

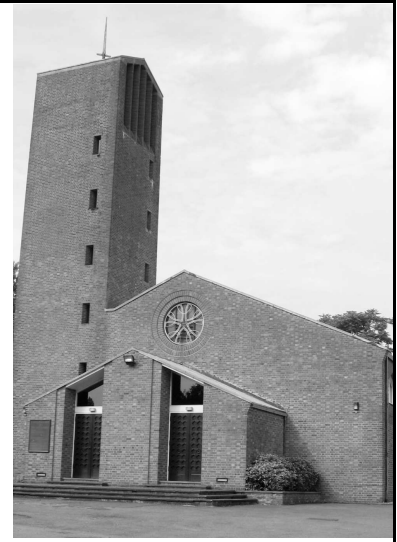
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

***Nineteenth Sunday of the Year
9th August 2009***

'The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.' Jesus concludes our Gospel passage with words which point us quite explicitly to the Eucharist. What an extraordinary gift offered by the Lord which brings us life, takes us into eternity and nourishes us beyond measure. In the Incarnation, the eternal Word of God took on our human nature sharing in flesh and blood like ours and making God known to us here on earth. The Incarnation in its fullness reveals a God who suffers with the human race and saves us from death as the final end. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ bring humanity immortality because of his great Sacrifice. Through the Eucharist food and drink, taken, blessed, shared and consumed are our identification with all that God offers us in his Son and his outpouring of perfect Love.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, past, present and future are caught up in one eternal moment. We look back to the Lord being lifted up on the Cross and his Triumph over death. We look forward to the Eternal Banquet of heaven where the angels, saints and those who have gone before us worship God in one act of praise. We come with our lives as we are now: happy, sad, hopeful, frustrated, questioning, aware of others or perhaps alone, definitely in need of forgiveness and salvation. The Eucharist is Jesus' Prayer of Thanksgiving to the Father in the power of the Spirit. The very Presence of God breaks down barriers and brings people together in communion.

As we celebrate Mass today, let us give thanks for such a great Gift. Let us pray that this God-given Gift will never be taken for granted but will strengthen our faith and love. Let us endeavour to live out the Eucharist in our daily lives so that the flesh of Jesus given for the life of the world may indeed continue to sanctify the whole of God's creation. God bless you. *Fr. Norbert.*

WELCOME TO FR. GEORGE BULEYA Fr. George from Malawi has finally arrived at Holy Family Church and we welcome him and wish him a happy one time with us. He is here until the end of the month. Fr. Meaza is with us until 24th August.

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH Further to Fr Norbert's indication in last week's newsletter concerning Community Transport, arrangements can be made through Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to use their minibuses. Firstly, we need to provide two drivers who hold D1 category on their driving licence and are willing to undergo a test with the Council officer in charge. Secondly we would need to know who would like to make use of this transport and the details of their travel requirements. Please let Kathryn at St. Bonaventure's know if this is of interest to you or you are willing to act as a driver. Contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP NEWS The next meeting of this group is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th August in the parish room of Holy Family Church. All who are interested in the work of CAFOD please come along, you are most welcome. The Strawberry Tea held last month raised £111 for CAFOD Funds. The Coffee Morning last Sunday 2nd August raised £21.50. Thank you to all who gave their support to either of these fundraising events.

CWL The CWL at Our Lady's are organising a Tombola stall to be part of the annual Peartree Fun Day which will be held in the Community Centre, Woodhall Lane on Saturday 15th August between 12noon and 4pm. We would be grateful for any suitable donations (apart from alcohol). The money raised goes to charity. If you have anything please ring Ann O'Keefe on 01707 328719 or bring it on the day. Thank you.

FR. JOE Fr. Joe would love to hear from parishioners. His address is as follows: Fr. Joe Boward, St. John's Convent, Lindenhill Lane, Kiln Green, Reading, RG10 9XP.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP All are welcome to come along to this group on a Wednesday morning in the parish hall from 10am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2010 Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available at the back of church. Forms for Holy Family and Our Lady's will be available in due course.

CAN YOU HELP? We would be grateful for offers of help from Holy Family parishioners with folding their newsletters each week before Mass. If you can help please contact Kathryn at St. Bonaventure's. Thank you.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY The Latin Mass Society will celebrate Mass at St. Bonaventure's this Friday, 14th August at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMS There will be a meeting for all those going on the Holy Land pilgrimage in October on Sunday, 23rd August, at 3.30 pm in the Lounge of the Parish Centre adjacent to Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church. This will provide an opportunity to meet each other and share information and answer questions about the visit.

WELCOME to Cian Laggan who was baptised at Our Lady's recently.

WINDOWS FUND The windows Fund for the repair and renewal of the crucifix window in Our Lady's has received further generous donations and the fund now stands at £4125. Many thanks to those who contributed.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHOIR MEMBERS Those members who are going to sing at two weddings later this month are asked to speak to Melissa after 6pm Mass this Sunday to arrange a suitable time for a practice.

COMMUNION POUCHES Please would Eucharistic Ministers at St. Bonaventure's check at home for missing Communion pouches?

TAMALE COFFEE It has been decided by the coffee group at St. Bonaventure's to provide tea and coffee (as they did after 10.30am Mass) after the 6pm Mass for a trial period beginning on Sunday 30th August.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Those of you with children due to transfer to Secondary School in 2010 might like to take home a copy (free) of the Westminster Record. Read page 6, it gives advice about choosing a Catholic Secondary School.

TIDYING UP We are trying to tidy up the back of St. Bonaventure's in order to make a little more space and also to make it look better. This week we have removed the hymn book trolley and put the hymn books and Mass books on the bookshelf, after Mass it would be helpful if you could return the books to the shelf. You are also asked not to put notices on the inside doors, please use the notice boards which will also be tidied up soon!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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| St. Bonaventure's | Saturday 10.30am - 11am |
| Our Lady's | Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm |
| Holy Family | to be arranged |

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN We celebrate this feast day next Sunday, 16th August.

HOLY FAMILY MASS INTENTIONS If you want to book a Mass at Holy Family Church please fill in the usual envelope and place it in the offertory collection and then you need to phone or email St. Bonaventure's to have it entered in the diary.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER If you have an item you wish to be included in the newsletter please get the information to Kathryn Hubbard at St. Bonaventure's by Friday morning at the latest. You can phone (322579), put it through the presbytery letterbox or email: parishsec@stbonaventure.org.uk.

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THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY

St. Bonaventure

81 Parkway AL8 6JF
Sunday **8am & 6pm**
Mon 9am Eucharistic Service
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9am Mass
Sat 10am Mass
Confessions 10.30am-11am (Sat)

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

141 Woodhall Lane AL7 3TP
Saturday **6pm**
Sunday **12noon**
Mon 9.30am Mass
10.30am Funeral Service
Tues & Fri 7pm Mass
Wed 9.30am
Thurs & Sat 9.30am Mass
Confessions 5pm - 5.30pm (Sat).



Holy Family

194 Knightsfield AL8 7RQ
Sunday **10am**
Mon 9.30am Mass
Tues 11am Funeral Mass
Wed 9.30am Mass
Thurs 9.30am Mass
Fri 9.30am Mass

CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07884187463