

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Trinity Sunday 30th May 2010

We are now back into 'Ordinary Time', a period of the Church's Year which will take us to the First Sunday of Advent (28th November)! The 'green' season is interrupted from time to time with special feasts. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity when we proclaim one of the hardest mysteries of Christian Faith, namely that God is Three and God is One. Things cannot get more profound or more complicated than that!

The teaching of Christ explicitly names the members of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - yet never attempts to explain how they fit together. It was only later major councils of the Church which reflected on these 'Persons' and found ways of rejecting heresy concerning incorrect understandings of the Trinity and defined various formulae to clarify how language could be used to speak of the Three-in-One God at the heart of Christianity.

The Trinity is a relationship of Love, given, received and shared. The Trinity is dynamic and unselfish, pouring itself out in creation and especially calling humanity to live in the same quality of love stamped by the Creator. The destiny God offers mankind is to live for ever in this undying, unbroken circle of love. When the relationship was spoilt by Man's Fall, the Son came to rescue us by the power of the Spirit and so salvation was offered to us. We spent our Easter celebrating this fact.

Someone the other day asked me if our situation in Welwyn Garden City is like the Trinity, trying to square up three and one! Of course, we are struggling to find the right vocabulary to describe ourselves: church, parish, community - which is the most appropriate to use? And yet to model ourselves on the life of the Trinity which is Love, giving, receiving and wanting the very best for each other would result in tremendous blessings which would flow out even further to touch many more people's lives.

Let us ask God to watch over us here in Welwyn Garden City and the villages, to help us grow closer together in faith, understanding and love, to build up the Kingdom Jesus proclaimed. All things are possible in and through him. God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

CORPUS CHRISTI has been transferred to next Sunday (6th June) so this Thursday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Mass in Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Marriage. On Saturday 22nd May, 600 couples from our diocese, including 15 from our three parishes, who were celebrating their 10/25/40/50/60th wedding anniversaries in 2010, attended this special Mass. The principal celebrant was Archbishop Vincent Nichols, who gave a very meaningful homily. It was a really happy occasion. For more details and photos you can visit the diocese website www.rcdow.org.uk.

WALSINGHAM The pilgrims arrived back full of the Spirit after their pilgrimage to Walsingham last Saturday. The sun shone and the power of this holy place touched their lives and ours. They certainly prayed for us all. Our thanks to all involved in planning the day.

LONDON COLNEY Last Sunday's First Holy Communion retreat for the children and their families was a wonderful experience with over 150 attending. There was time to picnic in the sun and play games as well as the opportunity to pray indoors and outside. The Mass using the choir stalls in the old Chapel concluded a lovely afternoon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Our Lady's on Sunday 13th June at 12noon (with an extra Mass at 10am), St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 20th June at 12noon and Holy Family on Sunday 27th June at 12noon.

40 HOURS Lists will soon be put up in each church asking volunteers to sign up for the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude the Year of Priests as part of the 40 Hours devotion here in the Stevenage Deanery. Tuesday 8th June 7.30pm - 9.30 pm at Our Lady's, Wednesday 9th June 10am - 12noon at Holy Family and Friday 11th June 9.30am - 11.30am at St. Bonaventure's. There are 15-minute time periods to sign up for. Please consider when you might be able to come. Thank you.

REDCAP FUNDRAISING Thank you to those who supported our Red Caps by guessing how much was in the tin of coins. The money has now been counted and there was £39.71 in the tin and the winner was Fr. Michael(!) who guessed £39.01.

HOLY FAMILY RED MISSION BOXES (APF) Those Holy Family parishioners who have Red Boxes are asked to bring them into church so that the money can be counted.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be celebrated on 3rd July at 11am at Our Lady's. The Mass and Reception will be organised by the SVP.

LATELY DEAD Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Gilbert R.I.P. whose Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's at 3pm on 9th June. Catherine was a former teacher at the Mater Dei Convent school.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Minns R.I.P. who died peacefully this Friday morning. Funeral arrangements are not yet known. We offer our prayers and sympathy to all family and friends.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY There will be a meeting on Tuesday June 29th from 7.45pm until 9.15pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. The subject will be the care of the elderly and housebound (including those in Care Homes), in our three churches, with special emphasis on their spiritual needs and due attention paid to proper safeguarding. Anne Keller of Hyde Valley Home will speak, and there will be tea and coffee. Everyone concerned with the needs of the elderly and/or interested in improving our response is welcome. Please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456 for further details.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN Churches in Welwyn Garden City we would like to grow the links between those who head up work with children in the different churches across the town to pray, to share good practice, to support and encourage one another, to publicise each other's events. Representatives from all the local churches are invited to a meeting in the St Francis Parish Room 8pm-9pm Tuesday 15th June 2010 - coffee from 7.30pm. If you would like to go email jennygraywgc@ntlworld.com or diane.webb@christchurchwgc.org.uk.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Fr. Norbert would like to meet parents of Year 5 children who will be transferring to Secondary School next academic year (2011) and will need a 'Priest's Reference'. The meeting will be at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 13th June 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Fr. Norbert hopes to give parents useful information about the process. In the autumn he will arrange to meet with each individual family to fill out the actual 'Priest's Reference' form.

CAFOD The next CAFOD meeting takes place at 7.30pm on June 1st in the parish rooms at Holy Family. Anyone wishing to join us even for just the evening will be made very welcome.

CWL The next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 8th June in Our Lady's Parish Centre. There will be a guest speaker from the Apostleship of the Sea. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL SUMMER FAIRS **Our Lady School** Summer Fete takes place on Saturday 19th June 11.30am – 3.30pm. Everyone welcome. There will also be a **Car Wash** in the church car park from 11.30am - 3.30pm and it will cost £3.50 per car. It is being run by some of the dads from the school and the children in Year 5 & 6.

Holy Family School Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 26th June from 12noon to 3pm. All welcome.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SUMMER RAFFLE Tickets now on sale after most Masses (Holy Family & St. Bonaventure). Prizes include: 'Flik' Handheld Camcorder, West End Theatre & Meal tickets, Game Vouchers. Draw to be made at Holy Family School Summer Fair, 26th June.

YMCA There are copies of the community newsletter at the back of each church, please take a copy.

TRIP TO CLACTON On Saturday 3rd July, organised by St. Mary Magdalene Church, Hollybush Lane. See poster on notice board.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT Loreto College in St Albans is seeking to recruit a Learning Support Assistant to work term time only (25 hours per week). The successful candidate will support pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs within the mainstream environment and will be required to have the ability to develop close, supportive relationships with the students and be prepared to meet their personal needs. Experience is not necessary, but numeracy and literacy skills are essential, together with commitment, sensitivity and a sense of humour. (Phone 01727 856206)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)**

St. Bonaventure	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
Our Lady's	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm
Holy Family	Thursday after 9.30am Mass

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MASS TIMES

31 Monday	<u>10am</u>	Visitation of BVM	Our Lady's
01 Tuesday	9am	St. Justin, martyr	St. Bonaventure
	7pm		Our Lady's
02 Wednesday	9.30am	SS Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs	Holy Family
03 Thursday	9.30am	SS Charles Lwanga & companions	Holy Family
04 Friday	9am	feria	St. Bonaventure
	7pm		Our Lady's
05 Saturday	10am	St. Boniface, bishop & martyr	St. Bonaventure
		Corpus Christi	
06 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	
07 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	
	10am	Holy Family	
	12noon	Our Lady's	
	6pm	St. Bonaventure	



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