

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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## *Seventeenth Sunday of the Year*

*25th July 2010 (including 1st August)*

Schools have broken up. The sun is still shining. Some people have gone away; for others their summer break looms; for still others, these next weeks will be spent in the Garden City or the surrounding villages. Moreover, we welcome visitors who have come to be with family and friends or others who are staying in the area. Whatever is the case, I hope that for you it will be a time of rest and refreshment, an opportunity to get things done which you have put on hold for some time. In our three parishes the next month especially will be quieter - a chance for batteries to be recharged in readiness for September.

With Fr. Michael, I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to our Parish Secretary, Kathryn Hubbard, and to all who contribute to the life of our parishes: some of you very much up front in the Liturgy, others quietly working behind the scenes but a crucial backbone which supports our community. The presence, support and encouragement of every single person is what keeps our three parishes going! I would also like to express our appreciation to the staff and governors of our schools for their sterling work in supporting our children.

In our Gospel reading from St. Luke, we are told that Jesus was praying in a certain place and that his disciples then asked him to teach them to pray. I like to think that his shining example and the powerful intensity of his prayer sparked off this desire in his friends to be like him. He then gives them 'The Lord's Prayer'. The Our Father is the pattern and model of all prayer. The Lord wants us too not only to be transformed by his deep relationship with his Father but also to radiate it to others so that in their turn they want to be like him. Wow! Each one of us has to draw our neighbour to Christ and he has given us the capacity to do so.

On a personal note I want to thank Fr. Michael for all his help over the last nine months. You will soon have a break from me and he will be in charge. While the cat is away....!

May God bless you and keep you in his loving care. *Fr. Norbert*

## **PAPAL VISIT**

Fr. Norbert has been sent the following details which should prove useful for those going to - or planning to go to - Hyde Park and/or Cofton Park, Birmingham.

**HYDE PARK** Saturday 18th September Fr. Norbert will be the 'Pilgrim Leader'. Pilgrims are asked to arrive by 2pm and the event will finish around 9pm. (We will have to fix a departure time from WGC.)

For security reasons, the Pope's time of arrival at Hyde Park has not been published. However, a programme of the Liturgical celebrations taking place at Hyde Park will be published closer to the time.

A contribution of £10 per person (including children) includes transport and Pilgrim Pack. The amount is also a contribution toward the event.

**COFTON PARK** Sunday 19th September Kevin Gilhooly has kindly agreed to be the 'Pilgrim Leader'. (Fr. Norbert can't have this role as he will be concelebrating at the Mass).

Time of departure of coach and its arrival back will be decided by National Express which will provide the coaches. The Bishops' Conference is co-ordinating everything centrally.

The Mass of Beatification of John Henry Newman will be at 10am but pilgrims need to be in place by 8.30am. A contribution of £25 per person (including children) includes transport and Pilgrim Pack. The amount is also a contribution toward the event.

## **INFORMATION FOR BOTH EVENTS**

Booklets to follow the events on TV will be sent out to parishes in due course.

Disabled pilgrims and carers wishing to attend should note this on the form at the back of the church. The Bishops' Conference will provide further clarification shortly about provision for the disabled.

Toilets will be available. Food can be purchased (or you can bring your own). Seats are NOT provided at either Cofton Park or Hyde Park. However, pilgrims are welcome to bring fold-away chairs or rugs.

Please remember to sign up by Friday morning as Fr. Norbert will have to send in all the names to the Diocese. (He has finally worked out how to return spreadsheets by e-mail!!)

**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!

**NO GREATER LOVE** There will be a showing of this film at 8pm on Monday 9th August in the Campus West Theatre.

**NEWSLETTER DURING THE HOLIDAYS** During the holidays 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).

**FLOATING CANDLE PEACE CEREMONY** On the occasion of HIROSHIMA DAY 2010 WGC Society of Friends (Quakers) cordially invite you to a Japanese Floating Candle Ceremony at 4pm at Stanborough North Lake on Sunday 8th August. All welcome, live music, balloons!

**A HOUSE FOR REFUGEES** has opened in Haringey. The situation for destitute asylum seekers is dire: no money, no chance to earn, no accommodation etc. This will be the third house opened by the London Catholic Worker and it is in need of many items of furniture and equipment. If you want to help or know more contact [john.fogarty@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.fogarty@ntlworld.com) or 01707 327771.

**CAFOD** Over the years WGC's Catholic parishioners have given generously to CAFOD safe in the knowledge that the money we raise is reaching some of the world's poorest people. But we would like you to know more about the day to day issues faced by a poor community. We want you to feel connected to them, show your support through prayers, personal messages and shared understanding, and know how your money is helping. If you feel the same as us, you will be excited to hear about Connect2Rwanda which take us on a journey across the world to a village called Musha in the east of Rwanda. When I mention Rwanda undoubtedly you will remember the genocide in April 1994. In 100 days a million people were murdered in a planned and brutal ethnic attack which turned neighbour against neighbour and changed Rwanda for ever. Sixteen years on most international aid agencies have left Rwanda. Simon a Rwandese member of CAFOD staff based in the capital Kigali says: "There's a feeling we should have overcome the genocide by now. But trauma is not a skin wound, it's a brain wound - it's suffering is felt deep inside." "To heal trauma is not about bandages. It's about rebuilding hope and dignity. It's about reconciling people who live next door to those who murdered their loved ones. How can you put a time limit on this? Poverty is another consequence of violence. Many people lost everything in 1994: their loved ones, homes, land livestock and income. Hundreds of thousands of women and children are HIV positive - a result of mass rape. In the long aftermath of genocide, the poorest most vulnerable people are only now starting to rebuild their lives from scratch. I will tell you about Verene's story in the next newsletter.

Do you have any unwanted new gifts or softback books? Please consider donating them for sale on the CAFOD table at Holy Family.

**CWL** Next meeting is Tuesday 10th August after evening Mass at Our Lady's.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2011** Application forms for St. Bonaventure's children are available 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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30am - 11am

Our Lady's Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

Holy Family Thursday after 9.30am Mass

**CLEANING AND GARDENING** - at Our Lady's Church will take place on Saturday 7th August at 10am for just one hour. All are welcome to help with this essential work of maintaining the church and the grounds. Refreshments will be available.

**WINDOW RESTORATION FUND** "I am delighted to say that the fund has now reached its target. The beautiful Crucifix window at Our Lady's has now been paid off, and it is with gratitude to many generous donors. Mass will be offered for your intentions. Fr Norbert."

**WOMEN'S INTERFAITH** Please see poster on noticeboard, details about this day will be in the next newsletter.

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### MASS TIMES

26 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	SS Joachim & Ann
	1.30pm	Holy Family	Funeral Mass (Pat Mullen R.I.P.)
27 Tuesday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
28 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
29 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Martha
30 Friday	9am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
31 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	St. Ignatius of Loyola

### 18th Sunday of the Year

<b>31 Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Our Lady's
<b>01 Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	St. Bonaventure
	<b>10am</b>	Holy Family
	<b>12noon</b>	Our Lady's
	<b>6pm</b>	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