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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

ST. PETER and ST. PAUL 29th JUNE 2025

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We gather today on the Solemnity of the great Apostles, Peter and Paul. We remember their different callings, their service to the Church and their ultimate witness to Christ by being martyred in the City of Rome. This celebration connects us with Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome, and with our brothers and sisters across the world. We are ONE, we are HOLY through God's grace, we are CATHOLIC - universal, and we are APOSTOLIC, built on the foundation of the Apostles who received their commission from Christ and have handed on generation to generation this knowledge and love of Christ and a readiness to let others know about him in word and in deed.

The weather we are now experiencing puts us in touch with the climate of Rome, the Holy Land and the many places St. Paul visited on his missionary expeditions! There is Caesarea Philippi in the north of Israel where the Apostles were asked 'Who do people say I am?...Who do you say I am?' Peter's response to Jesus is 'You are the Christ the Son of the living God' and he is called Peter - the Rock - on which the Church will be built; he is entrusted with the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. On the shore of the Sea of Galilee at Tabgha, Peter is redeemed by Christ after the Resurrection for his three denials by affirming that he loves the Lord; he is given charge of the lambs and sheep. St. Paul sees his ministry as a fight and a race in which he has felt the Lord so close to him. He found the ways and means of travelling to almost every country known in the world at that time! He founded communities, he wrote to them, he loved them and was not afraid to challenge them!

So, the baton has been handed on to us! As you bask in the sun and sip something cool, reflect on what you have received - its deeper meaning and impact. Consider how to pass it on to others based on your own experience.

With love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

FR. MARCO will be leaving us at the end of August. His new appointment is 'missio ad gentes' to support the mission of the Neocatechumenal Way. We will have a Farewell Mass on Saturday 30th August at Our Lady's at 6pm followed by a Reception in the Trinity Hall to which all are welcome. *We wish Fr. Marco every blessing and much happiness.*

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST FOR WGC Fr. James Boyle, ordained priest on 28th June will start here in WGC on 1st September. Fr. James will live at Holy Family and serve our three churches. *May God bless Fr. James.*

STEFAN GUERZONI, who is one of our parishioners, has been accepted to start formation for Permanent Diaconate, serving in Welwyn Garden City. For the first year he will be more involved in the life of our churches and then follow a part-time academic course leading to Ordination as Deacon in around 4/5 years' time. Stefan has Fr. Norbert's full support. He has a wife, Axelle, and family and a full-time job. A permanent deacon can celebrate some of the Sacraments and may be a married man. *Let us offer our prayers.*

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 if you wish to donate money. Please use the Food Bank Baskets at the back of our churches if you wish to give items: tins, pasta, rice & toiletries.

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

MEDJUGORJE Fr. Norbert will lead a group to this Shrine of Our Lady in Croatia from Tuesday 21st - Tuesday 28th October 2025. There are 42 people signed up and room for up to 49! Book using: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1035/>

VISITORS Fr. Javier & Fr. Jose Antonio from Cordoba, Spain, will come in September to improve their English. These priests study in Rome. All documentation will be in place.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Saturday 28th June at 12 noon at Focolare Centre (Parkway AL8 6JG) followed by refreshments. *ALL ARE WELCOME! No 10am Mass + Confessions on 28th.* The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a powerful experience not only for the person to be anointed but also for those who gather.

AFRICAN MASS today (Sunday 29th) at 12 noon at Our Lady's. Come for a vibrant day of worship, music, food and culture! *The African Community invites you all to come!*

FIRST FRIDAY Come to the early 6.30am Mass this Friday, 4th July! It will be at St. Bonaventure's and followed by breakfast in the Hall. *There will not be 6.30 Mass on 1st August or 5th September.*

LEARNING ABOUT BUDDHISM from Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group. Speaker: Julian Wall. Tues. 1st July 7.30 - 9pm Focolare Centre AL8 6JG.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (WGC) 70th Anniversary Mass on Saturday 19th July at 11am at Our Lady's with Reception in Trinity Hall. Friends/supporters welcome.

POLISH/ENGLISH MASS on Saturday 27th September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

SATURDAY CLUB proposed for people with learning disabilities and their families/carers, meeting once a month for two hours offering a variety of activities, social time and refreshments. This would be supported by Caritas St Joseph's, the agency of the Diocese for those with Learning Disabilities. If you are interested in being a volunteer, come to Our Lady's Sacristy on Monday 14th July at 7pm (for an hour). *Our next Special Needs Mass will be on Saturday 18th October at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a Get-together.*

JUBILEE YEAR *Pilgrims of Hope*

Our Lady's WGC has been designated as the Jubilee Church for Hertfordshire. This means that by receiving Holy Communion, going to Confession, saying the Creed and praying for the Pope's Intention, you can receive a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or for someone who has died - helping you or the deceased towards eternity. In addition to Mass and devotions, works of charity or mercy are possible elements.

CARDINAL'S VISIT TO OUR LADY'S Sunday 6th July.

3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Confessions *with visiting priests.*

4pm Cardinal will offer catechesis - *reflections on hope and time to consider his words.*

5pm Mass. This is for the whole of Hertfordshire. *There will NOT be 6pm Mass at Holy Family Church that evening.*

After Mass we will host a reception for the anticipated 600 guests/visitors. We will need lots of help! We will require up to 50 platters (1 loaf of bread makes 1 platter) of sandwiches and finger savouries. Also, tray bakes, cakes, cookies would be welcomed. If you can provide food, please contact Ann Chappell by 1st July (ahchappell@aol.com or 07784 781178) Thank you to all those who continue to support our Church with their contributions.

ALTAR SERVERS Please sign up to serve and make sure your albs have been washed.

CHURCH CLEANING on Saturday 5th July at 10am in Our Lady's. We need lots of extra help to make everything is looking its best! Please come and lend a hand.

VOLUNTEERS We need car parking stewards, welcomers & ushers, first aiders and people on hand with drinking water if the weather warms up again! *Please let Fr. Norbert know if you can help. Email him or give him your name/number.*

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE - Saturday 12th July *This event has been cancelled!*

HEADTEACHERS RETREAT AFTERNOON on 30th June in the afternoon. Heads from the Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust will have an afternoon of reflection in Our Lady's Jubilee Church WGC led by Fr. Norbert.

DEAF SERVICE PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady's Jubilee Church on Tuesday 22nd July

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S & ST. ALBAN AND ST. STEPHEN'S PARISHES in St. Albans will walk to Our Lady's on Saturday 13th September as a Jubilee pilgrimage.

OUR LADY SCHOOL Years 1,2 and 3 will join the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's Church on Monday 30th June.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL'S 60TH Congratulations to Holy Family School on the wonderful 60th Mass last Thursday. It is a great milestone and a springboard into the future. *May God bless the children and their families, staff and governors.*

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER As we draw closer to the summer holidays, some families will start thinking about the next stage of schooling for their children after Primary School. Our local Catholic Secondary Schools are oversubscribed and so governors have to look for the Certificate of Catholic Practice given by the Parish Priest. Fr. Norbert urges families to think about their weekly church-going as this is the main criterion for him issuing the certificate. Also, sometimes parents/carers, who have considered Baptism and First Holy Communion for a long time and never got round to it, should seek the next steps for the sake of their children.

MASS INTENTIONS

28th Saturday *Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Irenaeus*

12 noon Focolare Centre Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
6pm Our Lady Marie-Colette Evans RIP

29th ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

9am St. Bonaventure Andrei Shah RIP Birthday
10.30am Holy Family Archbishop Emeritus Raul Gonzalves RIP
12 noon Our Lady Chacko Mooleparambil RIP
6pm Holy Family For the People

30th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Susan Cairns RIP (3rd Anniv)

1st July Tuesday *THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL*

9.30am St. Bonaventure Mary Faithfull's Intention
7pm Our Lady Laura + Lorenzo Federici (Thanksgiving for Marriage)

2nd Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family In thanksgiving to St. Jude

3rd Thursday *ST. THOMAS*

9.30am Holy Family John Blackburn RIP

4th Friday

6.30am St. Bonaventure
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7pm Our Lady Michael Maher RIP Anniv

5th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure
6pm Our Lady

6th FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9am St. Bonaventure Martin Turner's Intention
10.30am Holy Family Martin Donoghugh RIP
12 noon Our Lady
5pm Our Lady Jubilee Mass with the Cardinal

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30am
St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am
Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL at Our Lady's near Trinity Hall open 8.30am - 4pm (Monday to Friday).

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

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches)