

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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## *Solemnity of All Saints 1st November 2009*

I like to look ahead! Next month I would like to have the opportunity of meeting up with all the **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** of St. Bonaventure's, Our Lady's and Holy Family. The date is Tuesday 8th December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, and the meeting will be at Our Lady's, after the 7pm Mass (roughly 7.45pm). The purpose is to give me a chance to hear from those who exercise these ministries, to offer some formation about the importance of these roles, to give practical input (in regard to each church) and, of course, for you to meet each other. I would be grateful if you would keep this date free.

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre in Hendon, which serves adults and children with learning difficulties and special needs and does sterling work in supporting their families and carers, wants to develop its outreach in this part of Hertfordshire. Consequently there will be a Special Needs Mass at Our Lady's on Saturday 5th December at 6pm which will be enriched by the gifts and talents of those with learning difficulties. This will be followed by a get-together. There are many who can feel quite isolated because of their special needs. Please invite any you know to this Mass and why not come yourself?

Finally, a word to our **altar servers**: St. Stephen is your patron saint and his feast is on 26th December. Often, because this date is so close to Christmas, servers do not get a chance to celebrate their saint's day. Having spoken with the leaders of the servers in each church, I would like to try and mark St. Stephen's Day by inviting servers to come together to serve at St. Bonaventure's on Saturday 26th

December at 10am Mass. I realise that this will not be possible for you all but it would be a great tradition to re-establish in the Garden City for those who are here. Also, the Archbishop's Mass with altar servers is probably going to be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 24th April. Please put this in your diaries. There is obviously so much more to discuss in many other areas. We'll get round to these in due course! May God bless you. **Fr. Norbert.**

**ALL SOULS DAY** This occurs on Monday and Masses on this day will be as follows: **9.30am** at Holy Family, **12noon** at St. Bonaventure's, **7pm** at Our Lady's. **RCIA** . The first meeting for Welwyn Garden City will be in the sacristy of Our Lady's Church on this 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.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** Fr. Norbert will be available to bless graves at Hatfield Hyde Cemetery this Sunday 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.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND** Next Sunday there will be a special collection for this fund. All the money that you give will be used to ensure that sick and elderly priests receive the care and support that they need. Please give as much as you can afford. Envelopes are at the back of church.

**HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP** Race night in Our Lady's Parish Hall, on Friday 6th November from 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each (£4 concessions) and will be on sale after every Mass this weekend.

There will be a CAFOD meeting on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Parish room at Holy Family. We would be delighted for any new members to join us or just come along and see what we are about.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CAFOD LUNCH** The lunch on Friday raised the magnificent sum of £271. A very BIG thank you to all who supported this event.

**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 WEEK (15-21 November) 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 7.30pm at the Focolare Centre. 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. The bring and share supper is only a part of a week of events - please pick up a leaflet with all the information. The other faith communities will be invited to attend Mass as part of the 'Open Door' aspect. Further details from Valerie Skottowe 01707 324828

**FIRST FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER** Please sign the Watching Rota at the back of St. Bonaventure's Church. Exposition concludes with Benediction at 12noon.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS** 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.

**OUR LADY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We are pleased to advise you that Children's Liturgy will resume at Our Lady's at the 12 o'clock Mass from Sunday 8th November 2009 on alternate weeks. We would be delighted to welcome new volunteers to assist and/or lead some of the sessions to enable the liturgy to be available every week for the children. If you are interested in volunteering, even if it's just once a month and would like to know more about what we do for our young parishioners, you are most welcome to come along on the 8th or 22nd November to find out more! The liturgy session is intended specifically for children from the age of 3½ yrs (when most children attend some form of nursery and can go to the toilet by themselves) and traditionally children attend by themselves to enable parents to concentrate fully on their own worship. However, if your child/children have never attended before and are nervous about coming on their own, then you are most welcome to accompany them until they feel comfortable to attend by themselves.

**NURSERY AND RECEPTION APPLICATIONS** Many of you will be applying for Nursery and Reception places at our Catholic schools. Fr. Norbert will be making arrangements for signing forms and will let you know soon, just watch this space!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Filled boxes should be brought to church by the end of November at the latest.

**SVP** 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. Contributions of cakes very welcome and should be left in the kitchen nearer the date.

**WINE AND WISDOM** Fr. David Williamson will speak on 'What can we know about Jesus from the Bible?' 7.30pm Sunday 22nd November at Our Lady's. All are welcome to what should be a very entertaining talk.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP PARTY** All are welcome to our Halloween and Firework Party this Tuesday 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. Remember to dress up!

**OUR LADY'S 400 Club** For administrative reasons the subscription collection and draw for October is postponed to next weekend 7/8 November.

**CLEANING AND GARDENING** at Our Lady's Church will take place next Saturday 7th November from 10am for one hour. Everyone is invited to help with the cleaning of our church and the maintenance of the grounds. Leaves are the current problem in the grounds so many hands will make light work!

**MONICA HALLIDAY R.I.P.** sadly passed away on 24th October. The Funeral Service (not Mass) will take place at 10.30am at Our Lady's on 4th November. Family flowers only. Any donations to be made to Isabel Hospice.

**CARLENE MEENAN R.I.P.** The funeral service for Carlene is at 11am on Friday 6th November at Harwood Park Crematorium.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** The times of Christmas Masses are as follows:  
**Christmas Eve - Children's Vigil Mass** 5pm at Our Lady's, 6pm at St. Bonaventure's and 6.30pm at Holy Family. **Mass of the Nativity** 9pm at Our Lady's, 10pm at Holy Family and 11pm at St. Bonaventure's. **Christmas Day** Masses are 9am St. Bonaventure, 10am Holy Family and 11am Our Lady's.

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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>Holy Family</b>	
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure</b>	
	<b>7pm</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>10.30am</b>	<b>Funeral Service (not Mass) at 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 + Benediction</b>	
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Holy Family + Exposition, Benediction + Confessions</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