

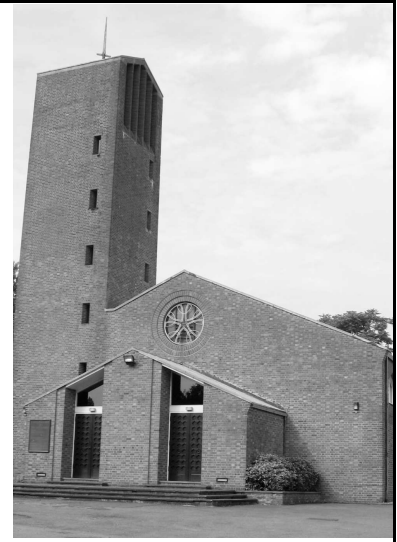
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year 11th October 2009

This weekend is Fr. Ondrej's last in Welwyn Garden City. We wish him well as he returns to his parish in Slovakia. I am very grateful to him for helping us with Masses and also want to express my appreciation to those who have worked with him on his English. Today, as you read this, I will be celebrating Mass in the Holy Land together with the 39 pilgrims in the group. A pilgrimage is not just for those who make the journey; each pilgrim carries in his or her heart many people and needs. I will be praying for you all and asking the Lord's blessing upon Welwyn Garden City and the villages which are a part of this wider community. Please pray for us that we will be safe and return renewed.

I wanted to tell you about last Thursday. I went to St. Joseph's Church in Gerrards Cross which was going to receive the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux. It was an amazing experience! There was such a warm welcome from the local community for all the visitors who came. Hundreds of people gathered in the church or queued outside to have an opportunity to see and venerate the relics of this wonderful saint. There was Mass and a time of quiet reflection while the hoards of people filed past the huge reliquary. I was very moved to witness the faith of those who gathered and to have a chance to taste the hospitality of a different community. I even spotted a few from the Garden City!

Next week the relics will be in Westminster Cathedral from Monday (12th) afternoon until Thursday (15th). I would encourage you, if you are at all able, to make the journey to the Cathedral and share in the grace of this unique occasion. You should reflect on the deep faith of St. Therese who put all her trust in the compassionate

love of God revealed in Jesus. She spent hours in prayer, interceding for others and said she would spend her heaven doing good on earth. How powerful prayer can be! In the light of these great saintly qualities, you then approach to venerate the relics, in the company of so many other faithful. If you do go to the Cathedral, please pray for Welwyn Garden City. May God bless each one of you. *Fr. Norbert.*

COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL We welcome Fr. Benito De Marchi of the Comboni Community in Notting Hill to St. Bonaventure's this Sunday. He will celebrate the 8am and 6pm Masses and make his appeal. Please give generously in the retiring collection for the work of the Comboni Fathers. Thank you.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday both groups meet and will prepare for our Children's Mass. 3.45pm - 4.45pm. All welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION St. Bonaventure's children meet again next Saturday from 10.30am - 11.30am. We learn that 'We are a Gift from God'.

CHILDREN'S MASS at St. Bonaventure's next Sunday 6pm.

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!

PETER LATCHFORD R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Peter Latchford R.I.P. will take place at St. Bonaventure's on Monday 19th October at 10.30am.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP The Holy Family CAFOD group are running the Charity Car Park at Oaklands College on Saturday 17th October from 8.30am - 5.00pm. If you have any reason to visit the Town Centre on that day please give your support by using that car park. Only £1 per visit per car. Thank you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **Holy Family** Finance Committee meets on Friday 23rd October at 10.30am. **St. Bonaventure's** Finance Committee meets on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm and **Our Lady's Finance** Committee meets on Tuesday 27th at 7.45pm.

OUR LADY'S PARISH FORUM Meets on Wednesday 28th October at 7.45pm in the Sacristy.

SCHOOL FORMS If you have not yet seen Fr. Norbert to get your form signed for Secondary School transfer there are spaces for appointments on Monday 19th October at St. Bonaventure's. Phone Kathryn at St. Bonaventure's.

A NEW SVP REQUEST Children's clothes are needed for a boy aged 5 years, and a baby boy aged 6 months, if you can help 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. Leaflets about the work of the SVP will be given out at Masses this week

ST. BONAVENTURE'S MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP This active 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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PTA RACE NIGHT Holy Family School PTA will be holding a Race Night in the hall at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 17th October. All are welcome.

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT Friday 16th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. Teams of up to six will compete for the glory of being Nicholas Breakspear quiz champions. £7.50 adults, £5 for under 16's and £20 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). Hot supper included in the price. Contact the school for tickets 01727 860079 or email admin@nicholasbreakspear.herts.sch.uk.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD St. Bonaventure's are again supporting this charity by filling and sending shoe boxes to children in need around the world. This year we will be a collection point for the filled boxes. As you go around the shops please think about what you might put in these boxes - there are leaflets at the back of the churches advising you about what can be included. Maybe you have some shoe boxes at home, bring them in and we can fill them or they can be given to those who might like to fill a box but haven't one at home. These need to be brought to St. Bonaventure's. There are also knitting patterns at the back of church for those who enjoy knitting. There is no scarf pattern but scarves are needed too.

OUR LADY'S 50TH CELEBRATIONS Fr. Norbert would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with last Sunday's Mass and Party to mark the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady's. There was faith, beauty and togetherness in every element of what took place. The giving up of time, the use of talent and the sheer willingness to participate created a memorable day, the grace of which will shine upon the whole of Welwyn Garden City. When is the next celebration in the Garden City? Let Fr. Norbert know! A photo gallery of the 50th Celebration at Our Lady's can be accessed on www.ourladys-parish.info, news of the event is also on this website.

WORLD MISSION DAY Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the APF (Overseas Missions) at Holy Family and St. Bonaventure's.

YOUR KINGDOM COME Daily reflections from 28th Sunday to Christ the King on Catholic Social Teaching. Take a free copy from the back of church.

CWL Meets this Tuesday after evening Mass at Our Lady's. All welcome.

MORRISONS 'LET'S GROW' VOUCHERS We are collecting these vouchers for gardening equipment for schools. If you collect some vouchers when you shop at Morrisons (make sure you ask for them) please bring them to church (St. B's) and put them in the basket at the back and we will give them to our two Catholic primary schools. Thank you.

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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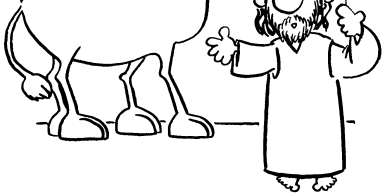
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MASS TIMES IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	
Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Our Lady's	
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	
Thursday	9.30am	Our Lady's	
Friday	9am	Eucharistic Service St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	No Service or Exposition at Holy Family	
Saturday	10am	Eucharistic Service at St. Bonaventure's	no Confessions

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