

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 11th July 2010

In two months or so, the visit of Pope Benedict XVI will be imminent! On the one hand, there have been many letters written to the press complaining about the costs and why the general public should have to pay for them and yet, on the other hand, not very much information has got out to the Catholic community about what is happening when and where. A few weeks ago I had to submit names to the Diocese which were to be put into a ballot for various events. Not much notice was given. Anyway, ONE person's name from Welwyn Garden City has been pulled out of the Diocesan hat! That is Sean Taylor from Holy Family who will have a seat at the Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 18th September.

In the last few days, I have received information about the Hyde Park event which will start in the afternoon of Saturday 18th September and finish round about 9pm. There is also the Mass to mark the beatification of John Henry Newman on Sunday 19th September which will take place in Cofton Park, Birmingham; for this event people will need to be in place by 8.30am (so a very early start from here). Every deanery in this Diocese has an allocation of tickets for each event and these will be distributed among the parishes. At the time of writing there was no clear indication of the number of tickets for Hyde Park per parish, though a cost of £10 per person was given! In terms of Birmingham, each parish of the deanery will receive 13 tickets which means that for WGC we have 39 places on a coach at a price of £25. The Diocese is organising everything so that security matters can be dealt with. I have been told that I must submit a spreadsheet of names by 14th July! So...if you would like to be considered, please let me have your name, contact details and which parish you are from, and the event you want to be considered for, by midday on Tuesday 13th. There will be a ballot of names if necessary that evening.

Let us pray hard that the Papal Visit will make a difference to us as Catholics and to our land which is so much in need of the Good News of Christ.

May God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

THANKS *Fr. Norbert writes:* We have now completed our celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the 70 children from our three parishes who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Their parents have worked really hard too, supported by excellent catechists in each of our churches. Last Sunday's Thanksgiving Mass and Party made for an amazing conclusion to all that they have done.

Then at last Friday's Confirmation Mass, 30 young people were confirmed by Bishop George Stack. They really did us proud in the way they conducted themselves, a sign of hope for the future and the result of the great preparation led by their catechists.

Our thanks to all the catechists for the time and energy they have put into preparing our children and young people for these sacraments.

Last Saturday's Mass with the Anointing of the Sick was a powerful celebration of the healing strength Christ gives. Our thanks to the SVP and associates for their tireless work in getting everything organised and also to the CWL for their support. In all these celebrations much hard work has gone on behind the scenes and in the liturgy with altar servers, musicians and singers and so many other talented people at work. Thank you to you all!

FR. NORBERT'S MOTHER had a heart attack last week and is still in hospital. She is making progress. Please keep her in your prayers. Thank you.

WELWYN HATFIELD WOMEN'S INTER FAITH GROUP The next meeting will be at Space on Tuesday 13th July from 12.30pm to 2pm. As usual tea and coffee will be available and you are welcome to bring your own packed lunch.

CWL The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 13th after evening Mass at Our Lady's.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY If you visit a sick or housebound parishioner with Holy Communion please ring Kathryn Hubbard with that information; if you know of a parishioner who would like to receive Communion in their home please leave that information too.

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.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUPS We all meet this week when amongst other things we shall be preparing for our 'Thank you Mass' 3.45pm-4.45pm. In the hall at St. Bonaventure's.

CHILDREN'S MASS Next Sunday 6pm at St. Bonaventure's. We remember all we have to be thankful for.

THANK YOU Thank you to everyone who supported, in various ways, the Myeloma coffee morning on Saturday 26th June at Our Lady's. £450 was raised and this has been sent to Myeloma UK, a Cancer research charity in Edinburgh.

ST BONAVENTURE'S FEAST DAY will be marked on Sunday 18th July at the 8am and 6pm Masses. There will be light refreshments after both Masses. If you can bake something or help with tea and coffee it would be gratefully appreciated.

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.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD STRAWBERRY TEA There will be a Strawberry Tea in aid of CAFOD in the garden of 401 Knightsfield on Sunday 1st August at 3pm. Please come along and help raise some money (donations) for CAFOD and enjoy some strawberries and hopefully some sunshine!

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 7.45pm.

TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN Loreto College in St Albans is seeking to recruit a Technology Technician to work term time only (30 hours per week). The successful candidate will assist in the preparation of lessons, exemplar work/projects and display materials, as well as ordering, maintaining and assisting with the use of equipment. Experience is not necessary, but numeracy and literacy skills are essential, together with a flexible and committed approach. A good sense of humour is an absolute must as is the ability to work as part of a team. Further information is available via our website www.loreto.herts.sch.uk. If you are interested in applying for this position please email your CV to: stoms@loreto.herts.sch.uk by the closing date of Tuesday 20th July 2010.

SPEC is seeking to appoint young men and women for a year-out experience working with children and young people. These full-time volunteers will live as part of the SPEC Community at All Saints Pastoral Centre in London Colney. They will have a particular focus on nurturing faith in young people through dynamic retreats, using games, nature, team-building activities, art, storytelling, dance, and much more. Full training will be provided, along with professional accreditation through the YMCA and the opportunity to study for a foundation degree in Youth Ministry.

For more information about the SPEC community and for an online application form visit www.spec.org.uk.

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

12 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
13 Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
14 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
15 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor
16 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
	7pm	Our Lady's	
17 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

16th Sunday of the Year

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



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