

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes Assistant Priest: Fr. Michael Mannion
Deacon: Rev. Jeffrey Downie Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard

Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April (page 271)

‘Love one another’ are Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel reading from the Last Supper in St. John. Jesus then makes more explicit what he means: we are to love one another as he has loved us. What is your experience of his love? What do you think he asking of you?

1. Jesus reveals to us a love which has its source in the Godhead, coming from the Father. Throughout St. John’s Gospel he talks and acts in ways which show he really believes that God the Father is working through him. It is especially on the night before he dies when his disciples gather with him at table that he talks in a variety of ways about this love.

2. The Cross radiates love which is all-embracing. There is no one who is excluded from this love; though, of course, a person might turn his or her back on this love. The love is sacrificial, experiencing death but triumphant in the Resurrection. Forgiving love issues abundantly from the Cross just like the blood and water gushing from the wound opened up in his side when the centurion’s lance pierces him.

3. Jesus’ love can be seen when WE love! Are you ready to let the Lord’s love break into our world through you? Do you truly believe in this love? Is your loving restricted to a few chosen ones or does your generosity find its way beyond expected boundaries? What does this love cost you in terms of sacrifice, forgiveness and rejection by others?

Today as we celebrate the Eucharist, we see, taste, experience and are shaped by the love of Jesus Christ. Let us allow this love to affect the way we live!

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

YEAR OF FAITH The San Damiano Cross of St. Francis will be with the Marmolejo-Wall family this week. They invite parishioners to join them in prayer on Wednesday 1st May at 3.45pm (61 Woodhall Lane, AL7 3TG) If any parishioners would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses, please let Fr. Norbert know.

CONFIRMATION Our thanks to all who helped with the celebration last Friday, especially to the catechists. Congratulations to the 40 newly confirmed young people now full members of the Church!

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.

CATHOLICISM COURSE As part of the Year of Faith, we are using Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism Course every Monday evening starting at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church's Parish Room and finishing at 9.15pm. This week we will explore the Teachings of Jesus especially through the Beatitudes, the parable of the Prodigal Son and Matthew 25. Each evening will start with a cup of tea/coffee and end with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Last week 30 people came. There is room for more! You would be most welcome.

FR. NORBERT'S 25TH If anyone would like to help with the celebrations on Saturday 15th June, there will be a meeting this Tuesday 30th April at 7.45pm at Our Lady's.

CAFOD STALL On May 4th and 5th at the Masses at Our Lady's, the Justice & Peace group will be running a CAFOD stall, with various items of (CAFOD) merchandise for sale. Also, they will have Campaign cards (for the Enough Food If campaign) for parishioners to sign prior to the rally on June 8th (in Hyde Park), and the G8 summit in June.

FULHAM VISIT on Saturday 11th May. There will be a sandwich lunch at Holy Family at 12.30pm followed by a short talk with slides about the Garden City itself and our three parishes. The Fulham coach will probably then go to Welwyn and on to the Red Lion from which there will be a walk along the old railway line to the town centre. Tea will be served at St. Bonaventure's at 4pm with an opportunity to see the church. Finally, there will be a Special Needs Mass at 6pm at Our Lady's with a reception in the hall ending at 9pm. Obviously, parishioners are welcome at every stage to meet the visitors and share in the various activities.

* There are lists of food at the back of each Church. Parishioners are asked to put their names on the list next to the item they are able to contribute. If you can help in any other way e.g preparing the Churches and setting up to serve drinks etc. let Fr. Norbert know.

OUR LADY'S The monthly cleaning of the church and maintenance of the grounds will take place next Saturday (4th May) for ONE hour only followed by refreshments. Please do come and help with caring for our church and grounds.

OUR LADY'S MINISTERS' ROTA The new rota for Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers from May to July is now available at the back of the church. A copy can also be found on the parish website.

DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am. Our hope is to hire a coach for those who would find public transport difficult. More details will follow. It is also very important for us to pray for him! In this respect we will have a Holy Hour in each of our churches before Jeffrey goes on retreat in preparation for the Ordination. On Tuesday 18th June, the Holy Hours will be at St. Bonaventure's at 10am and at Our Lady's at 8pm; on Wednesday 19th June at Holy Family at 10am.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING SALE 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 this Sunday 28th April. Please come along and grab a bargain whilst supporting a worthwhile cause.

FRENCH SEMINARIAN Another seminarian from St. Denis in Paris will be coming to share in the life of our parishes. His name is Rémy Pignal, he will be here 3rd - 19th May.

CHARITY CAR PARK Holy Family School Association will be manning the Car Park, Oaklands College, the Campus on Saturday 4th May from 9am - 6pm. £1 a visit. Offers of help gratefully received (2 people per hour). Contact Sarah on 01707 327238.

NEPALESE APPEAL This month a letter has been sent on behalf of YADAV PRASAD BASTOLA an Executive Director of Human Rights Alliance, who was severely beaten with iron rods by Maoist terrorists. He had been trying to bring them to justice for crimes committed against his community. Please pray for YADAV and his torturers - Christ died for all.

FAIRTRADE TEA PARTY on May 18th (at 2.30pm), at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to **bake a cake**, please let John Fogarty know, letting him know what ingredients are Fairtrade. John is happy to take the cakes along, phone 01707 327771.

FLOWER TRIP Connor (Tuesday Flower Arranging Class) is organising a trip to BBC Gardeners World in Birmingham on 15th June 2013. Times tbc. Price £47.00 each including minibus transport. If interested or would like to attend one of the flower arranging sessions please contact 07791226819 by 1st May 2013. Thank you.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY Panshanger Church thanks the Catholic community of WGC for supporting the Debt Advice Centre which was founded in January. They are presently offering money coaching sessions to help local people budget, save and spend. The coaching sessions help people to manage their money better and is suitable for everyone, whether to change habits or just have a spring clean of their finances. The CAP money team are willing to run courses for 5 or more people, at times to suit any group. Contact: phone 01707 394234 or e-mail cap@panshangerchurch.com

FOOD BANK at New Zion Christian Fellowship (Cole Green Lane) continues to express gratitude to the Catholic community for the very generous donations to the Food Bank which are taken to the church every week for distribution on a Wednesday morning 9 - 11 o'clock. Baskets for this purpose are at the back of each of our churches.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY Thanks to all who helped with the breakfast after last Tuesday's Mass ... delicious!

MUSIC DAY Songs to Sing in the Darkness & Music to Light up our Lives - an NNPM/RSCM music day at Our Lady's on Saturday 4th May 10am - 4pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Our Lady's 12th May at 11.30am, 2nd June at 11.30am. Holy Family 19th May at 12noon. St. Bonaventure's 9th June at 10.30am.

OUR LADY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE Saturday 18th May 11.30am – 3.30pm. Lots of fun activities for the all family including a Raffle, Tombola, barbecue, children's games, face painting and much much more! Admission £1 adults, children go free!

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

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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

29 Monday 9.30am Our Lady's St. Catherine of Sienna

30 Tuesday 9.30am St. Bonaventure Easter feria
7pm Our Lady's

01 Wednesday 9.30am Holy Family St. Joseph the Worker

02 Thursday 9.30am Holy Family St. Athanasius

03 Friday 9.30am St. Bonaventure SS Philip and James
7pm Our Lady's

04 Saturday 10am St. Bonaventure The English Martyrs
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

04 Saturday 6pm Our Lady's

05 Sunday 8am St. Bonaventure

9.30am Holy Family

10.30am St. Bonaventure

11.30am Our Lady's

6pm Holy Family

*Lord, Let me see your face,
Know your heart and
experience your love in my life.
Strengthen in me
the precious gift of faith.
I believe Lord;
Help my unbelief. Amen.*

<p>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</p>
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