

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Third Sunday of Easter 14th April (page 265)

On this Third Sunday of Easter we are taken right to the end of St. John's Gospel. The disciples encounter the Risen Lord in a variety of ways. As you listen or read the text, can you name some of them?

Firstly, the disciples go fishing. After the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, they return to their livelihood. Is this because they want to go back to old ways? Is this based on a fear that he has abandoned them? That's something to ponder! However, what is certain is their lack of success. The word of the person on the seashore to them - and their willingness to respond - results in a huge catch. The Beloved Disciple can with confidence say: 'It is the Lord!'

Secondly, Jesus cooks breakfast for his disciples. What a wonderful image! The Master makes sure his friends have nourishment, renewing and strengthening them. Surely this points us to what Jesus Christ does for us every time we come to him at Mass - in the Eucharist?

Thirdly, there is the exchange between Peter and Jesus initiated by the Lord's questioning about Peter's love and then Peter's insistence that he does in fact love Jesus. Peter is commissioned to take care of the sheep and lambs. There are resonances with Peter's three denials of knowing Jesus and here Peter is given the opportunity to receive forgiveness.

Finally, as the passage draws to a close, Jesus predicts the martyrdom of Peter. Peter will meet Jesus when he goes where he would rather not go and when he dies upside down on a cross for Jesus, his Friend, Lord and God.

As you begin another week, think about how Jesus our Risen Lord wants to meet you: at work, at meals, in success/failure, in forgiveness, in love, in suffering. Look out for him. Be open to him. Let him inspire you.

God bless you in who you are and in all you do for him. ***Fr. Norbert***

YEAR OF FAITH The San Damiano Cross of St. Francis will be with Ron and Mary Cade this week. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Wednesday 17th April at 2.30pm (97 Longcroft Lane, AL8 6EL). If any parishioners would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses, please let Fr. Norbert know.

PARISHES' ADVISORY COUNCIL will next meet on Tuesday 16th April at 7.45pm in Our Lady's sacristy. There have been some really good suggestions for the concluding of the Year of Faith; further discussion will take place.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS have their last session this Wednesday at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church. First Holy Communion dates are as follows: Our Lady's 12th May and 2nd June at 11.30am. Holy Family 19th May at 12noon. St. Bonaventure's 9th June at 10.30am. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION Please pray for our young people who will be confirmed on Friday 26th April at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church. The rehearsal will be on Friday 19th April at 7.45pm in Our Lady's.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY Morning Mass will be at Our Lady's at 9.30am followed by a cooked breakfast in the Hall to mark the feast! Everyone is welcome. Volunteers needed to help with serving - please contact Paul Brannan on 01707 882206.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE A coach has been booked for Saturday 18th May. There are forms at the back of each church for those who would like to go. The coach will leave from Our Lady's at 8am (meet at 7.45am) and return at about 7.30pm (leaving Walsingham at 5pm). Price for adults £10 and for children £5. Money can be given in to the parish office or whichever church you attend but please put it in an envelope clearly marked with Walsingham and your name.

RCIA GROUP will have an afternoon of celebration and reflection at the Focolare Centre on Sunday 28th April 1 - 5 pm.

CATHOLICISM COURSE As part of the Year of Faith, we will be having Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism Course starting on Monday 22nd April. The sessions will start at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church's Parish Room and finish at 9.15pm. There are 10 sessions and these will run every week until Monday 15th July except for 6th and 27th May (Bank Holidays) and 10th June (day before Fr. Norbert's Jubilee). Many parishes have already made use of this course and some of Fr. Norbert's priest friends have said it is one of the best things they have ever done in their parishes! Too good to miss?! Each evening will have a one-hour DVD followed by discussion and end with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a brilliant way of developing our faith in the company of fellow parishioners. If you cannot attend every week that does not matter. Each session is a unit in itself. On a practical note, Fr. Norbert needs some help with hospitality (tea/coffee and biscuits); please let him know if you can provide support.

FR. NORBERT'S 25TH Just to remind you that Fr. Norbert will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee on Tuesday 11th June at 12noon at St. Anthony's, Edgware (where he was ordained a priest) and in Welwyn Garden City on Saturday 15th June at 6pm at Our Lady's with a reception in the hall. If anyone would like to help him with the celebrations on the Saturday, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 8pm at Our Lady's.

CHILDREN'S MASS St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 21st April 10.30am.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY Next weekend the Church invites us to reflect on the call of Christ to each of us personally to follow him along a particular path. It is also a great opportunity to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Jeffrey will preach at all the Masses next weekend.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND Next weekend there will be a retiring collection to support the training of priests for our Diocese. At present there are 40 men in formation. All the money raised will be used to encourage more men to consider the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Please be as generous as you can. There are special envelopes at the back of the church for this purpose. Thank you.

CAKE AND BOOK SALE This Sunday 14th April at St. Bonaventure's after 10.30am Mass. In aid of The Institute of Cancer Research/Josephine Barcroft's Jordan Trek. Lovely children's and adult books. (There will be books for sale after 8am Mass).

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet again this Tuesday 16th April at 3.45pm in St. Bonaventure's hall. All welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN St. Bonaventure's group meet again on Saturday 20th when we learn about the Gift of Joy. Please try and get your folders up to date.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING SALE on Sunday 28th April at St Bonaventure's. In July Cameron Wilson will be going to Lourdes as a Redcap with Westminster Diocese. He will be part of a team from Nicholas Breakspear School. To help him fund this trip, a sale of cakes, books, toys and gifts as well as a raffle, will be held after the 10:30am mass on Sunday 28th April. Please come along and grab a bargain whilst supporting a worthwhile cause. Any donations of cakes on the day will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

AFRICAN MASS will take place on Sunday 7th July at 11.30am. There will be a first planning meeting on Friday 19th April in the sacristy of Our Lady at 7.45pm. All welcome.

INTER FAITH MATTERS You are invited to a public meeting: Living your Faith in Britain Today. Tuesday 23rd April 7.30pm, A154, Lindop Building, University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield. Free admission, free parking. Tickets available at:<http://livingyourfaith2013.eventbrite.co.uk/>

URGENT APPEAL for our Save the children house to house collection April 29th-May 5th Our local Save the children branch raised £5,375.00 last year from its house to house collection. Unfortunately, we are losing collectors. We need a couple of hours of your time in that week, collecting in your area. If you cannot make that week, but think you may be able to help with other collections (town collection, supermarket collection), please contact us. Any offers of help will be most gratefully received. Give Sylvie Nichols a ring on 01707 335358.

JEAN KNIGHT R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Jean Knight will be at 2pm on Friday 26th April in St. Bonaventure's. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

TOMMY MANSFIELD 400 CLUB DRAW: Winners for March are 1st £100 O. Merry No.120, 2nd £50 F. McKenzie No. 021, 3rd £25 N. McLean No.048. Thank you to all members for their continuing support.

EXPERIENCED HAIRDRESSER Hairdressing for all in your own home. Any time. My prices won't be beaten. Contact Tracy 07581212941

FAIRTRADE St Bonaventure's now has a Fairtrade certificate which means we have certificates for our 3 churches. Certificates are granted, by the Fairtrade Foundation, to organisations which meet certain criteria, one of which is using Fairtrade tea and coffee and, obviously we need to continue to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee at all parish events. Receipt of the certificate takes the diocese closer to Fairtrade status as we are closer to the "magic" figure of 50% of parishes that are Fairtrade churches and, to celebrate this fact, the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission is holding a **Fairtrade Tea Party** on Saturday 18th May, in the Hinsley Room (at Westminster Cathedral), from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Please contact **John Fogarty** (327771, e-mail john.fogarty@ntlworld.com) if you would like to attend.

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CONFESSIONS	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30 - 11am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

MASS TIMES

15 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Easter feria
16 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
17 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Easter feria
18 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Easter feria
19 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Alphege
	7pm	Our Lady's	
20 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria <i>Lord, Let me see your face,</i>
		Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>Know your heart and</i>
20 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	<i>experience your love in my life.</i>
21 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure	<i>Strengthen in me</i>
	9.30am	Holy Family	<i>the precious gift of faith.</i>
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure	<i>I believe Lord;</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady's	<i>Help my unbelief. Amen.</i>
	6pm	Holy Family	

CHAPLAINS TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplains:
 Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle, on 07884187463