

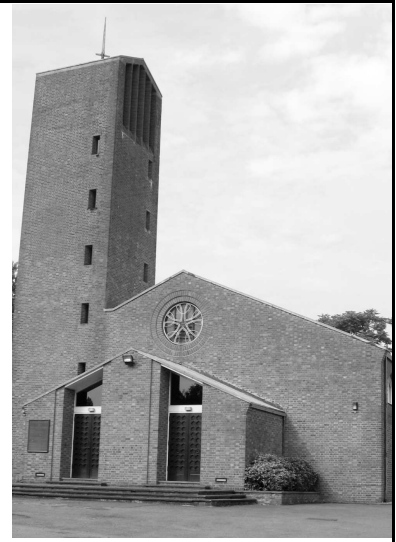
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2010

Once we are born into the world we get drawn into the life of the people around us. Our Family is the group of people who initiate us into their customs and regulations and respects. As we grow older (not necessarily wiser) and more independent we impress our own ideas and respects. Thus, there arises compromise. With compromise there is possibility for the Family / Group / Community to move in good and supportive ways, holding true to the spirit of its life.

An enlightening compromise is found in today's second Reading, Peter proclaims: "God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him." The spirit of this Christian community is to get free from the power of evil. We read in the psalm that God is in control, His power is for ever. No compromise is found in God, He will bless His people with peace.

In the Baptism of Christ is seen the ineffable sanctity of human life, "You are my Son (my daughter/my child)". The Father reaches out to all humanity created by Him. Christ, begotten not created, is intrinsically one with Father and Holy Spirit as God yet, in his humanity He draws us into the spirit of God, Father - Son - Holy Spirit.

In our Baptism we are Baptised into the death of Christ and so into His Resurrection. Through Christ the love of God is not compromised and allows His favour to rest on each one of us.

May God bless you all, *Fr. Michael*

ST. BONAVENTURE'S PARISH HALL AND KITCHEN Following damage from a burst pipe in the loft above the kitchen in the parish hall the kitchen is out of use until further notice so please do not go in there as it is not safe to do so. We will not be able to fully assess the damage until the kitchen has dried out (there is a dehumidifier in there at present). The hall floor is drying out nicely and the hall may be used by groups as usual but obviously there is no access to the kitchen. During the cold spell the hall heaters are on a low setting all the time so if you use the hall turn them up but remember to turn them back to low when you leave. There will be no CAFOD Lunch this month nor tea/coffee after 6pm Mass. Hopefully all will be back to normal before too long.

Please do not allow children to go to the hall on their own.

PILATES CLASSES There are two classes taking place in St. Bonaventure's parish hall starting this Monday 11th January for 6 weeks at 18:30 and 19:45, £45 for the course. Contact Helen Creak: email helencreak@physio4you.co.uk or mobile 07979253033.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN We meet again next Saturday 16th January in the parish hall at 10.30am when we will learn about the Gift of Friendship.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This group resumes again this Tuesday (for those not snowed in) 12th January 3.45pm in the parish hall. All children welcome. We will prepare for our Children's Mass which is Jesus is our Special Friend .

CHILDREN'S MASS Next Sunday's 6pm Mass at St. Bonaventure's is a Children's Mass.

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 10th January 2010 during term time. The liturgy session is intended specifically for children from reception age upwards and they may attend by themselves if they are comfortable to do so. However, if your child/children have never attended before or are nervous about coming on their own, then you are most welcome to accompany them until they feel able to attend by themselves.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PTA ICE SKATING! Again this year, Holy Family School will have an Ice Rink inside their school hall on Saturday 16th January. All welcome. There are 5 hour-long sessions from 10am until 3pm. £5 for children, £5.50 for adults. Skates provided. Available on the day, but book in advance to avoid disappointment, contact Derek on 07710 097122 or email alburyredfish@sky.com

RCIA MEETING CANCELLED Monday's RCIA meeting at Our Lady's has been cancelled for this week because of the weather.

PARENTS MEETING FOR HOLY COMMUNION CANCELLED This meeting has also been cancelled. The next meeting is on 27th January.

CWL CHRISTMAS QUIZ We hope you have enjoyed doing the Christmas Quiz. The last day for returning the answers is Sunday 17th January. Please return your answers in the box at the back of the church. The next Catholic Women's League meeting is 12th January after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's. All are welcome to attend.

REVIEW MEETING There will be a review meeting to reflect on the changes in Welwyn Garden City these last six months. Bishop George Stack will be at this meeting on **Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm** in Our Lady's Hall. Please put the date in your diary.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FLOWER GROUP There will be a meeting for all members of the Flower Group at 5.15pm on Sunday 24th January in the parish hall. The rota for the following year will be worked out then. New members are very welcome to join this flower arranging group. If you need details phone Jenny on 01438 717798.

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING: resumes at Our Lady's Church from 10.30am in the Sacristy. Please use the side door of the church to enter. An opportunity to meet and develop fellowship.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY This takes place on Wednesday 27th January. There will be a ceremony for Welwyn Hatfield on that day from 11am until 12noon at the area of land between Queensway and Link Drive, Hatfield. There will be a welcome and introduction by the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Councillor Kim Langley. A series of short readings and personal accounts of the Holocaust. See poster and map on noticeboard.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE Next Sunday is a day when we are asked to pray especially for peace.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH - 25TH JANUARY There will be a United Service on Sunday 24th January at Our Lady's Church. Details next week.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S If you would like to help with keeping our church clean please put your details on the list at the back of church.

PARISH DIARIES Repeated calls to the company responsible for these diaries give no information as to when these will (if) be delivered.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St. Bonaventure's Saturday 10.30am - 11am

Our Lady's Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

Holy Family Friday 7.30pm - 8pm

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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