

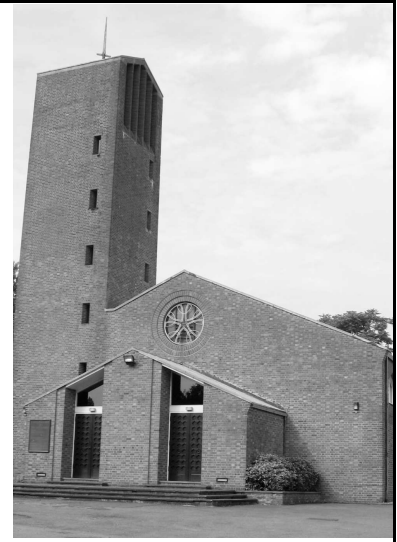
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 25th October 2009

Last Thursday Archbishop Nichols, Bishop Stack and 52 priests and deacons gathered in Welwyn Garden City for an 'Area Day' at Our Lady's. It was the first time in ages that the Garden City had been chosen to host such a meeting. The Archbishop highlighted the importance of St. Therese of Lisieux, Cardinal Newman and St. John Vianney in the lives of priests and in the life of a parish: mutual prayer, a growing in faith and a perseverance no matter what. The Catholic Women's League and many others created a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a splendid lunch was served. The Archbishop even had seconds! My thanks to all who helped.

This week is the half-term holiday for our schools. My thanks to the staff for their dedicated work in the service of our children. I hope you all have a well-deserved break. Children, don't forget to 'look after' those who are looking after you. Think of them and their needs! Perhaps this week some of you might consider coming to daily Mass. There is Mass each day in the various churches at different times of the day. Maybe some of our altar servers might be persuaded to come and serve at some/or all(!) of these Masses? Weekday Mass takes about half an hour and usually there are around 30-40 people.

Other news hot off the press: Fr. Michael Mannion, who has been appointed to serve as Assistant Priest in Welwyn Garden City, will arrive on 18th November to take up his post. Fr. Michael is coming to us from Stoke Newington and will reside at Holy Family Presbytery.

The other 'news' I wanted to share with you is in regard to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The 40 pilgrims had a brilliant time. We prayed for you in all the holy places and kept you in our hearts. We also had some fun! No doubt you will hear more from me in the future and from my fellow pilgrims! May God bless you. **Fr. Norbert.**

RCIA Today at Mass you will hear from someone who has joined the Catholic Church through the Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. The first meeting for Welwyn Garden City will be in the sacristy of Our Lady's Church on Monday 2nd November at 7.45pm. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the Church or if you are a Catholic adult who missed out on Confirmation, why not come along *with no strings attached!* Why not invite someone you know who wants to find out more? You - and they - would be most welcome.

CAFOD LUNCH Please come to the next CAFOD Lunch this Friday from 12noon - 1.30pm. £3.50 for soup, bread, puddings and tea or coffee. St. Bonaventure's hall.

BLESSING OF GRAVES Fr. Norbert will be available to bless graves at Hatfield Hyde Cemetery on Sunday 1st November at 3pm and at Hatfield Lawn Cemetery, Southway, on Sunday 8th November at 3pm. There will be a short Service of Prayer at the cemetery entrance and then people can take him to graves they wish to be blessed. This is a great tradition here in the area and a wonderful way of honouring our beloved dead in the month of the Holy Souls. Please let others know about it.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP are holding a race night with a difference at Our Lady's Parish Hall, on Friday 6th November from 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each (£4 concessions) this includes a ploughman's supper. There will be a raffle and some musical entertainment during the interval. Bring your own drink, glasses provided. We invite parishioners from the 3 churches in WGC and beyond to join us for an evening of fun and entertainment. Tickets will be on sale after every Mass this weekend or speak to your parish CAFOD contact.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Malawi Appeal Friday 27th November, new Slide Show by Dr Roger Aubrey + Amazing 3D Slides shown by Bryan Parkes. Our Lady's Parish Hall, 7.30 for 8pm. Car Park, raffle, refreshments, retiring collection.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTER FAITH GROUP Bring and Share Meal You are warmly invited to come to a Bring & Share Meal as part of the National Interfaith Week on Tuesday 17th November 7pm for 7.30pm at the Focolare Centre for Unity 69 Parkway. Entrance to car park is via The Cloisters. If you would like to come please put your name on the list at the back of the church and indicate what food you will be bringing.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS We have noticed an increase in the congregation at St. Bonaventure's 8am Mass. If any of these newcomers are, or would consider becoming a Minister of Holy Communion, would they please contact one of the Ministers at the Mass they attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING for Holy Family parents is on 17th November from 8pm - 8.30pm in the parish room. At least one parent to attend.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND The collection for this will take place during the weekend of 7th/8th November (not next week).

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP PARTY We have our Halloween and Firework Party on Tuesday 3rd November from 3.45pm - 6pm. Games, Spooky Tea and Fireworks. Bring a small amount of food (hot dogs and pizza provided). Parents are welcome to stay but those who don't must return by 5.25pm so there is maximum supervision for the fireworks. £2 to cover costs.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS November is a month of special prayer for the Holy Souls. There are lists for you to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the basket at the back of church. Prayers will be offered for those mentioned in the lists during Masses in November. Completed lists should be put through the presbytery letter box of the church you attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS St. Bonaventure's Finance Committee meets this Monday 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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL Starting School? Nursery class: If your child was born between 01/09/06 and 31/08/07 please apply now for a Nursery class place for the school year 2010-11. The closing date for applications is 11th December 2009. If you have not yet received information from Herts County Council please telephone 0300 123 4043.

Reception Class: Families with children born between 01/09/05 and 31/08/06 will be invited to apply for a Reception place from 19th November.

If you are considering applying to Holy Family School, there will be a meeting at the school on Tuesday, 17th November, 7pm. The Headteacher Mrs. McMahon, will explain the admissions process and you will have an opportunity to view the school and ask questions. Please call the school on 01707 327419 to confirm your attendance. To apply for a place at Holy Family School (or other Catholic School) you must complete two forms: – a School Information Form which is available from the school or school website http://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk/our_school/prospectus.html as well as the Hertfordshire County Council Form.

CWL At the next CWL meeting on 27th October we are having a speaker from QE2 League of Friends to tell us about the work they do. The Mass at 7pm on Tuesday is for Father Bill and the meeting follows Mass and is open to anybody from the three churches.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD You can find leaflets at the back of church about this. Please return filled boxes to St. Bonaventure's or Holy Family (in the choir loft). Thank you.

SVP NEWS If you need a painter/decorator/ odd job man contact Janet Lewis (01707 326456) who can give you details. There will be an SVP sale after the 8am and 6pm Masses at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 15th November. Contributions for the raffle, bottles (all kinds, including small and inexpensive), small prizes for children are needed. Also 'good as new' items but please no books or jumble. There is a box at the back of the church for donations.

PILATES CLASS This will be run by a qualified physiotherapist for 6 weeks in St. Bonaventure's parish hall. 6.30pm beginning Monday 9th November. £45 for a 6 week course. If you are interested phone Helen on 07979 253033 or email helencreak@physio4you.co.uk

ALL SOULS DAY Masses on this day will be as follows: 9.30am at Holy Family, 12noon at St. Bonaventure's, 7pm at Our Lady's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION There will be meeting for **Our Lady's** parents who wish to register their children for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion on Tuesday 1st December at 7.45pm following the 7.00pm Mass.

COFFEE will be served every Wednesday after 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church.

CHARLENE MEENAN Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlene (Carly) Meenan who died suddenly last weekend. May she rest in peace.

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

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	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Holy Family + Exposition, Benediction + Confessions	
Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Confessions 10.30am - 11am



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