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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY 4.10.26 + TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY 11.10.26

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A new month has arrived - the month of the Holy Rosary! This is very much a wonderful form of prayer and a challenge to do many things at once! We *spea*k words with the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory be, whilst *pondering* episodes from the life of Christ and his Mother. As we *dwell on* this intimate moments of grace, *our hearts are flooded* with a love infused with the presence of God - the kind of love which filled our Lady. And then we are drawn into *deep contemplation* of the mystery and its impact on our own lives. Then there are four more decades to go! There is a rhythm and a harmony of mind, body and spirit allowing us to walk with the Lord Jesus and Mary his - and our - Mother.

On 6th October, 43 of us will set off for Mexico and Our Lady's Shrine at Guadalupe. You will be in our thoughts and prayers every step of the way. Please remember us too.

4th October is 800 years since St. Francis died in Assisi. He brought the Good News of Jesus to people in so many ways, especially through his example of poverty and simplicity. He was so rooted in the riches of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ - God being with us in the flesh - and, according to tradition, he gave us the Crib and created for us a legacy handed on from generation to generation. St. Francis had a great appreciation of the beauty of Creation and his yearning for Peace points us towards reconciliation and silence. Let us ask him to pray for us that we may carry our Crosses with Christ and embrace whatever God asks of us as St. Francis did so generously.

On 1st October I started my 19th year in Welwyn Garden City. There are so many people who have been, and still are, companions with me on the way. Lots have been called to God; others have moved away. The young are growing up and the aging process sets in on us all. I am happy and content. I feel blessed to be able to carry out my vocation as Priest. I am glad that God sent me here to minister among you, to pray with you and to learn from you. May we all bear the fruits of God's Kingdom.

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. Marriage Preparation Day will be on Saturday 6th February.

RCIA for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church starts on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Sacristy of Our Lady's. This is also for Catholic adults who missed out on Confirmation when younger. Come and find out more! There will be a warm welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION for children at least in Year 3 at Primary School took place last week. Any parents who missed this meeting are asked to see Fr. Norbert at Mass or make an appointment to see him **soon**. The first workshop for parents and children will be in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 18th October 3.30 - 5pm.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION on Sunday 4th October at 7pm in Holy Family Church. The meeting will last for one hour and is for parents and young people who are at least in Year 9 at Secondary School. We will need to know the Baptismal date of the young people. First session for young people 7pm on Sunday 18th October.

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

CHURCH CLEANING October: St. Bonaventure's Tues. 6th 10am, Our Lady's Sat. 10th 10am + maintenance of the grounds, Holy Family Wed. 14th after 10.30am. *Thanks*

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS Welcome to all our visitors on 3rd October *Celebrate well!*

ITALIAN MASS Friday 16th October 7pm Our Lady's with gathering in the Sacristy.

MISSION APPEAL BY THE SPIRITANS (Holy Ghost Fathers) Founded in 1703, they evangelise the poor and needy, foster peace, care for creation and advance God's Kingdom here on earth. They serve in hospitals, parishes, prisons, schools and refugee communities. Fr. Fidelis is Chaplain at Nicholas Breakspear School and he will preach the Mission the weekend of 10/11 October. There will be a retiring collection. Thanks.

FAITH AND REASON - the great debate Fr. James will lead this evening for the Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group on Thursday 29th October 7.15pm for 7.30pm start to 9.00pm at Focolare Centre for Unity -69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION (HERTS) will show a recording of a talk on 'Authority and Obedience' on Wed. 14th Oct. at 7pm at 14 Beaconsfield Road St Albans AL1 3RB

KARAOKE NIGHT Friday 23rd Oct. 7.30pm Trinity Hall to support youth activities.

OPEN PARISH MEETING in Trinity Hall Wednesday 4th November 7 - 9pm. *Come!*

HCPT GROUP 183 QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall. Teams of up to 8 people, £5 per person. Bring drinks and snacks. All money raised will help take children with disability on holiday pilgrimage to Lourdes. Cash and cards accepted. To book a table contact Barbara on 07789743703

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Parents/carers together with their child are asked to make an appointment to meet Fr. Norbert at Our Lady's Church for him to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School transfer. He will be available: Monday 5th October 4.00 - 6.30pm + Monday 19th October 4.00 - 6.30pm. There is a green parish form at the back of each church. This should be filled in and brought to the meeting. Please wait in church until called. Please ring 01707 323234 to book a time.

MORE MONEY NEEDED! It would be gratefully received in paying off the remaining loan on the Trinity Hall (£99k) and works which have been undertaken.

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's paperwork or an email to stipulate how money is to be spent and name of donor.*

CAFOD GROUP The recent cake sale at Holy Family made £168.60. Well done!

CAFOD QUIZ in the Trinity Hall on Saturday 17th October starting at 7.30pm. 10 tables of 8. Ticket prices £10 per person. Please telephone Caroline Sherar to reserve a table on 07929709901. Please bring your own food and drink. There will be a raffle.

PARISH WEBSITE is being updated. Many groups in the parish need a fresh description of their work/ministry and an updated contact name and number or email. *One response so far...more needed!* Please send information to Fr. Norbert as soon as possible.

BLESSING OF GRAVES Oakhill (Southway) Sunday 1st November. Welwyn Hatfield Council will open the Chapel at 1.30pm and serve tea/coffee + biscuits. The Service will begin in the Chapel at 2pm. Priests will bless individual graves as requested. Hatfield Hyde Sunday 8th 1.30pm and Welwyn New Cemetery Sunday 22nd 2pm.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY was on Friday 2nd October. There will be a retiring collection the weekend of 3rd/4th October. If you are able to Gift Aid your contribution, fill out the declaration on the special envelope. Thank you!

PRISONERS SUNDAY approaching. PACT - the national Catholic prison charity invites us to remember prisoners and their families, and to support their work. Contact info@prisonadvice.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Saturday

10am	Our Lady	Mass and Rosary Procession
6pm	Our Lady	Chizite and Anyina Osefo's Intention

4th TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Nicolette Evans Intention
10.30am	Holy Family	Anita and Michael Cade and family (Intention)
12 noon	Our Lady	Brunno Gabriel Rodrigues de Souza (Intention)
6pm	Holy Family	Sophie Constable (36th Birthday)

5th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Private Intention
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6th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Chrissie Roche (sick)
7pm	Our Lady	Tony Desmond RIP (20th Anniv)

7th Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary

9.30am	Holy Family	Stanislav Gasidlo RIP
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8th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	
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9th Friday *ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN*

9.30am St. Bonaventure
7pm Our Lady

10th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Saverio Del Grande RIP
6pm Our Lady Nneoma Latricia Okechukwu RIP (1st Anniv)

11th TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure Richard + Laura Brand and children (Intention)
10.30am Holy Family Maggie McGrath RIP
12 noon Our Lady Penny Hyde RIP
6pm Holy Family Chizite and Anyina Osefo's Intention

12th Monday

9.30am Our Lady

13th Tuesday *ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR*

9.30am St. Bonaventure
7pm Our Lady Frank Cafferty RIP (1st Anniv)

14th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family

15th Thursday *St. Teresa of Avila*

9.30am Holy Family

16th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure John Antony Stokes RIP (1st Anniv)
7pm Our Lady Italian Mass

17th Saturday *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

10am St. Bonaventure For the Focolare Community
6pm Our Lady Chizite and Anyina Osefo's Intention

18th TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am St. Bonaventure Frida +Stepan Janecky RIP and families
10.30am Holy Family Ellen Curruthers RIP
12 noon Our Lady Michael Caulfield RIP Anniv
6pm Holy Family Tadeusz Kozbial RIP Birthday

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 (near Trinity Hall entrance) Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Our Lady's 12 noon Mass Family Rosary in the Chapel Sunday 18th October at 11.30am.