

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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‘Eat, drink and be merry’ is a wonderful phrase because it includes the words ‘be merry’. When we are happy we are enjoying life and can deal with, accept, what is difficult as well. Food does not really interest me, though I’m happy with biscuits and chocolate! Yet, many of the good times I have experienced have had food as a part of them.

As family and friends celebrate an event we share our lives, of joy and sorrow, with each other. The food gives us talking points and often a funny comment. It helps us to be still to spend time in company with others.

In every Mass celebrated Christ shares Himself with all present, in our lives of joy and sorrow. As individuals and communities, Christ draws us into the thankful and real hope of being peaceful. With the ‘Broken Bread’ and ‘Shared Cup’ Christ opens us to share in His life of fulness now to be lived eternally in the Banquet in the Heavenly City.

You are the Bread
You are the Bread of life.
Response: Praise to You!
You are the Bread of salvation.
You are the Blood that redeemed us.
You are the source of our joy.
You are the Bread that feeds us.
You are the Blood that quenches our thirst.
You are the Bread that comforts us.
You are the Bread that gives us strength.
You are the Bread that heals us in body and mind.
God bless you all, ***Fr. Michael.***

BISHOP'S MEETING The following have kindly agreed to represent the three parishes at the meeting with Bishop George Stack on Tuesday 15th June: Ernest Afriye-Owusu, Peter Bell, James Beringuel, Michael Cade, Michael Cole, Sharna Hetherington, Kathryn Hubbard, Ann Keller, Kay Mason, Freda McKenzie, Hugh Milbourn and Kate Worley. The meeting will be chaired by Sally McAllister of Focolare and, of course, Fr. Michael and Fr. Norbert will be there. The Bishop has asked that the group reflect on the changes which have been made in our parishes and to look constructively at ways of continuing to move forward and of developing the life of the Catholic Church in the Garden City and the surrounding villages. Do talk to each other and to these representatives. Please be realistic in your aspirations. Let us all continue to pray that God's Spirit will guide us as we respond to the huge enterprise which has been entrusted to us by the Diocese.

40 HOURS Lists are at the back of each church asking for 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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS Our Lady's is this Friday 11th June at 5.30pm, St. Bonaventure's is on Saturday 19th June at 10.30am and Holy Family's is on Friday 25th June at 5.30pm. Parents and children must attend.

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. If you are in need of a lift or can offer lifts for people please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

FUNERALS The Funeral Mass for Christine Minns R.I.P is at St. Bonaventure's at 2.30pm this Tuesday 8th June and is followed by cremation at Harwood Park. The Funeral Mass for Catherine Gilbert R.I.P. is at Our Lady's at 3pm on Wednesday 9th June.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY Afternoon Tea, Saturday 12th June from 2pm - 5pm. 103 Ridgeway. Entry £1. Refreshments, cake sale, handmade cards, tombola etc.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH Many thanks to all who came and cleaned the church and maintained the grounds. Your work and dedication is very much appreciated.

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.

WOMENS' INTERFAITH SOCIAL GROUP The next meeting of the Women's Interfaith Social Group is on Tuesday 8th June between 12.30pm and 2pm. As usual it meets at "Space", next to Sainsburys, in Church Road, Welwyn Garden City. Coffee and tea will be provided, please bring a picnic lunch if you would like to.

CWL The next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 8th June in Our Lady's Parish Centre. The speaker will be Captain Simon Culshaw from the Apostleship of the Sea. It is open to all parishioners, ladies and gentlemen, and all will be welcome.

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.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH LITURGY GROUP – meet on Wednesday 9th June at 7.45pm in the Sacristy.

ALTAR SERVERS TEN PIN BOWLING One evening in July. If interested sign the list the sacristy of each church. Under 16's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Further details to follow.

**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

07 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
08 Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	2.30pm	St. Bonaventure	Funeral Mass
09 Wednesday	7pm	Our Lady's	
	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Columba, Abbot
10 Thursday	3pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass
	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
11 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
	7pm	Our Lady's	
12 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	St. Boniface, bishop & martyr
11th Sunday of the Year			
12 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	
13 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	
	10am	Holy Family	
	10am	Our Lady's (extra Mass)	
	12noon	Our Lady's (First Communion Mass)	
	6pm	St. Bonaventure	



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