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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 9th November, 2025

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Today we celebrate Remembrance Sunday. We honour those who died for their country in the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. We call to mind their sacrifice and the many bereaved loved ones. There are those still suffering from the scars of conflict. May God grant them healing and strength. Let us pray for an end to war. Let us pray for genuine justice and lasting peace throughout the world! May eternal life be God's gift to those who have died.

We ask God to bless Cardinal Vincent Nichols who celebrates his 80th birthday this weekend. Inevitably this is going to lead to a time of change in our Diocese. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide Pope Leo in the decisions he makes for Westminster!

The 9th November is the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome in 324AD. The Emperor Constantine gave this building to be the Cathedral Church of Rome soon after he himself became a Christian. So, this Church is the Pope's Cathedral and is known as the 'Mother and Head of all the Churches throughout the World'. This celebration reminds us of the fact that we are *Catholic - Universal* - in communion with Pope Leo XIV and all those in communion with him. Just think about the multitude across the world celebrating this feast and that we are *One*. The Church is made of living stones; we are *God's Temple* says St. Paul in the Second Reading today. Let us rejoice in the Faith we have received. May God sanctify us as Church proclaiming the message of Good News for the whole of humanity.

Have a wonderful week. With love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

BAPTISM Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. James to arrange the Baptism of your child.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The first joint Parents and Children's workshop will be on Sunday 23rd November in Our Lady's Church 3.30 - 5pm. If you missed registration, please see Fr. Norbert.

CONFIRMATION Young people have their next session on Sunday 9th November at 7.15pm in the Trinity Hall.

RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) Next session on Monday 10th November 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy. *If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church and have not yet contacted Fr. Norbert, give him a call as soon as possible!*

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Couples planning to get married in 2026/27 should let Fr. Norbert know. Marriage Preparation Day will be in the Trinity Hall **Saturday 7th February, 2026** starting at 10.30am and concluding with the 6pm Mass.

PARISH MEETING MINUTES are at the back of each church. In terms of receiving the Precious Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion, there still is worry and so we will wait before restoring the Chalice for all at Mass.

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. Items received from 8am Wednesdays at 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. Email food-bank@newzioncf.net if you wish to donate money. Please use the Food Bank Baskets. *With it soon being Christmas, please think about those who need the basics even for Christmas. Your generosity towards the Food Bank makes a huge difference. Thank you!*

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. 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

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST There are sheets at the back of the church on which you can write the names of loved ones who have died. Please return them and they will be remembered at Masses in November. *There is no need to give any money.*

BLESSING OF GRAVES Sunday 9th November 1.30pm Hatfield Hyde Cemetery (Hollybush Lane) followed by Remembrance Day Service at Hatfield Hyde War Memorial at 3pm. Sunday 16th November Welwyn New Cemetery Fulling Mill Lane at 2pm.

MARITE MIN RIP The Funeral Mass for Marite from the Focolare Community will be at Our Lady's on Monday 17th November at 12 noon.

NO MASS at 7pm at Our Lady's on Tuesdays 11th and 18th November.

STREAMED MASS If anyone would like to help with streaming Mass, please contact Fr. Norbert. One volunteer has made contact. It would be good to have a team of people!

CWL is organising a Christmas Raffle to support their charities. They are looking for donations of Christmas food, drink and toiletries (in date for Christmas). These may be left in the CWL basket at the back of Our Lady's Church until 22nd/23rd November.

CAKE SALE after 9am Mass at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 23rd November to raise funds for a Christmas Coffee Morning on Sunday 14th December after 9am Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING Thank you to all who helped with church cleaning at St. Bonaventure's and at Holy Family.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED men and women, you are invited to Afternoon Tea 'chat time' - a chance to share with others. Where? 2 Kingsley Court, WGC AL7 4HZ. When? Tuesday 11th November 1.30 - 3pm. If interested in coming, contact Mary Gateshill on 07860577782 or marygateshill@hotmail.com

SVP There is a single mother who needs items for an unfurnished flat: chairs and table, cupboards, wardrobe, 2 single beds, pillows and rugs/mats. Please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. Thank you.

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.

CATECHISTS RETREAT *'Reawakening blessed hope'* on Saturday 15th November at Our Lady's Jubilee Church led by the Diocese for Hertfordshire. 10am - 4pm in Trinity Hall, WGC. To book a place, please give your name and email to Fr. Norbert who will send names to the Diocese. It's a free event but bring a packed lunch.

SCHOOLS' CHAPLAINCY TEAMS The Chaplaincy Teams from Our Lady and Holy Family Schools will join the community at 9.30am Mass on Monday 17th November and then have a time of reflection on the Jubilee of Hope.

YOUTH SUMMIT at Our Lady's on Saturday 22nd November to be led by the Diocesan Youth service. This will conclude with 6pm Mass and a Reception in the Trinity Hall. *We will need volunteers to help with the Reception.*

VILLA SCALABRINI The group from this residential home in Shenley had a great time visiting Our Lady's Church last Friday.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND The annual collection will take place next weekend (15th/16th November). In 2024 the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 73 retired priests at a cost of £1,270,000. It is so important to look after our priests in their senior years. Please take one of the special envelopes at the back of the church and return next weekend when there will be a retiring collection. Thank you in advance for your great generosity!

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR on Friday 14th November after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's. Come and enjoy peace in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Scripture, music, prayer and silence.

DECEASED CLERGY DEANERY MASS On Tuesday 25th November, Bishop Paul McAleenan and the priests of Stevenage Deanery will celebrate Mass at 11am in Our Lady's. *There will not be 9.30am Mass that day.* Afterwards there will be tea and coffee in the Trinity Hall. (Help needed with this, please). *Everyone is welcome!*

HERTS WELCOMES REFUGEES needs men's winter clothing, especially water-proofs, for refugees living in WGC not allowed to work. Call Vicky 07905454150.

INTERFAITH GROUP There will be a shared supper to mark National Interfaith Week on Thursday 13th November at the Focolare Centre for Unity, Parkway AL8 6JG 7.00 - 9.30pm. Bring a dish to share; taste what others have brought. Entertainment too! On Wednesday 12th November *Faith Through Young Eyes: Youth Voices in Interfaith Dialogue* presented by Herts Inter Faith Forum and Hertfordshire County Council. 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The meeting will be through Microsoft Teams. Youth speakers (aged 16–30) from diverse faiths and none will share personal reflections on their faith and how it shapes their engagement with the world, concluding with a live Q&A. More in-formation from equalities@hertfordshire.gov.uk

JOHN PRIDMORE a one-time gangster, who had a conversion experience some years ago, will be with us on Sunday 7th December 7.15pm at Our Lady's and at Holy Family on Monday 8th December at 6pm. More details to follow. *Watch this space!*

RESPOSITORY Christmas cards, calendars, candles and gifts are now available in the repository at Our Lady's and at Holy Family. Why not have a look!

MASS INTENTIONS

8th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
6pm	Our Lady	CWL Deceased Members

9th DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9am	St. Bonaventure	Jane D'Souza (Special Intention)
10.30am	Holy Family	Noemi and Elias Gonzalves RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Jedvika Janecka Intention
6pm	Holy Family	Holy Souls

10th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Holy Souls
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11th Tuesday *St. Martin of Tours*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Margaret + Kevin Cookson (Diamond Wedding)
7pm	Our Lady	NO MASS

12th Wednesday *St. Josaphat*

9.30am	Holy Family	Special Intention to St. Jude
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13th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Holy Souls
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14th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Margaret Coyle RIP
2pm	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass for Kevin Murphy
7pm	Our Lady	In thanksgiving for a new baby

15th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Special Intention (George Family)
6pm	Our Lady	James Bonass RIP Anniv

16th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Holy Souls
10.30am	Holy Family	Ray Maciocia RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Kathleen Crowley RIP (2nd Anniv)
6pm	Holy Family	Robi Brand Intention

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30
St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am
Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4pm.

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass in St. Albans Cathedral on Fridays at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Our Lady's at 12 noon Mass.