

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year 18th July 2010

Last week, in connection with the forthcoming Papal Visit, I asked you to let me know if you wanted to have a place at the Beatification Mass of John Henry Newman at Cofton Park, Birmingham on Sunday 19th September. All those who put forward their names have been accepted. Similarly for the Saturday Service at Hyde Park on 18th September; your names have been noted. There are 13 seats available for each of our parishes on the coach and 44 for each parish at the Hyde Park event. Now I find that the urgency of having names and details in by last Tuesday was unnecessary! There is a new cut off date which is Friday 30th July at 5pm. So, if you were considering attending one or the other and did not have enough time to decide, now is your opportunity! At the back of each of our churches there are forms onto which you can write your details.

My Mum has now been discharged from hospital and is convalescing at home. Thank you for all the prayers you have offered up for her and for my family. They really have kept us going. Thank you to those who have had to be very patient with me in rescheduling appointments and meetings.

Today's Gospel passage gives us the wonderful picture of Martha and Mary. The one who is so busy; the other who listens to the Lord. The former who reprimands Jesus for not getting Mary to help; the latter who puts Jesus at the centre of her life. As the (school) summer holidays loom for some or have begun for others, this scene provides us with the challenge to keep Jesus at the heart of our activity and to listen hard to his Word. May these coming weeks be a time of refreshment for us all whether we stay at home or go away.

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

LOURDES PETITIONS Seventeen parishioners from our three parishes will be travelling with the Westminster Diocese to Lourdes next Sunday. 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.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE 6 months on: Some statistics on what CAFOD partners have done. 5,400 people who were made homeless by the quake were given emergency tents to live in, 6,750 people received shelter kits including rope, a pick axe and sleeping mats, 8,700 families received kitchen kits including pots and pans, a jerrycan and kitchen utensils. More than 440 hygienic latrines and showers and hand washing stations have been built. Matthew Carter Head of CAFOD's Humanitarian Department said: "CAFOD will remain in Haiti for the long haul, working towards real progress in improving the lives of Haitians, no matter how difficult." As you know CAFOD works through trusted partners rather than governments so people can be sure their donations gets to people on the ground. There are CAFOD donation envelopes at the back of each church.

SPONSOR JOHN FOGARTY who will be walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (the Way of St. James). He is paying his own expenses but has had to commit to raising £500 for CAFOD. If you would like to sponsor him either go to www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty, or send a cheque to 23 Duncan Close AL7 3XP. If you would just like more information phone 01707 327771 or email: john.fogarty@ntlworld.com.

OUR LADY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY This weekend will be the last Children's Liturgy before we break for the school holidays. We will be starting back on Sunday 12th September 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to the Children's Liturgists; Anne Keller, Sylvie Nichols, Sarah Cafferty, Susanne Ayscough, Siobhan Fisher and Helen Mckie Mandall, who so readily give up a huge amount of their time and energy to share God's word with the children in a wonderfully creative and enjoyable way. The increase in attendance numbers is testament to the fantastic work they do. Thank you also to the volunteer helpers and the parents who regularly support us too! We look forward to seeing you all in September and wish you a fantastic summer break. If you would like to support us in the autumn term please contact me, Stephanie Murray, Children's Liturgy Lead on 01707 333289.

GARDEN PARTY IN AID OF PARKINSONS UK There will be a garden party in aid of Parkinsons U.K. at 4 Scholars Mews, Welwyn Garden City at 2pm on Sunday 1st August (admission £3, which includes tea and cake) Please try to support this good cause.

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!

CONNECT2RWANDA - The new CAFOD initiative Do you want to find out more about how your support can make a difference to people living on the other side of the world? Then meet the people of Musha - a village in eastern Rwanda - who are rebuilding a better future for themselves with CAFOD's help. Through the CAFOD group the parishes in WGC have just become a part of **Connect2Rwanda**. This is a new CAFOD scheme that will enable us to share the lives of ordinary people in Rwanda and raise money to help them build a better future. Through regular updates, we will share their hopes and dreams and stand in solidarity with them as they work hard to look after their families. Watch out for more information on your notice boards and the newsletters in the coming weeks or visit cafod.org.uk/connect2rwanda.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP, COFFEE MORNINGS AND CHOIR A HUGE thank you to all those involved in any of the above for giving your time to the parish over the past school year. It has been much appreciated by many. Please note that the last coffee morning before the summer break is today; the last Children's Liturgy will be July 25th and as usual the choir have earned a well deserved break in August. Hope you all have a fantastic break and recharge your batteries before serving the parish once again in September. Sally Kee and Joss Innocent Landers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2011 Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available from this weekend (at the back of church). Forms for Holy Family and Our Lady's will be available in due course. Children must be born before 1st September 2003 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2010) to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2011

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday is our last meeting for the term, please bring some food to share (no crisps as we have plenty). Next term we meet again on Tuesday 14th September. More details later.

PAT MULLEN R.I.P. The funeral Mass for Pat Mullen is at 1.30pm on Monday 26th July at Holy Family Church. Our sympathy and prayers go to all family and friends. May she rest in peace.

NEWSLETTER DURING THE HOLIDAYS From next weekend the newsletter will be published fortnightly until 5th September when it will be back to weekly. There will be a newsletter on 25th July, 8th and 22nd August (each covering 2 weeks). If you wish to have something included please make sure you get it in in plenty of time!

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

19 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
20 Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
21 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
22 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Mary Magdalen
23 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	St. Bridget of Sweden
	7pm	Our Lady's	
24 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	feria

17th Sunday of the Year

24 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
25 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