

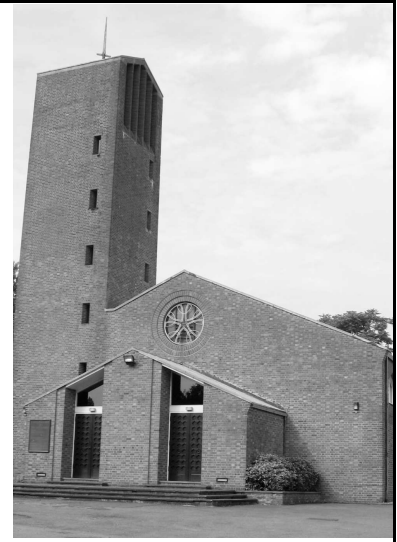
# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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

## *Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year 27th September 2009*

This decade has seen many celebrations at the churches of Welwyn Garden City. Two years ago Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor came to Holy Family to consecrate the church after the debt had been paid off. I understand that in 2001 there was the 75th Anniversary of St. Bonaventure's, the first church to be built in the Garden City. Well, next Sunday Bishop George Stack will be at Our Lady Queen of Apostles to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Laying of its Foundation Stone. Our Lady's and Holy Family are daughter churches of St. Bonaventure's and for this reason there is a strong and deep 'family' connection between all three. In celebrating Our Lady's Jubilee, it is a cause of rejoicing for all the people of Welwyn Garden City.

Next Sunday's Mass at Our Lady's will be at **11 o'clock**. *Everyone is invited!* The Mass will be followed by lunch and then a time of entertainment. If you cannot make it for the Mass, then why not come later on to join in the party?!

In celebrating the laying of the Foundation Stone of a church, we are reminded that Jesus Christ is the true Foundation Stone of the Church. We are the living stones of the Church built upon Christ and held together by the Holy Spirit. Here in Welwyn Garden City, we are now in the very unique position in this Diocese of growing to be one Parish Community with three churches. At times it is hard to get our heads around this and to find a vocabulary which does justice to the reality of the history of each individual church and yet points to what we are aspiring to become at the behest of our bishops.

Let us pray that next week's celebrations will lead to an outpouring of God's Spirit upon the whole of Welwyn Garden City with its surrounding villages, that the Spirit may bring a unity and an outreach which speak of Christ and his Mission to the world. May God bless you all. **Fr. Norbert**

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER** This harvest, CAFOD is appealing for our urgent help to support millions of people who are being pushed deeper and deeper into poverty. At the end of each Mass this weekend there will be a short talk to remind you that for many *'Life is getting harder every day'* and to give as generously as you can this fast day. There are envelopes at the back of the church for you to take away (those in the envelope scheme should have one in their box of envelopes). Don't forget to fill in your Gift Aid details. Envelopes and donations will be collected in a retiring collection next weekend.

**FIRST FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday from after the 9am Mass at St. Bonaventure's until 12noon Please sign the watching rota at the back of church.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER MEETING** Fr. Norbert meets with all parents who will need a 'Priest's Reference' this Sunday 27th September in St. Bonaventure's at 7.15pm. If you need a copy of your child's baptism certificate this can be obtained from Kathryn at St. Bonaventure's (for all parishes).

**CAFOD LUNCH** Friday's Lunch raised £194.50. Thank you for your support.

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP** 'Autumn Festivals' A description and discussion on the current festivals for Faith groups: Christian - Harvest, Islam - Ramadan, Eid, Hindu - Divali, Jewish - Rosh Hasanah, Yom Kippur. Wednesday 30th September 7.30pm in the Park Lounge, Campus West.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** Last Tuesday we went to the Pizza Hut for tea (43 children and 9 adults) and we all had a good time. Thank you to Pizza Hut for accommodating us, the large group was rather a challenge for them! This Tuesday the 3-7's meet at 3.45pm. All welcome.

**FIRST COMMUNION (ST. BONAVENTURE'S)** Preparation begins on Saturday 3rd October at 10.30am in the parish hall.

**RCIA** Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church - or wanting to find out more - is invited to come to the sacristy of Our Lady's Church, Woodhall Lane on Monday 2nd November at 7.45pm. Also, Catholic adults who missed out on Confirmation would be most welcome. There is still some time to go but we wanted you to put this date in your diaries and to start encouraging people to come. Perhaps this might be the right year for them ... or for you!

**HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** This is run by a group of volunteers whose aim is to make the Mass more meaningful for children and give parents the opportunity to take part in their own celebrations fully without being distracted by their children. At the moment we have 6 teams of Liturgy helpers and are looking to expand our numbers. If you are interested in helping with, or leading Children's Liturgy Sessions please make yourself known to Sally Kee 01707 261394 or Joss Innocent Landers 01707 396172. Alternatively we are holding our annual meeting on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church and newcomers are welcome.

**OUR LADY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** There will be a **food list at the back of the church** for anyone attending this celebration. Please add your name if you could supply some food from the list. **Food will need to be delivered to the hall between 10-10.30 on the day.**

**CLEANING AND GARDENING AT OUR LADY'S** This will take place next Saturday at 10am to clean the church and maintain the grounds - it will only take one hour of your time. Everyone is invited to help with these essential tasks, especially to prepare for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

**ALTAR SERVERS** All altar servers at Our Lady's Church are asked to attend a meeting and practice for the 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass on **Saturday 3rd October at 12noon**. It is hoped that all servers will attend.

**PLEASE NOTE (1)** There is no 12noon Mass next Sunday at Our Lady's, the 11am 50th Anniversary Mass replaces that Mass. All are welcome at 11am.

**PLEASE NOTE (2)** There is Mass at Our Lady's and Holy Family this Wednesday.

**ROTA FOR MINISTERS** The October/November rota for Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady's Church is now available at the back of church.

**APF** All boxes need to be handed in as soon as possible. Those that have already been counted are available at the back of churches for collection.

**HOLY FAMILY MASS INTENTIONS** Holy Family parishioners are reminded that they need to phone through or email Mass intentions to St. Bonaventure's, Mass envelopes can be put in the collection if you wish or they can be put through St. Bonaventure's letter box.

**SVP REQUEST** If you have a chest of drawers, a wardrobe and unwanted, but new, single and double mattresses please contact Janet Lewis. 01707 326456. Also if you have need of a qualified painter and decorator, or need some odd jobs doing contact Janet who can give you details.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S MOTHER AND TODDLER** This group meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 10am. Lots of toys to play with songs to sing and other activities. All are very welcome, do come along.

**CAFOD** John Fogarty has entered the Great South (not North) Run on 25th October in Portsmouth. CAFOD are arranging support for their runners and, if anyone is going to be in Portsmouth that day and would like to become involved, they would be most welcome. If you would like to sponsor John go to the website [www.justgiving.com/John-J-Fogarty](http://www.justgiving.com/John-J-Fogarty) or send a donation to 23 Duncan Close AL7 3XP.

**BINGO AT OUR LADY'S** Every Monday in the Parish Centre there is a small friendly Bingo Game. All are welcome for an 8pm start.

**A DAY WITH MARY** Saturday 10th October in Westminster Cathedral. See details on noticeboard.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

St. Bonaventure's	Saturday	10.30am - 11am
Our Lady's	Saturday	5pm - 5.30pm
Holy Family	Friday	7.30pm - 8pm

**WELCOME** Welcome to Lilly, Ruby, and Paige Gibbons, Bjorn Drablos, Sophia Curry and Germaine Chikuendu who were baptised at Our Lady's recently.

**CONGRATULATIONS** We congratulate Patrick and Paula Caulfield who were recently married at Our Lady's.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** Items for the newsletter to Kathryn Hubbard at St. Bonaventure's by Friday morning at the latest. You can phone (322579), put them through the presbytery letterbox or email: parishsec@stbonaventure.org.uk.

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### MASS TIMES IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY

#### SUNDAY MASSES

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Confessions 5pm - 5.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure</b>	
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>	
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure</b>	

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure</b>	
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>	
	<b>+ 9.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure + Exposition</b>	
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Holy Family + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure</b>	<b>Confessions 10.30am - 11am</b>



**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