

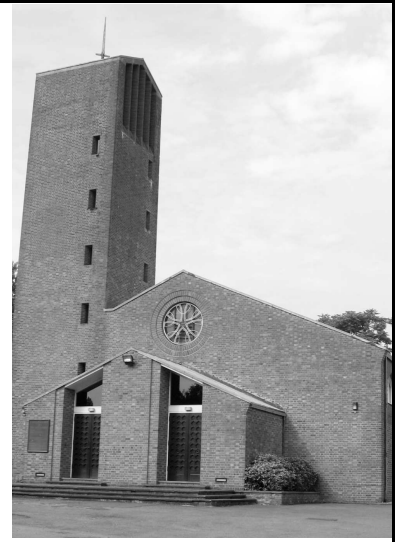
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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

Thirty-second Sunday of the Year 8th November 2009

We are well and truly into the month of November. Trees continue to shed their leaves. The nights are setting in much earlier. Graves are being blessed in the cemeteries and names added to November Dead Lists. Today we arrive at Remembrance Sunday. As nature changes course and heads towards the icy bleakness of winter, we think back to the distant summer. At this time - and especially today - we do a lot of remembering. Our minds reflect on moments we shared with loved ones who have died. We recall the great sacrifice of those who gave their lives for their country and those who are still willing to do the same for the sake of justice, peace and security. We pray for those who have been scarred by the wounds of war - mentally, physically or spiritually.

In today's Gospel passage we are presented with the vignette of the poor widow who put into the Temple treasury all she had to live on - she gave everything. We remember with pride those who have given their lives for our freedom. The passage comes in St. Mark's Gospel just before the passion and death of Jesus and I am sure that as he looks at this remarkable lady, he ponders what God our Father will be asking of him when he embarks on the road to Calvary weighed down by the Cross. Jesus gives himself to the Father so that we might be saved; his loving sacrifice is the source of salvation, forgiveness and peace. Our prayer for people we know who have died, and for the forgotten or unknown dead, is that they might share with Jesus in the grace and glory of his resurrection. Herein lies our hope as we continue on our own life's journey.

Let us pray that this month may give us strength to grow in faith especially when we mourn the loss of loved ones. Let us offer this hope to those who are bereaved. May God bless you with peace. *Fr. Norbert*

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND This weekend there is the annual collection for this fund. All the money that you give will be used to ensure that sick and elderly priests in our diocese receive the care and support that they need. Please give as much as you can afford in this collection which takes place on your way out. Envelopes are at the back of church, if you Gift Aid please sign the form.

RCIA Last Monday eight adults came to the first session. If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic Church or is a Catholic adult who missed out on Confirmation, then why not come to the next meeting on Monday 9th November 7.30 - 8.45pm in the sacristy of Our Lady's. You would be most welcome.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on Saturday 5th December at 6pm at Our Lady's Church. The Mass will be led by adults and children with special needs and learning difficulties. Sign language will be used. The Mass will be followed by a get-together. If you are interested in helping or supporting the celebration, please contact Fr. Norbert.

The CWL MEETING on 10th November begins with Mass for the Deceased Members. Afterwards there is an important meeting.

CWL DISTRICT MASS at Our Lady's on Saturday 14th November at 11am (Please note there will be no Confessions after the 10am Mass at St. Bonaventure's).

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS MEETING for the three churches of Welwyn Garden City on Tuesday 8th December at 7.45 pm at Our Lady's.

NURSERY AND RECEPTION APPLICATIONS Fr. Norbert will be available to sign your forms on Wednesday 18th November between 4pm and 6pm at Our Lady's. Please wait in the church and bring your child with you. If you can't make that date Fr. Norbert will be available on Tuesday 1st December (time and venue as before).

SVP There will be an SVP sale after the 8am and 6pm Masses at St. Bonaventure's next 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 next weekend.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS If you are considering applying to Holy Family School, there will be a meeting at the school on Tuesday, 17th November at 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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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.

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

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 This week both groups meet again at 3.45pm. New children and parents always welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION St. Bonaventure's children meet again on Saturday at 10.30am when we will learn about the Gift of Baptism.

CHILDREN'S MASS Next Sunday 6pm at St. Bonaventure's. The theme of our Mass is 'Be Ready, Jesus will Return'. During this Mass our First Communion children will be presented to the parish and they will be renewing their Baptismal Promises. Please pray for them and their parents.

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 (15th-21st 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.

NATIVITY PLAY Once again as part of our Carol Service at St. Bonaventure's on 13th December there will be a Nativity Play. All children/young people are invited to take part. Our first rehearsal is on Sunday 29th November from 2.30pm - 4pm.

THE WAVE CAFOD asks you to come together to stop Climate Change.
11am Time to Pray: Ecumenical Service in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster,
with Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of
Canterbury.

1pm Time to March: Following on from the Service (or start from Grosvenor Square,
W1) a rally around the Thames surrounding the Houses of Parliament.
More information at www.cafod.org.uk.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2010 This will take place on Friday 2nd July.
More details in the New Year.

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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	
	12noon	Holy Family	Funeral Mass
	7pm	Holy Family	+ Exposition, Benediction +
			Confessions
Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	(No Confessions today)
	11am	Our Lady's	CWL District 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