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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6th JULY 2025

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A new month and the school summer holidays draw closer! Those who have taken public examinations are already on their longer breaks. We have enjoyed sunshine and tropical heat. And yet, our lives continue with work, other responsibilities, decisions, illness and definitely a yearning for peace in our world.

Today as we welcome the Cardinal into our midst to share with us thoughts about being *Pilgrims of hope* it is an opportunity to reflect on the hope Christ brings us especially through his Death and Resurrection and the hope we are asked to share with those around us. We are all so different! The way we receive the Lord's message and experience it will vary from person to person. Our ability to communicate hope to someone else again will be unique and depend so much on our own life's experience. Have to had to get through a tough situation? Was it easy? Who supported you? What have the lasting effects been on you? If we consider the inner strength given us by God, we surely can offer this same message of hope to our neighbour? Often so many of us are searching for healing from the pain of the past or a physical ailment. The compassion of Christ revealed in his mercy helps us to make a fresh start.

St. Luke tells us in our Gospel Reading that the disciples came back with joy having dis-covered how deeply God had worked in them and through them. At this Sunday Mass, drawing close to Christ and one another, may we bring the joyful moments of our week to this celebration and draw grace to take us into the coming days!

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 Thank you to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and all the helpers who made last weekend's Mass such a powerful experience of faith, joy and community. A huge amount of work bore much fruit in the sick and housebound knowing how important they are to us all. We are grateful to the Focolare Community for the use of their Centre.

AFRICAN MASS Last Sunday the radiant heat of Africa shone on Welwyn Garden City as we worshipped with rhythm, dance and song and afterwards enjoyed African culture and food. Thank you to all who contributed generously to the celebration and worked so hard.

FIRST FRIDAY We are so grateful to the team which provides breakfast at such an early hour! *There will not be 6.30am Mass on 1st August or 5th September.*

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.

TERRENCE PETTIGREW RIP Terrence's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 30th July. His body will be received into the church 4pm Tuesday.

EXHIBITION On the ground floor of the Howard's Centre there is an excellent exhibition about the history of WGC. Ends next weekend.

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. We welcome Cardinal Vincent Nichols, clergy and visitors for this afternoon's celebration for the Jubilee Year. May God's blessing come down on all who gather and God's grace touch the lives of those cannot be with us. May hope shine out!

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 this evening.

After Mass there will be a Reception for everyone.

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

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.

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.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER will be opening its first charity shop later this year to raise vital funds that will help better support the work of parishes and services, including the Deaf Service. There will be a **stock donation drive over the weekend of 19th – 20th July** here in our three churches. During this time, parishioners are invited to bring in any unwanted items suitable for donation. Caritas will sort donations and collect them soon after the weekend. *Keep this in mind - just two weeks to go!*

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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

5th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure
6pm Our Lady

6th *FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*

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

7th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Christopher Doherty (sick)
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8th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Martin Hawkins' Intention
7pm	Our Lady	

9th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	
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10th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	
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11th Friday *ST. BENEDICT*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Francisca DeSouza RIP (3rd Anniv)
7pm	Our Lady	David Brand RIP (3rd Anniv)

12th Saturday

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

13th *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Ann Windnagal RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Blessings on all the grandchildren of Kennedy Family
12 noon	Our Lady	Fr. Michael Giffney RIP Anniv
6pm	Holy Family	

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)