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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY (14.6) + TWELFTH SUNDAY (21.6) IN ORDINARY TIME

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What a week it has been with the weather! The sun has shone, the rain has poured, the lightning has struck and the icy winds have blown! Have you had to put on the heating? Now we are told the true summer warmth will come! It definitely gives us something to talk about, to moan or complain! In our Gospel passage for the Eleventh Sunday, Jesus sends out his disciples with a message to proclaim: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand' and they are to make a difference to those whom they encounter through their actions as well as their words. This all comes from the Lord's compassion on seeing the crowds harassed and helpless; he knows that labourers are required for the harvest. As the disciples set on their way they must have wondered what response they would meet, whether or not their words and actions would be effective. I'm sure they had more important things to discuss than the weather! With this Gospel passage in mind, reflect on your own life: where is Jesus sending you? What are the words he wants you to share with others? Which actions will speak to those around you of his kingdom? May the Mass be your inspiration!

The following Sunday on 21st June, Jesus keeps reminding his followers who are now called Apostles (the ones sent out) not to be afraid. What was the look on their faces? What had their mission of proclamation resulted in? Were there new disciples? We never quite know in our lives the huge impact we can have on others. The planting of seeds, the nurturing of someone else's work, the amazing dynamic of the Holy Spirit - our cooperation and confidence can make a difference.

Have a wonderful fortnight. May God bless you wherever you are. Discover the ways you can be his instrument. May the Kingdom come!

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION Congratulations to all the children and their families! Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way.

MARRIAGE Any couples planning to get married this year or next should let Fr. Norbert know so that all the necessary preparations can be made. The Marriage Preparation Day for 2027 will be on Saturday 6th February 10.30am until 5pm followed by the Blessing of Engaged Couples at 6pm 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 to donate money. Please use Food Bank Baskets.

LISTER HOSPITAL Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (ask for duty chaplain) emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

SATURDAY CLUB Next gathering for those with learning disabilities and their carers on Saturday 11th July 2 - 4pm in the Trinity Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST The next early Mass will be on 3rd July at 6.30am at St. Bonaventure's. There will then be a break in August and September.

CHURCH CLEANING Holy Family on Wednesday 1st July after 9.30am Mass and tea/coffee. Our Lady's on Saturday 4th July at 10am with the maintenance of the grounds. St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 7th July after 9.30am Mass. Come and lend a hand to keep our churches clean and tidy. Your help is much appreciated

FILIPINO MASS What a great celebration! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it a success.

AFRICAN MASS on Sunday 28th June 12 noon at Our Lady's. The African parishioners invite you to come and enjoy a vibrant day of worship, music, food and culture both in church and in the Trinity Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK organised by the SVP on Saturday 4th July at 12 noon at the Focolare Centre AL8 6JG.

CHILDREN'S MASS 12 noon at Our Lady's on Sunday 12th July

SIGNED MASS at Our Lady's on Sunday 19th July at 12 noon. Please let others know.

ROSARY PROCESSION on Saturday 3rd October starting with 10am Mass then walking through the streets with the necessary permissions!

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS on Saturday 3rd October 6pm.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 19th October after 6pm Mass.

SOUTH ASIAN MASS on Saturday 27th February, 2027 at 6pm.

FRIENDS OF WELWYN CARE HOMES AGM on Tuesday 16th June 7.30pm in the Focolare Centre for Unity. Come and hear about the importance of exercise in later life from Suzina Blackman, a highly experienced exercise professional. Further information: friendsofwelwyncarehomes@gmail.com/ Anne Horsman 07771931063

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY on 21st June to each and every father and honorary dad!

CONGRATULATIONS to Our Lady Catholic Primary School on the excellent outcome of their recent Ofsted inspection. The report praises the 'over-riding culture of respect and kindness [that] permeates the school' and recognises that 'everyone is included at Our Lady.' This achievement is a wonderful recognition of the dedication, hard work and commitment shown by everyone involved in the life of the school. It reflects not only the high standards in education, but also the strong sense of care, faith and community that is so clearly at the heart of the school. Well done to the entire school community

CATENIANS We welcome members of the Mid-Herts Circle of the Catenian Association for their Presidential Mass on Sunday 21st June at 12 noon. We ask God's blessing on them and their service in so many ways.

MORE MONEY NEEDED! If anyone has money to spare, it would be gratefully received in paying off the remaining loan on the Trinity Hall (£99k) and the works which have been undertaken in our three churches. Already an extra £12k has been donated for which we are very grateful. Any more out there? Thanking you in advance!

BANK DETAILS To pay parish by bank transfer, HSBC account WRC DT Welwyn Garden City, Sort code 400520 No. 51094459. *It is essential that there is paperwork or an email to stipulate how money is to be spent and who has made the payment. Thanks!*

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CENTENARY A good meeting was held on 10th June. Minutes are available at the back of St. Bonaventure's Church. Any feedback to Fr. Norbert, please.

VOLUNTEERS The Diocese of Westminster asks that all volunteers complete a Confidentiality Agreement Form and that those involved in livestreamed Masses give their agreement. *This is a requirement.* Forms are available at the back of each church. Par-ents should complete one for their son/daughter who serves at the altar or who reads at Mass if they are under age.

IN JULY there will not be 7pm Mass at Our Lady's on Tuesdays 7th and 21st

MASS INTENTIONS

13th Saturday *Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Anthony of Padua* 10am St. Bonaventure Maura Adams RIP 6pm Our Lady Anne Davidson's 90th Birthday Intention

14th ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure Malcolm Williamson RIP 10.30am Holy Family Elias and Noemi Gonsalves RIP 12 noon Our Lady Eddy Gallucci's 50th Birthday and Thanksgiving 6pm Holy Family Jason McKenna RIP (1st Anniv)

15th Monday

10am Our Lady Michael Walsh RIP

16th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Chichi Umaefulam (Birthday Blessing)
7pm Our Lady Corey Lenaghan's Intentions

17th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Bridie Frost RIP Birthday

18th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Catherine McCaig Intention

19th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Justina RIP
7pm Our Lady Noel Hennessey RIP

20th Saturday *St. Alban*

10am St. Bonaventure Agnes Slevin RIP
6pm Our Lady Kitty Coakley RIP (51st Anniv)

21st TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure
10.30am Holy Family Patrick McEleney RIP
12 noon Our Lady Mid-Herts Catenian Association's Intentions
6pm Holy Family Roza Joan D'Cunha RIP

22nd June Monday St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

9.30am Our Lady

23rd Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure In Thanksgiving for a Private Intention
7pm Our Lady

24th Wednesday NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9.30am Holy Family Paul Chappell RIP Anniv

25th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Guillermo Muceros RIP Birthday

26th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure
11.30am Our Lady Funeral for Sami Yousef
7pm Our Lady

27th Saturday St. John Southworth

10am St. Bonaventure
6pm Our Lady

28th ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL (transferred from Monday 29th)

9am St. Bonaventure
10.30am Holy Family John McGeehan RIP
12 noon Our Lady Chris + Marie Myers 40th Wedding Anniversary
6pm Holy Family In thanksgiving for Fr. James' First Anniversary

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament also)

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am

Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4pm

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral on Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel *Fr. Norbert will next celebrate this Mass on Friday 31st July*

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Our Lady's 12 noon Mass