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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY (29.11) + SECOND SUNDAY (6.12) OF ADVENT

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ADVENT! Now is the time to say to the Lord **'Come!'**
Come again *in glory at the end of time.*
Come at Christmas *as the Child of Bethlehem.*
Come in our everyday preparations *so that we can welcome the God of Love.*

On the First Sunday of Advent, we hear through Isaiah the Prophet that we are the clay, God is the potter; we are the work of his hand. On the Second Sunday, again from Isaiah, we are told about a voice which cries in the wilderness 'Prepare the way of the Lord' and which heralds good news. Of course, we reflect on John the Baptist and his crucial role in getting people ready for Christ. However, is God wanting each one of us to be 'the voice', proclaiming good news? If we feel inadequate, we should let the potter reshape us so that we become his instruments. I wish you a blessed Advent. With much love, ***Fr. Norbert***

The **Christian Churches** will be singing carols for shoppers in the Howard Centre on Saturday 12th December 2 - 4pm. All monies raised will support the YMCA in Peartree Lane. Lots of singing voices are needed to join the Salvation Army Band and the choir of St. Francis.

Carol Services At Our Lady's: Sherrardswood on 7th December, Commonswood on 14th December and Our Lady's School on 16th December at 3.30pm. Holy Family School will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 16th December at 5.30pm.

The Service of Reconciliation with Confessions will be in Our Lady's on Tuesday 15th December at 8pm. Come for a gentle time of reflection in readiness for Christmas!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Advent for 30 minutes after 9.30 Mass on Mondays at Our Lady's, on Thursdays as usual at Holy Family and on Fridays at St. Bonaventure's. *Take time to rest in the Lord's presence and feel his peace.*

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 continues on Monday 30th November at 7.30pm in the Sacristy of Our Lady's. On Sunday 6th December there will be Retreat Afternoon for the Group.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The next workshop for parents and children will be in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 17th January 3.30 - 5pm.
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The young people will be presented at 6pm Mass on Sunday 6th December at Holy Family Church.

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 Could you spare a little time once a month to take a fellow parishioner to the Mass you normally attend? Being part of a team of drivers means you are not having to commit to attending the same service every week and is a wonderful way of show-ing care for others. Otherwise, consider making a donation so that parishioners who require wheelchair enabled transport can attend Mass. Contact Anne Maclean-Eltham 07811 926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com to discuss.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS The Salvation Army will be distributing gifts for children, young people and families in our community who are in need. Donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army Hall next to Our Lady's Church (AL7 3TN) Mondays 9am - 1pm, Tuesdays 9am - 2pm + 5pm - 7.30pm + Thursdays 9am - 4.30pm. They ask for the gifts to be new and unwrapped. Thank you! Last date 13th December. Gifts needed for age 6+.

SATURDAY CLUB is for adults and children with learning disabilities and special needs and their carers. Volunteers create a great environment of welcome with activities, prayer, cakes and karaoke! Come on Saturday 12th December 2 - 4pm Trinity Hall.

MINI CRIBS This weekend (27th/28th) our Saturday Club members and friends will be selling mini cribs which they have made, decorated and packed. Each crib costs £10 and the money raised will go towards repaying the debt on Trinity Hall. There are 100 cribs to sell and so the aim is to raise £1000. Forty of the cribs have been designed for children and would make an ideal Christmas present, giving a great opportunity for families to talk about Christ-mas and the wonderful events of Jesus birth.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are organising a Hampers Raffle in December. Any donations (of food or toiletries) for the hampers would be gratefully received. There's a basket at the back of Our Lady's Church for any donations. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST at St. Bonaventure's 6.30am on 4th Decemeber.

ASYLUM SEEKERS in local hotel need warm, rainproof jackets in M or L sizes, in good condition for young men. Contact woodcraftvicky@gmail.com or 07950454150

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR SCHOOL is hosting a Senior Citizens Christmas Tea Party on Friday 4th December, 12.15-2.30pm. To attend, email admin@nbs.herts.sch.uk asap.

BANK DETAILS To pay parish by bank transfer, HSBC account WRCDT 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.*
SPECIAL NEEDS MASS Thank you to everyone who made the Mass and party a wonder-ful celebration using the gifts and talents of so many.
CHILDREN'S MASS on 22nd was so uplifting. Our thanks to the catechists and to the chil-dren supported by their parents and carers.
WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP FOR HCPT GROUP 183 at St. Bonaventure's Sun. 6th Dec. 2pm. Lasts for 2 hours and costs £30. To book a place, text Rachel 07793651834.
YOUTH SUMMIT arranged by the Diocesan Youth Ministry for our Deanery Confirmation Groups on 28th November will lead into 6pm Mass. Welcome to all our visitors!
PAULINE REED RIP Pauline's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 1st December at 11am.
NOREEN BURKE RIP Noreen's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednes-day 2nd December at 12 noon.
LAWRENCE DE-LACY RIP Lawrence's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Thursday 10th December at 11.30am.
DUNCAN GROSSER RIP Duncan's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 18th December at 11.30am.
KRYSTYNA SCHMITT RIP The Funeral Mass for Krystyna (Barbara Martin's mother) will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Monday 21st December at 12.30pm.
CAROLS IN THE CLOISTERS on Friday 11th December 7 - 9pm arranged by the Foco-lare Community (AL8 6DU) Mulled wine, mince pies and more carols afterwards.
SIGNED MASS on Sunday 20th December at 10.30am at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome. Please let deaf and hard of hearing family and friends know.
CAKE SALE The CAFOD group will be holding a cake sale at Holy Family on Sunday 6th December after the 10.30am Mass. Donations of cakes would be most welcome and can be dropped off before Mass. Only take cash. Thank you. Also, tickets for CAFOD Christmas raffle are on sale and the draw will take place on Sunday 20th December.
OUTDOOR CRIB at Our Lady's. Help needed to put it up Saturday 6th December at 10am.
CHURCH CLEANING at Our Lady's Saturday 6th at 10am. Holy Family and St. Bonaven-ture's dates will follow. Thank you to everyone who helps!

MASS INTENTIONS

28th Saturday		
10am	St. Bonaventure	Angelo Vakshi (Special Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Jirka Cherny RIP
29th *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*		
9am	St. Bonaventure	Eithne McShane RIP Anniv
10.30am	Holy Family	Susan Hoey RIP (25th Anniv)
12 noon	Our Lady	Intention of Berry and Sheridan Families
6pm	Holy Family	Stefan Guerzoni's Intention
30th Monday	*ST. ANDREW*	
9.30am	Our Lady	Ernst and Hildergard Rump RIP
1st December Tuesday		
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Margaret Staaples RIP
11am	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Pauline Reed
7pm	Our Lady J	acqueline Gauchard RIP + Thomas Nichols Senior RIP

2nd Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Liz Davin RIP
12 noon	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Noreen Burke

3rd Thursday *St. Francis Xavier*

9.30am	Holy Family	John O'Donnell RIP Anniv

4th Friday

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	Martin + Hanka Janecky (Marriage + children)
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Elliot O'Mahony (Birthday Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Cristina Newman RIP

5th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Krystyna Schmitt RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Joanie O'Connor RIP

6th *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Rita Fernandes (sick)
10.30am	Holy Family	Pauline Reed RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Mary Donoghoe RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Confirmation Group

7th Monday *St. Ambrose*

9.30am	Our Lady	John Dineen RIP Anniv

8th Tuesday *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Noreen Burke RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Tracey Laycock RIP

9th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Ursula Magge RIP (4th Anniv)

10th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Pauline Reed RIP
11.30am	Our Lady	Funeral Mass Lawrence de-Lacy

11th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Pauline Reed RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Fr. Dalton Haughey RIP Anniv

12th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Bill Smith RIP (1st Anniv)
6pm	Our Lady	Brian Davidson RIP

13th *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Justin Gill and Aaron Dowell (Intentions)
10.30am	Holy Family	Josephine Creamer RIP (1st Anniv)
12 noon	Our Lady	Andrew Walsh RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Harry and Gwendoline Burrows-Gee RIP

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 (during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am
Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL at Our Lady's. Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4pm
ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel
STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches
CHILDREN'S LITURGY Our Lady's at 12 noon Mass.