 2024 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY 28th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
4th August 2024 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY 11th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY

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TRINITY HALL Bookings + enquiries can be made through www.wgc-catholics.org.uk which has terms and conditions of hire, as well as a live diary. General enquiries please call 01707 537464

We come now to the end of another academic year and it gives us all a chance to think back over the last 12 months and reflect in readiness for the next phase. In the Gospel reading from St. Mark on 21st July, the Lord suggests that he and the apostles should go away to a lonely place and rest for a while - he is so understanding! After 21st, the Church puts St. Mark on hold and turns to St. John's Gospel, embarking on Chapter 6 with the Feeding of the 5000, the Bread of Life and Christ's understanding that the Bread he gives is his *flesh for the life of the world* - profound teaching!

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you!' to Fr. Marco and all who help and support us in the parish both in the Liturgy and behind the scenes, to express gratitude to the countless people who make our churches places of welcome and sources of holiness. My 60th birthday celebrations highlighted the power of faith, the joy of community and the generous spirit which is infectious in giving others an experience of Christ and his gracious call. I am coming to the end of 16 years as your Parish Priest and I am so grateful to the Lord for the gift of priesthood and the privilege of exercising it here in Welwyn Garden City. On a practical note, this newsletter will cover four Sundays. The next one will be issued on 18th August, covering the following three Sundays. *So please get any more information to me by 14th August.*

I hope the summer brings you refreshment and the renewal which is so important in life. To the many visitors who come to our churches, 'Welcome!' and thank you for enriching us with your presence.

May God bless each and every one of you! With love and prayers, **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 Well done on a great event. The sun shone!

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

AFRICAN MASS Our thanks to all who helped with this celebration. It was excellent - both in church and in the Trinity Hall.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM on Saturday 21st September. The shrine of Our Lady was established around 1061 and soon became one of the greatest centres of pilgrimage not only in England but in the whole of Europe. The 70-seater 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. Please complete the form 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 towards the maintenance of the shrine. Please 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

LOOKING AHEAD Special Needs Mass Saturday 14th September at 6pm followed by a gathering in the Trinity Hall with a quiz and bingo. *Please bring food to share.*

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

Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary on Saturday 12th October at 10.30am from Our Lady's Church. All welcome. More details to follow.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST Next on 6th September at St. Bonaventure's at 6.30am. All welcome!

ROSARY in St. Bonaventure's on First Friday (2nd August and 6th September) after 9.30 Mass and on First Saturday (3rd August and 7th September) at 9.30am before Mass.

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR is next on Friday 13th September at Our Lady's after 7pm Mass. Come and share in Scripture, prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

CHURCH CLEANING Our Lady's on Saturday 3rd August at 10am and the maintenance of the grounds; also Saturday 7th September.

St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 6th August after 9.30 Mass and Tuesday 3rd September.

Holy Family on Wednesday 7th August after 9.30 Mass; also, Wednesday 4th September. *Come and lend a hand if you are free!*

CHARITY BOXES FOR CAFOD are in the porches of 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.** *Thank you!*

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 and co-operation!*

MASS INTENTIONS. These can be booked through Fr. Norbert

20th July

6pm Our Lady Andrew Myles RIP

21st Sunday *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am St. Bonaventure Stepan and Elfrida Janecky

9.30am Holy Family Andrew Myles RIP

10.30am St. Bonaventure Corazon Tengo Dayacap RIP

11.30am Our Lady Sean O'Neal RIP

6pm Holy Family Teresa Sturt RIP Anniv

22nd Monday *ST. MARY MAGDALENE*

9.30am Our Lady Jacqui Seal RIP Anniv

23rd Tuesday *ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN*

9.30am St. Bonaventure Alan Hallett RIP Anniv

7pm Our Lady Private Intention

24th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Bob Leys RIP

25th Thursday *ST. JAMES*

9.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to St. Jude

26th Friday *St. Joachim and St. Anne*

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady Ewan Lamont RIP

27th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Mary Pearce's Intention

6pm Our Lady Stan Griffin RIP Anniv & deceased members of family.

28th Sunday *SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am St. Bonaventure Marika and Josef Cherny

9.30am Holy Family Pat Frost RIP (birthday) *Fr. Tom O'Brien*

10.30am St. Bonaventure Patti Wotton RIP

11.30am Our Lady Private Intention *Fr. Tom O'Brien celebrating*

6pm Holy Family Roy D'Cunha RIP (birthday)

29th Monday *Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

9.30am Our Lady NO MASS

30th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady Noreen Savage's Intention

31st Wednesday *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

9.30am Holy Family

1st August Thursday *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

9.30am Holy Family

2nd Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Margaret Kelly RIP

7pm Our Lady Jon Kilkenny RIP Anniv

3rd Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady Peter Bonass RIP Anniv

4th Sunday *EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am St. Bonaventure Tereza D'Souza RIP Anniv

9.30am Holy Family Special Intention (CW) *Fr. Tom O'Brien*

10.30am St. Bonaventure

11.30am Our Lady Paddy Loughrey RIP Anniv *Fr. Tom O'Brien*

6pm Holy Family Gareth Adams RIP and for family and friends

5th Monday

9.30am Our Lady NO MASS

6th Tuesday *TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*

9.30am St. Bonaventure John Blackburn RIP (Wedding Anniversary)

7pm Our Lady Lizzie Francis (Birthday Intention)

7th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Basil Leonard RIP Anniv

8th Thursday *St. Dominic*

9.30am Holy Family

9th Friday *ST. TERESA BENEDICT OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN)*

9.30am St. Bonaventure

7pm Our Lady Michael Large RIP

10th Saturday *ST. LAWRENCE*

10am St. Bonaventure

6pm Our Lady

11th Sunday *NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8am St. Bonaventure Roy D'Cunha RIP

9.30am Holy Family

10.30am St. Bonaventure

11.30am Our Lady

6pm Holy Family

12th Monday

9.30am Our Lady *Monsignor Harry Turner celebrant*

13th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Josephine Dineen RIP Anniv
7pm Our Lady

14th Wednesday *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

9.30am Holy Family

15th Thursday **ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY** *Holy Day of Obligation*

9.30am Holy Family
12 noon St. Bonaventure
7pm Our Lady

16th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure
7pm Our Lady Jim Davies RIP

CONFESSIONS (Reconciliation) Thursdays 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure 5pm - 5.30pm Our Lady

CHAPEL *closed for the holidays.*

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass Fridays in Lady Chapel St. Albans Cathedral 12 noon.

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) *linked to Mass at Westminster Cathedral during the holidays.*