

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year 27th June 2010

Today's Gospel passage marks an important moment in the unfolding of St. Luke's Gospel. 'Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem.' From Chapter 9 (verse 51) until Chapter 19 (verse 45), Jesus is travelling, making his way towards suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. He is sure of himself; he is aware of his mission; nothing will stop him. As he journeys, he challenges people who want to follow him with the harsh reality of what it means to be his disciples. They cannot settle for a merely cosmetic following of him. The cross is the price of forgiveness, compassion and love. It is interesting that as he makes his way, there are hoards of people accompanying him. Some are truly his disciples, some are opponents ready to catch him out. Still more are not sure and are waiting to see what will happen and are asking questions. He never thinks of the people as just a crowd, he sees individuals with their personal needs.

When you come to Sunday Mass, who are the people you are 'journeying' with? Maybe for some, you come with your families, loved ones, particular circle of friends or sit in a favoured spot in the church where you know those around you. Are there faces which you do not recognise? Are these visitors, newcomers, strangers, people from other Masses/churches in the Garden City? Do you take the time to say 'Hello' or smile or make room for them in your bench? Of course for some people, they want to remain anonymous; but there are others who yearn for welcome and a sense of belonging. Our personal responsibility is to be Christ-like, to make sure that we look out for others and reach out to them. Walking with Jesus is a strange business-it can create community ... it can also be a huge challenge!

This journey of Jesus starts today on 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (27th June). Jesus will be in Jerusalem by the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (7th November). Where will we be as a community? What strides forward will we have taken? What will YOU do to bring people closer to Christ and to enrich them with an authentic experience of the Lord? Welwyn Garden City and the villages need each one of us to play our part in the building up of God's Kingdom here in this place. Let us all re-commit ourselves to this work and beg the Lord to lavish his blessings upon us as we walk knowing he is by our side.

May God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL This Tuesday 29th June is the feast of SS Peter and Paul and it is a Holyday of Obligation. 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.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY There will be a meeting this Tuesday 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. If you are regularly involved in visiting or caring for an older person then this meeting is for you.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is at Our Lady's next Saturday 3rd July at 11am. This has been organised for us by the SVP. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was formerly called 'Extreme Unction' and people were only anointed if they were certain to die soon. Now this sacrament is given in the hope that the person will get better or, if nearing the end of their lives, will give them peace and strength for their last journey. It is a beautiful sacrament and certainly should not lead to fear. The priest lays his hands on the sick person's head and then anoints the forehead and palms of hands with the Oil of the Sick (blessed by the Archbishop). If you are infirm or seriously ill, why not come to this celebration? Alternatively, come and support the sick through your prayerful presence.

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!

ALTAR SERVERS 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. Please sign your name on the list in the sacristy of your church. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS OF THANKSGIVING On Sunday 4th July at 3pm all the children from our three parishes who have made their Holy Communion this year will come together at Our Lady's Church to celebrate Mass. There will then be a party in the hall. Parents who have agreed to set up the hall, need to arrive by 2.30pm. Savouries and sweet things should be dropped off by 2.45pm. Children may wear their First Holy Communion clothes if they wish.

VISIT TO ST JOHN'S, DIGSWELL If you are free this afternoon (27th), why not visit 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. Even if you did not give your name in there is still the opportunity of attending!

CONFIRMATION MASS Bishop George Stack will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our parishes on Friday 9th July at Our Lady's at 7.30pm. Please keep the young people in your prayers as they approach this very important stage in their lives.

ST BONAVENTURE'S DAY will be marked on Sunday 18th July at the 8am and 6pm Masses. If you can help with refreshments after these Masses, please let Kathryn Hubbard know.

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.

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.

OUR LADY SCHOOL FETE Despite the weather the fete was wonderful success, and a fantastic £3,300 was raised. This will ensure the PTA can continue with its activities for the school and will go a long way towards a sail shelter they hope to put up in the infant playground.

APPLECROFT CHILDREN'S CENTRE Please come and join the staff, children and families of Applecroft Children's Centre at Holy Family Church in the Parish Room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:00pm for play, stories, singing and chat for the under 5s. All of our activities are open to anyone with children under 5 years and are aimed at having fun as well as helping the children to grow and develop. There is always Centre staff on hand to answer your questions and plenty to entertain the children. We welcome new families and look forward to meeting you soon.

CAMID (Christian Action for the Ministry and Integration of Physically Disabled People) is the agency which aims to gather and welcome joyfully adults who are physically disabled and helps them explore their gifts together and use them to the full in the life of the Church. CAMID has organised a three hour return trip on an electric barge from Paddington Basin to Camden Lock starting at 1.00pm on Tuesday 6th July. The barge is fully accessible to electric wheelchairs. If any parishioners who are physically disabled would like to go they will be made welcome at no cost to them or to their carer if they wish to bring one. Please contact Fr Austin Garvey Tel: 020 7723 7757.

CAN YOU HELP? A disabled lady needs someone to have a look at her computer and mend it. Call Angela on 07963287793 if you can be of assistance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

PLEASE NOTE: No 10am Mass or Confessions at St. Bonaventure's next Saturday.

MASS TIMES FROM OCTOBER Following the meeting of the Church Forum with the bishop it has been decided to have a new schedule of Mass times beginning in **October** for an experimental period. 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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MASS TIMES

28 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr
	7.30pm	St. Bonaventure	Latin Mass Society
29 Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Family	SS Peter and Paul, Apostles
	12noon	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Our Lady's	
30 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
01 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Dedication of the Cathedral
02 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
03 Saturday	11am	Our Lady's	Mass of Anointing, St. Thomas
14th Sunday of the Year			
03 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	
04 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	
	10am	Holy Family	
	12noon	Our Lady's	
	3pm	Our Lady's	First Communion Thanksgiving 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