

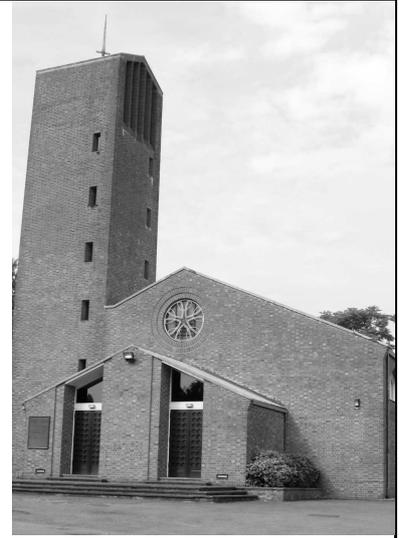
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May 2014 (page 262)

Today is Vocations Sunday. Here are some words of Pope Francis which provide us with much to reflect on and pray about:

Vocations are born in prayer Behind every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life, there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a parent, a grandparent or a community. Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

Faith makes us aware of our vocation to love Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love. It assures us that this love is trustworthy and worth embracing, for it is based on God's faithfulness which is stronger than our every weakness.

To respond to your vocation is to move towards personal fulfilment God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move towards personal fulfilment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us.

Jesus offers us something bigger than the World Cup! Jesus asks us to follow him for life, he asks us to be his disciples, to 'play for his team'. Jesus offers us the possibility of a fruitful life, a life of happiness; he also offers us a future with him, an endless future, in eternal life...But he asks us to pay admission, and the cost of admission is that we train ourselves 'to get in shape' so that we can face every situation in life undaunted, bearing witness to our faith by talking with him in prayer.

A contagious joy Joy is born from the gratuitousness of an encounter! It is hearing someone say, but not necessarily with words: 'You are important to me'. Do not be afraid to show the joy of having answered the Lord's call, of having responded to his choice of love and bearing witness to his Gospel in service to the Church. And joy, true joy, is contagious; it is infectious...it impels one forward.

How to recognise and follow the call to priesthood or religious life Praying and walking in the Church - These two go together, they are intertwined. A powerful experience of God is always at the origin of every vocation to consecrated life, an unforgettable experience that you remember for the rest of your life! Having this familiar relationship with the Lord is like keeping the window of our lives open so that he can make us hear his voice and hear what he wants us to do.

May God bless us in our response to his calling. May God bless us with many vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life! ***Fr. Norbert***

GRETTA MULROY RIP Gretta's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Tuesday 13th May at 9.30am. Gretta's body will be received into the church on Monday at 5.30pm.

TERESA MITCHELL RIP Teresa's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 20th May at 1pm.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families and friends of the above.

GROWING IN FAITH Copies of the Cardinal's Letter read last week are available at the back of our churches. In the coming weeks Fr. Norbert has been asked to contact parishioners and meet with them to explain the Cardinal's vision for the Diocese. Please add your prayerful support. Thank you.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND (formerly WEEF) There will not be a retiring collection for this Fund this weekend as we are involved in the Growing in Faith campaign. If you have an envelope in your planned giving box of envelopes, there is no need to use it.

CENSUS If you missed filling in a census form, please would you do so today. There are forms at the back of each church.

SUMMER MINIBUS OUTINGS for anybody with limited mobility will recommence this TUESDAY 13TH MAY with an afternoon visit to Hatfield House with free entry to The Stable Yard shops and restaurant (other areas require an entrance fee). Hire of the minibus is provided by the parish. Please phone Kay on 01707 335633 to book a seat. Although organised from St. Bonaventure's this is for members of our three churches.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on the Vigil of Pentecost - Saturday 7th June at 6pm at Our Lady's. All welcome.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Saturday 14th June at 12noon in Our Lady's organised by the SVP for our three parishes.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING This July, Cameron Wilson will, again, 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 fundraising sale, along with a 'Grand' raffle and auction will take place at St Bonaventure's on 18th May after the 10.30am Mass. There will also be a chance to buy raffle tickets and bid in the auction following the 8am Mass. Please come along and support a worthwhile cause.

THANK YOU Anne Davidson would like to thank parishioners for the prayers, cards and Mass intentions she received following the death of Brian R.I.P. Your thoughts are greatly appreciated.

AFRICAN MASS The next planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 18th May after 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's church. African parishioners from all the three Catholic churches are requested to attend this all important meeting at Our Lady's church.

CAKE SALE Aku and Charlotte offer their heartfelt thanks to all those who supported their last Sunday's cake sale for children with cancer, the total amount raised was £108.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN We meet again on Saturday when we learn about God's Greatest Gift to us. Parents should come for a short meeting at 11.15am.

SEMINARIANS We have been asked by the Seminary to take a student priest next year on an Extended Pastoral Placement (EPP). Usually in their third year the seminarians have an experience of life in the parish and so we will be entrusted with Samuel Ejeregbe who is studying for Westminster Diocese. David Krupa from the diocese of St. Denis in Paris has asked to come back for a week in July; he will bring with him a student for the Diocese of Nanterres called Cédric de la Serre. Finally a Chinese seminarian called Peter Wei will come for six weeks in June-July to learn English and share in the life of our parishes. We look forward to welcoming each one to Welwyn Garden City.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD CAKE TABLE This Sunday after 9.30am Mass.

There will be a CAFOD meeting this Tuesday at 7.30pm in Holy Family parish room. All welcome.

OCTOBER TRIP to Rheims. Leaflets and booking forms at the back of our churches.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES There are still some unclaimed sets of Offertory envelopes at the back of our churches. Please see if yours is still there.

OUR LADY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE will be on Saturday 17th May 11.30am - 3.30pm Lots of fun to be had and stalls include Tombola, Plants, Cakes and a Barbi. A fantastic raffle with £150 cash as the 1st prize! If you are interested in taking a stall at the fete, the fee is £20 please email: lorina.felicien@ntlworld.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES At Holy Family Church on Sunday 18th May at 12noon, at Our Lady's at 11.30am on Sundays 1st June and 8th June, and at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 15th June at 10.30am.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM Next meeting to reflect on Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium) on Friday 16th May in the Chapel adjacent to Our Lady's Hall at 7:45pm, for an hour. Pat Whitney from Focolare will be the group facilitator. For further information please ring Kay Mason on 01707 335633 or Desi Russell on 01707 371399

DOG WALKING Can you help an elderly parishioner by walking her dog? Contact Nora on 321432.

RCIA The group will have an afternoon of reflection, celebration and thanksgiving at the Focolare Centre today (11th) starting at 1.30pm.

CONFIRMATION Congratulations to the 33 young people confirmed on Friday. We are very proud of you. God bless you now and always. Our thanks to parents, sponsors and catechists for their great support.

MAY DEVOTIONS to Our Lady. Thanks to all who helped with arranging things for last Monday. The fine weather allowed for a perfect celebration outdoors in the Peace Garden with the crowning of Our Lady's statue.

CWL Next meeting of CWL is on Tuesday 13th May in Our Lady's hall.

The Westminster Branch of CWL will hold their Annual General Meeting on 17th May at Our Lady's. There will be Mass at 11am followed by the meeting.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH Thank you to all who came to clean our church and maintain the grounds on Saturday morning. Your efforts are much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet on Tuesday in St. Bonaventure's at 3.45pm. All welcome. **CHILDREN'S MASS** Next Sunday 10.30am.

NEED A CLEANER? Then phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980887231.

DO YOU NEED A Hairdresser/Decorator /Handy man or a Cleaner? As a family concern, we offer competitive rates which won't be beaten. Tracey (**MOBILE HAIRDRESSER**) 07581212941. Jamie (**DECORATOR/HANDYMAN**) 07572527731. Jackie (**CLEANER**) 07938917631

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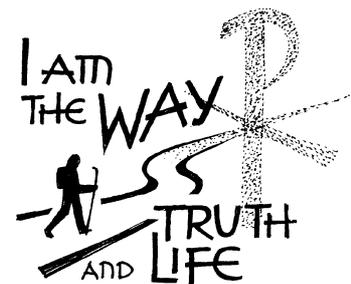
CONFESSIONS	Holy Family: Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure: Saturday 10.30am - 11am
	Our Lady's: Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

MASS TIMES

12 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Easter feria
13 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Our Lady of Fatima
	7pm	Our Lady's	
14 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	St. Matthias
15 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Easter feria
16 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
17 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	11am	Our Lady's	Catholic Womens' League

Fifth Sunday of Easter

17 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
18 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Our Lady's
	6pm	Holy Family



CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463