

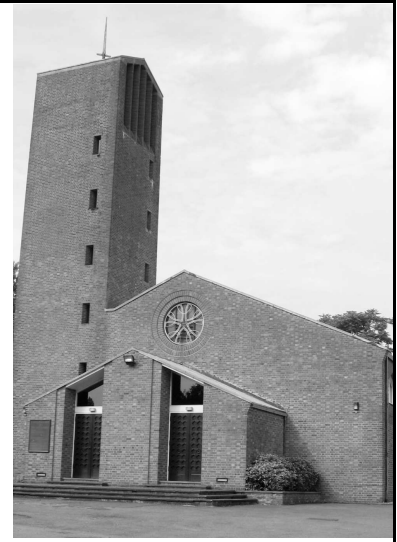
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

***Christ the King
22nd November 2009***

In all of life there are times of change. With every change there come good times and difficult times. I'll never forget passing my driving test and leaving behind my motorbike for the dry safety of a car. The freedom remains within me. Now, with me moving to this area of three parishes, I enter a time of new beginnings. Already I have been warmly welcomed by you, the people, and Fr. Norbert our Parish Priest. Thank you.

Although being brought up in Borehamwood, it was only in later years that I got to visit this area. School for me was enjoyed in Nicholas Breakspear. I was delighted to be part of the second year of opening and so watch it grow. Being one of siblings of six children, in an Irish family I was introduced into the joys and stress of being in community. The knowledge of God as Father/Son/Holy Spirit as a unique unity leads me to enjoy the freedom that remains within me.

After various 'walks-of-life' I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Westminster in 1986. This very awesome and humbling event for me, took place in my home parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Borehamwood - Fr. Peter Maher was parish priest at that time. Since ordination I have happily served in a few parishes, always learning with the priests and people. May we, together, continue to enjoy the freedom that remains within us, to love, honour and obey our God. May our journey of changes bring us into Joy, Peace and laughter with Our Father/Our Lord/our Holy Spirit.

Thank you and God Bless You. ***Fr. Michael Mannion*** Assistant Priest

CAFOD LUNCH Please come to the next CAFOD Lunch this Friday from 12noon -1.30pm in St.Bonaventure's parish hall. £3.50

TALK BY FR. DAVID WILLIAMSON POSTPONED Unfortunately the talk by Fr. David Williamson this Sunday at Our Lady's has had to be postponed, owing to his having fallen ill. A new date will be announced as soon as possible.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on Saturday 5th December at 6pm at Our Lady's for Welwyn Garden City and beyond. At 4.30pm there will be a time of preparation getting ready an altar frontal and learning some simple sign language. If you would like to help, you would be most welcome. The gifts of those with special needs and learning difficulties will enrich the celebration.

SVP There will be a retiring collection for the work of the SVP after each Mass next weekend at Holy Family and Our Lady's. Normal collectors at Masses are asked to undertake this collection. This collection will not take place at St. Bonaventure's as they have just had a very successful sale in aid of the SVP (amount raised will be published when collection has taken place). Please be generous in your support.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY There will be a Highland knees up in the sacristy of Our Lady's after 9.30am Mass on Monday 30th November to mark the feast of St. Andrew. The refreshments will have a Scottish flavour perhaps with a wee dram! If anyone would like to help, please contact Rosemary Livingstone on 01438 717113.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING This will be on Monday 14th December commencing at 9.30am. Just turn up or if you want to know more phone Vera Chase on 01707 893491. Thank you.

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

NURSERY AND RECEPTION APPLICATIONS Fr. Norbert will be available to sign your forms on Tuesday 1st December between 4pm and 6pm at Our Lady's. Please wait in the church and bring your child with you.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR If you would like to be involved in the singing and/or music at Our Lady's for any or all of the Christmas Masses, please contact Ciaran Pugh on 01707 886428 or email ciaran.pugh@ntlworld.com.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND There is a crate at the back of each church for contributions for the hampers (there are lists at the back of the church giving ideas for contributions).

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S MASS AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE Children are invited to take up a gift for a child less fortunate than themselves as an offering and place it around a Christmas Giving Tree. If you intend to come to this Mass please bring with you a wrapped gift labelled Boy/Girl Under 12 or Boy/ Girl Teenager. There will be a short practice for readers and singers on 12th Dec at 10am led by Fr. Norbert. Any queries please contact Sally Kee 01707 261394. Joss Innocent Landers 01707 396172, Jackie McCallum 01707 331551 or Suzanne Meenan 01438717783.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of the church, after all Sunday Masses in Holy Family and Bonaventure's Church.

CAROL SERVICE AND NATIVITY PLAY ST. BONAVENTURE'S Once again as part of our Carol Service at St. Bonaventure's at 3pm on **13th December** there will be a Nativity Play. All children/young people are invited to take part. Our first rehearsal is next Sunday 29th November from 2.30pm - 4pm.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This week the 3-7's meet again at 3.45pm. New children and parents always welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We have 80 filled boxes. All boxes need to be at St. Bonaventure's by this Monday as they are being collected on Wednesday for distribution to children in Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY'S There will be a Children's Mass to mark the First Sunday of Advent on 29th December at 12noon. After that there will be a Children's Liturgy each Sunday of Advent at the 12noon Mass.

MALAWI APPEAL NEW SLIDE SHOW Come along this Friday 27th November, for a 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.

CAN YOU HELP? Tereza, the sister of Fr. Ondrej, is looking for a room to share in the area of Our Lady's or St. Bonaventure's. She is 30 years old and is in employment. If you are an English lady keen to share house/flat with someone then please contact Tereza after Tuesday 07522802304 (after 5pm).

CRIB BUILDING The outdoor crib at Our Lady's will be assembled on Saturday 5th December commencing at 10am. We welcome any help and especially from the young and strong!

ACCOMMODATION An Asian parishioner currently doing further studies is looking for accommodation, preferably a room within a house. She is willing to do domestic jobs instead of rent. Please contact Fr. Norbert for more information.

SCHOOL MASS Fr. Norbert will celebrate Mass at Nicholas Breakspear School in St. Albans on Friday 4th December at 9.50am for Year 10. He hopes to meet a number of parishioners.

CAROL SINGING The Churches in Welwyn Garden City will be singing carols outside the Howard Centre on Sunday 6th December 4 – 5pm. Why not come and add your voice? Bring a torch and wrap up well!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be at Holy Family on Monday 21st December at 7pm.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY Mass for the Altar Servers of the area on Saturday 26th December at 10am at St. Bonaventure's. Servers are invited to come with their albs or cassocks and cottas. There will, of course, be a reception afterwards in the Parish Hall. If anyone would like to help, please see Fr. Norbert.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY will this year be on Sunday 27th December. There will be wine and canapés after 10am Mass. If anyone would like to help in any way, please see Fr. Norbert or Fr. Michael

BE WARNED! If you double park outside St. Bonaventure's you are very likely to get a parking ticket. Park in the garden if you can't find anywhere else.

THE WAVE On **5th December** CAFOD asks you to come together to stop Climate Change. Gather in Brook Street, which runs off Grosvenor Square, where the march will start, some supporters from WGC will catch the 10.20am train from the station.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS TABLEAU There will be a children's Christmas tableau at the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If you would like your child/children to be involved please put their names on the list at the back of the church. Rehearsals for this will be every Sunday in December after 10am Mass for no more than an hour. Costumes will be given out on Sunday 20th. If you want further details please contact Sally Kee 01707 261394, Joss Innocent Landers 01707 396172, Jackie McCallum 01707 331551 or any of the children's liturgy helpers.

CWL meets Tuesday after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's.

APOLOGIES for items not included in this week's newsletter - they will be there next week.

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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