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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

ST. PETER + ST. PAUL (28.6) + 14TH SUNDAY (5.7) + 15TH SUNDAYS (12.7)

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How are you coping with the heat? What will these weeks bring? As I write this piece, our gaze is on so many areas of the world, especially Venezuela with the devastating earthquakes and a multitude lost. We look to the Strait of Hormuz - will safe passage come to the merchant seafarers and their cargoes? The Holy Land and surrounding places are still desperate for peace and a chance to rebuild lives. On a different and lighter note there is the World Cup unfolding in the Americas with passionate supporters across the face of the earth cheering on their particular country. Many other sports too. The school holidays are fast approaching and, I am sure, all involved in Education can't wait for the close of the academic year and an opportunity to recharge batteries. So many of you will be hoping for refreshment in the summer weeks as the pace of life changes gear.

What does the Lord have to say to us? In the Apostles Peter and Paul, he gives the examples of those chosen to play a significant role in the Church, each with a different story to tell and yet pivotal in the spreading of the Good News. Think about Christ's calling to you and reflect on how you are making the world a better place in small or large ways. Who is helping you develop a stronger relationship with Jesus and how are you, in turn, radiating that to others? On 5th July, we will hear the invitation of the Lord: 'Come!' He asks us to put our total trust in him and to allow him to carry our burdens. Jesus Christ is gentle and lowly; he is with us in good times and bad, when we are joyful and when we are sad. Ponder today how the Son of God can lighten the load you carry, just as he carried the Cross to Calvary. Finally on 12th July, the Parable of the Sower is laid before us. None of the seed sown is ever felt to have been wasted. As the Kingdom takes root and grows, the Lord has confidence in us and in humanity. The Church is the crucial instrument and we have a part to play!

May God take good care of each one of you. May his blessing come upon you and through you to many others. Thank you for your encouragement.

With love and prayers, *Fr. Norbert*

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

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 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 Wednesday 1st July after 9.30am Mass. Our Lady's 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.

AFRICAN MASS on Sunday 28th June 12 noon at Our Lady's. Come and celebrate!

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. This beautiful and powerful Sacrament supports those who are seriously ill and also the infirm. The priest lays his hands on the sick person's head and anoints the forehead and the palms of hands with the Oil of the Sick, blessed by the Archbishop just before Easter. The prayerful presence of the community makes such a difference! Why not come? There will be refreshments afterwards. *Please note there will not be 10am Mass and Confessions that day.*

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. Sarah Metcalfe from Caritas Westminster Deaf Service will join us. *Please let others know.*

ROSARY PROCESSION on Saturday 3rd October starting with 10am Mass.

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.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP 'A Jew and a Muslim working together in schools.' Speakers: Adam Zagoria-Moffet and Akhtar Zaman. Thursday 2nd July 7.30pm for 7.45pm start to 9.00pm. Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG Children hear about what is happening in Israel and Gaza and now Lebanon and may be directly or indirectly affected by it. The speakers have been going together into schools to show that Muslims and Jews can be friends, with much in common, and that they can rise above conflicts happening in other parts of the world.

VOLUNTEERS The Diocese of Westminster asks all volunteers to complete a Confidentiality Agreement Form and to give agreement to being seen in livestreamed Masses. Forms are available at the back of each church. Parents should complete one for their son/daughter who serves at the altar or who reads at Mass if they are under age.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION All are invited to hear about the implementation of Catholic Social Teaching: *CST: From Pope Leo XII to Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School*, given by Marta Gallego from NBS. 2.30 - 3.30 pm Thursday 9th July Meeting Room SS Alban and Stephen Parish Centre, 14 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RB.

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 WRCDT 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!*

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

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL has places for Nursery and Reception this September. Please contact the school admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or 01707 375518

MASS INTENTIONS

27th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure
6pm Our Lady

28th Sunday ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

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

29th Monday

9.30am Our Lady In thanksgiving to St. Jude

30th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Susan Cairns RIP (4th Anniversary)
7pm Our Lady Angela Farrugia RIP

1st July Wednesday DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

9.30am Holy Family Ayke Okechukwu RIP

2nd Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Ellen Stuffle RIP

3rd Friday ST. THOMAS

6.30am St. Bonaventure Bianca Tavella + Brian Hartnett Cabeza (Wedding Int.)
9.30am St. Bonaventure John Blackburn RIP Anniv
7pm Our Lady Helena Ogunsanya RIP

4th Saturday

12 noon Focolare Centre Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
6pm Our Lady Benedict Farrugia RIP

5th FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure
10.30am Holy Family Archbishop Emeritus Raul Gonsalves RIP
12 noon Our Lady
6pm Holy Family Tony Fitzgerald RIP

6th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Maria Karmela Farrugia RIP

7th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Joseph Farrugia RIP
 7pm Our Lady NO MASS

8th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family St. Jude (In thanksgiving)

9th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Monina Dador RIP (1st Anniv)
 11.30am Holy Family Funeral Service for John Cushion

10th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Leonard Farrugia RIP
 7pm Our Lady Teresa Gestwa RIP

11th Saturday *ST. BENEDICT*

10am St. Bonaventure Joe and Alice Phelan RIP
 6pm Our Lady Peter Bonass RIP Birthday

12th *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9am St. Bonaventure Ian Lewis RIP Anniv
 10.30am Holy Family Roberto and Olivia Federici's Intentions
 12 noon Our Lady Tadeusz Kozbial RIP
 6pm Holy Family Roy D'Cunha RIP

13th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Michael Sheehan RIP

14th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Florencio Muceros + Monina Dador (each RIP Birthday)
 7pm Our Lady Michael Farrugia RIP

15th Wednesday *ST. BONAVENTURE*

9.30am St. Bonaventure For the People - *Bishop Paul McAleenan +tea/coffee*

16th Thursday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

9.30am Holy Family John Blackburn RIP Birthday

17th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure
 7pm Our Lady Helena Ogunsanya RIP

18th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Grace Cossar RIP
 6pm Our Lady Stan Griffin RIP Anniv

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am (not on 4th)

Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4pm *Closed during the holidays from 20.07*

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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Our Lady's 12 noon Mass