

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year 4th July 2010

What a week it has been! Last Sunday afternoon silence reigned as a certain football match took place and the continuing silence on our streets spoke volumes about the disappointing result. Friday afternoon's tennis match also ended in upset for this country and Friday evening's football quarter-final was sorted out by a penalty shoot out! And there's more still to come!

Amazing events happen in our Gospel passage too! Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem and decides to send out ahead of him seventy-two in pairs to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. Their role is to prepare the way for Jesus himself: to offer peace, to cure the sick and to proclaim the closeness of the Kingdom. We are given the wonderful picture of their return to Jesus: all they can do is rejoice because everything has gone well and they have carried out his work with success.

How would you prepare other people for Jesus? What do you have to offer them which is a sign that he is near? This weekend we have celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In this very tangible way the sick have been offered the healing, peaceful love of the Lord. On Sunday 70 children from our three parishes who made their First Holy Communion over the last three weeks will have a chance to come together to say 'Thank you' to God and to celebrate Mass. Bread and wine in the Mass are transformed into the Lord's Body and Blood and we are nourished by the very life of God. On Friday 30 of our young people will present themselves for Confirmation. The Bishop will lay his hands upon their heads and anoint them with Sacred Chrism making them powerful witnesses of Christ and mature members of the Church.

There is so much grace being poured out upon our community! What can you now do that will get others ready for Jesus? May God bless you and show you the way.

Fr. Norbert

CARE OF THE ELDERLY Fr. Norbert, Fr. Michael and 24 people from across the town attended a stimulating discussion of the ways in which we can help the spiritual life of the housebound, those in care homes or just needing assistance getting to Mass. These folk are an important part of the parish and we need to know if anyone is feeling neglected and too shy to ask for help. If we don't know we can't do anything about it. Please ring Kathryn Hubbard any morning or leave a message at other times. If you already take Holy Communion to a parishioner please let Kathryn Hubbard know this.

CAFOD There is a change of day and date for our next CAFOD meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 7th July at 7.30pm in the parish rooms at Holy Family church. All are welcome to come and join us. The CAFOD group would like to thank all who supported those who did the Rotary walk and helped us to raise £700.

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 Friday 9th July at the 7.30pm Confirmation Mass at Our Lady's. Please sign the list in the sacristy if you can come. Thank you.

CARE NOT KILLING There are some copies of their latest newsletter at the back of each church. You are also reminded to sign the petition saying that you support Not Dead Yet's call to all MPs to sign up to the 'Resistance' Charter 2010 declaring that they will support palliative care and independent living services and maintain legal protection for all people who are terminally ill or disabled.

RESULTS OF 400 CLUB JUNE DRAW 1st £100 - No. 038 Mrs Patterson. 2nd £50 No 243 G Merry. 3rd £25 No. 307 Giorgia agent 23. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who continue to support this church fund-raising effort at Our Lady's. There are numbers available, anyone wishing to join should see Jacqui McKie or Norman Merry. The Draw distributes £175 in Prizes every month and all profits go to the Church. We apologise for the administrative difficulties which prevented collection of subscriptions after Mass last Saturday. There will be an extra collection this weekend.

MOTHER AND TODDLER Why not go along to St. Bonaventure's Mother and Toddler group on a Wednesday morning from 10am - 11.30am? Lots of toys to play with, time for chat, etc. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION MASS Bishop George Stack will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our parishes this 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.

LOURDES PETITIONS Seventeen parishioners from our three parishes will be travelling with the Westminster Diocese to Lourdes from 25th - 31st July. If you have a special intention you would like to be prayed for there are envelopes available at the back of the churches. Please do not put money in the envelopes as these unopened envelopes will be placed in a special box at the back of the altar in the Grotto at Lourdes. These petitions are later burned. Please return envelopes to your presbytery by Friday 23rd July.

VISIT TO ST JOHN'S, DIGSWELL Our thanks to Canon Carl Garner and his parishioners for last Sunday's interesting tour of his church and the opportunity to see some of the ancient parish treasures. The tea and cake made for a welcome treat and the Evensong rounded off the afternoon beautifully!

POST-CONFIRMATION GROUP Last year's Confirmation group will be hosting a barbecue for this year's group at the Focolare Centre, Parkway, on Friday 16th July at 7.45 pm.

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.

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.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet this Tuesday from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. 7-11's this week. All welcome.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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

05 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
06 Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	St. Maria Goretti
	7pm	Our Lady's	
07 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
08 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
09 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
10 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

15th Sunday of the Year

10 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
11 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	10am	Holy Family
	12noon	Our Lady's
	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