

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

***Twelfth Sunday of the Year
20th June 2010***

I just wanted to speak to you about last Tuesday's Meeting with the Bishop. Minutes should be ready by next weekend. The people who gathered represented a variety of feelings and views about the changes which have taken place here in the Catholic Church. Bishop Stack reiterated that it was the mind of the Diocese that we should continue moving towards the three parishes becoming one over the course of the next four or five years. His hope was that the Churches' Forum (as it is now to be called) would enable a moving forward of matters in a positive and constructive way. He kept asking the people to consider creative possibilities which would help take us towards the parishes becoming one (yet retaining three churches).

What was very apparent was the strength of feeling regarding the change of Mass times which was made last summer. Much time was spent by the Forum looking at schedules and permutations based on the sizes of the churches vis-à-vis the numbers attending. The overwhelming decision of the Forum has been to try experimentally for the months of **October, November and December** this year, a new schedule and for this to be reviewed mid-November to see how it is working.

The Masses will be as follows:

Saturday:	6pm	at Our Lady's
Sunday:	8am	at St. Bonaventure's
	9.30am	at Holy Family
	10.30am	at St. Bonaventure's
	11.30am	at Our Lady's
	6pm	at Holy Family

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The Churches' Forum will next meet on 14th September. Please let me know what you think about this proposal. I would add that there are still many issues which need to be addressed especially to do with the liturgy, catechetics, spirituality/prayer life, young people, adult formation, outreach and the social life of our parishes. We must all reflect together on these issues and continue to pray for the Catholic community of Welwyn Garden City and the surrounding villages. Our mutual co-operation and Christ-filled love will achieve much for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

HOLY DAYS A couple of years ago many of our Holy Days of Obligation were transferred to Sundays and so it has been a while since one has cropped up! Well, soon it will be the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul on Tuesday 29th June. The Church asks us on a Holy Day to come to celebrate Mass on that particular feast. On 29th June there will be 9.30am Mass at Holy Family, 12noon Mass at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm Mass at Our Lady's. Also, Holy Family School will have Mass at 11am and Our Lady School will have Mass at 2.30pm. The Latin Mass Society celebrates Mass on the vigil of the feast, 7.30pm at St. Bonaventure's.

WGC 90TH To mark this important occasion, there will be a 'Praise in the Park' celebration in Campus West on Sunday 18th July 2– 4pm. The first hour will be made up of songs/hymns/dance from each of the churches in the Garden City. At 3pm there will be a 15 minute Service of Thanksgiving followed by a barbecue during which there will be more entertainment. Everyone is invited! If any of you would like to represent the Catholic Church by providing five minutes of song/hymn/dance, please let Fr. Norbert know by Monday at the latest.

VISIT TO ST JOHN'S, DIGSWELL Next Sunday (27th) the Catholic community has been invited to St. John's Church, Monk's Rise (just off Knightsfield). Please meet at 3.15pm. There will be a tour given by Reverend Carl Garner at 3.30pm, tea at 4.30pm and a short service of Evensong at 5pm. Fr. Carl is hoping that we'll have lots of questions to put to him! If you are interested in coming please let Fr. Norbert know so that the numbers can be passed on.

ALTAR SERVERS The proposed bowling trip will now take place in the autumn when there will be more time. We need altar servers from our three churches to serve on Saturday 3rd July at the 11am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, on Sunday 4th July at 3pm at the First Holy Communion Mass of Thanksgiving, and on Friday 9th July at the 7.30pm Confirmation Mass. All of these will be at Our Lady's Church.

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship Church continues its Food Bank which operates on Wednesdays 9 - 11am and is very grateful to our three churches for the donations of food which are taken to the Food Bank every Wednesday. Please keep up the donations and know that you are most welcome to pop in to see the Food Bank in action and enjoy a cup of tea. The church is on Cole Green Lane (almost opposite Sweet Briar).

NOT DEAD YET has launched 'the Resistance Campaign', calling on all MPs to sign a charter pledging their support for: 1. Providing good services for disabled and terminally ill people and 2. Opposing any change in the law to allow assisted suicide or euthanasia. Please sign the petition at the back of each church.

POPE'S VISIT Parishes have been asked to nominate people for the various Masses and Services which will take place during the Pope's Visit to Great Britain in September. The names will then be put into a Diocesan Ballot and invitations then sent out. If you would like to be considered please send your names to Kathryn Hubbard by Friday 25th June. The events are as follows:

1. Westminster Hall, Friday 17th September. 'Theme' – service the Church gives to the culture and shared life of our countries and to the wider world. The Pope will address parliamentarians and others involved with political and civic life. The Diocese can nominate 22 people.

2. Westminster Abbey, Friday 17th September. 'Theme' – the bonds that exist between all Christians and the common search for God through prayer, contemplation and beauty. The Diocese can nominate 18 people.

3. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 18th September, Mass. 'Theme' – the life-giving power of the blood of Christ, reflecting the dedication of the Cathedral to the Precious Blood. Christ is the unique victim, able to transform every experience of victimhood as he brings new life through his service of all as the expression of his love. Christ is our model and the source of our hope. Because of these 'themes' the Diocesan allocation of 200 nominations will be divided into categories – those who serve the Cathedral and the Archbishop as volunteers, parishioners across the Diocese who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, parishioners who care for vulnerable people, married couples marking significant anniversaries this year, Catholics received into the Church this year – and their sponsors – young people Confirmed this year – with their sponsors – as well as 'regular' parishioners from the parishes of the Diocese.

4. Vigil, Hyde Park, Saturday 18th September. 'Theme' – prayer, especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A large proportion of young people is expected, and our diocesan quota of people to be in seated areas, representing the Diocese, is 114.

5. Beatification, Coventry, Sunday 19th September. At Mass, Pope Benedict XVI will Beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman, a man renowned for his search for truth, his writing, his commitment to education, the hymns he wrote and his dedicated and faithful service as a Parish Priest. 110 people from our Diocese will represent the Diocese.

PICNIC AND WALK You are all invited to join the Inter Faith Group for their annual picnic on Sunday 4th July at 12.30pm at 305 Knightsfield followed at 2.30pm by a guided walk in the woods. Please bring your own picnic and a chair – drinks will be provided. Further details from Theresa McCrave on 01707 335716.

COFFEE MORNING for Myeloma Awareness Week. Our Lady's Church Hall on Saturday 26th June from 10.30am to 12noon. Donations of cakes etc. welcome. To find out more about Myeloma go to www.myeloma.org.uk.

LORETO COLLEGE has a Reunion on Saturday 26th June 2.30 - 5.30pm. More information on loreto.reunion@yahoo.com

SINGING FOR PLEASURE are celebrating their thirtieth anniversary and holding a concert in Campus West Theatre for Great Ormond Street Hospital charity on Saturday, 3rd July. Tickets can be purchased from Campus West or from Glynis on 01707 377543. £7 for an adult or £5 for a child.

WGC ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS Concert on Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm in St. Francis Church - Strauss, Walton, Fauré. See poster.

CLEANER REQUIRED A parishioner is in need of someone to do cleaning. Please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456 who will give you details.

**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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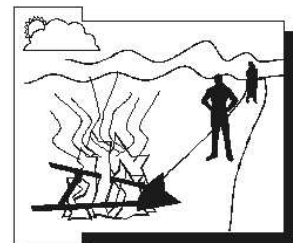
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MASS TIMES

21 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
	11am	Holy Family	Funeral (Tom Higgins)
22 Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	SS John Fisher and Thomas More
	7pm	Our Lady's	
23 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Ethelreda
24 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Nativity of John the Baptist
25 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
26 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	2pm	St. Bonaventure	Wedding
		13th Sunday of the Year	
26 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	
27 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	
	10am	Holy Family	
	12noon	Our Lady's	
	12noon	Holy Family (First Communion Mass)	
	6pm	St. Bonaventure	



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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