

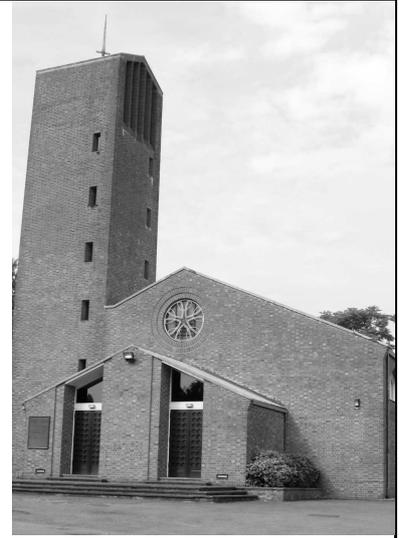
# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

*Parish Priest: Fr. Norbert Fernandes  
Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May 2014 (page 265)*

## **STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS**

‘Fr. Vincent Malone, this week, met with Cardinal Nichols and sought from him permission to step down from the role and ministry of a priest permanently and with immediate effect. Having been assured that this was a personal matter which Fr. Vincent Malone had considered carefully for many months now, the Cardinal agreed that he could do so.

This means that Fr. Vincent is no longer serving in the parishes of Welwyn Garden City.

The Cardinal asks that you keep Vincent Malone very much in your prayers and he assures you all of his prayers and concern at this moment of a difficult change.’

**FROM FR. VINCENT MALONE:**

‘For various reasons I have this week tendered my resignation from the priesthood which has been accepted by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. I have not taken this decision lightly and it has been taken after many months of discernment. It is with the greatest sadness that I leave the priesthood. I am very sorry for any hurt or sadness that this will cause anyone and also for any time in the past when I have failed to be a true pastor to any of you. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the great support you have given me during my time in Welwyn Garden City and I ask for your prayers as I begin a new stage in my life.

May God bless you all. Vincent Malone.’

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**POPE FRANCIS** Cardinal Vincent Nichols asks us to pray with and for Pope Francis next Sunday (25th) when he will be meeting with Christian communities in Bethlehem.

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

**PATRICIA MAGUIRE RIP** Patricia’s Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 27th May at 2pm at St. Bonaventure’s.

**ROB HARMER RIP** Rob’s Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 29th Mass at 10.45am at Our Lady’s.

*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 recently 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.

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

**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. If you need a lift or if you can offer lifts please phone Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. Please note that the Mass of anointing is for all those in need of any form of healing, so all parishioners are very welcome.

**LOURDES FUNDRAISING** Today after 8am and 10.30am at St. Bonaventure’s.

**AFRICAN MASS** The next planning meeting is scheduled for this 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.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES** We wish Fr. Norbert a very happy 50th Birthday this Monday. May he be assured of our love and prayers.

**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.

**DEREK HYETT** who was with us as a seminarian will be ordained a priest at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28th June at 10.30am. Parishioners are most welcome at the Mass and will need to make their own way there by car or public transport. He has been appointed to serve in the parishes of Hemel Hempstead.

**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.

**LOST PROPERTY** There are a number of items at the back of St. Bonaventure's (on window ledge by the Confessional). Please look to see if any pieces are yours. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** 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 23rd 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

**CAFOD visitors from Ethiopia** – Tuesday 3rd June. CAFOD is delighted to welcome visitors from Ethiopia to share their experiences of our work in the country. Our visitors will share stories from a place called Sebeya, which is CAFOD's Connect2 community in the country. The meeting will take place on the evening of Tuesday 3rd June in the Pavilion of Romero House in Lambeth. Please contact CAFOD Westminster for further information or to book a place. For further information about Connect 2 visit: [cadfod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-findraising/Connect2-sign-up/Meet-the-communities](http://cadfod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-findraising/Connect2-sign-up/Meet-the-communities).

**THANK YOU** Liz Davin would like to thank all parishioners and friends for the prayers, cards and Mass intentions she received following the death of her husband Ron. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH** A film (and discussion): 'Beyond Forgiving', a South African's story of reconciliation and forgiveness at the Jim Macdonald Centre, Hatfield on Monday 9th June at 7.30pm.

**SVP** The SVP has a client with a young daughter in need of clothes. If you have any dresses that would fit a 12-18th month old girl please phone Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. Thank you.

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

**MOTHER AND TODDLER** This very friendly little group meets every Wednesday 10am - 11.30am in the hall at St. Bonaventure's. Come along with your little ones, you are very welcome.

**CHARITY BOX** The Charity being supported through the Charity Box at St. Bonaventure's from now until the end of July is the Isabel Hospice.

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**OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**  
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| <b>CONFESSIONS</b> | Holy Family:     | Thursday 10am - 10.30am |
|                    | St. Bonaventure: | Saturday 10.30am - 11am |
|                    | Our Lady's:      | Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm   |

**MASS TIMES**

|              |        |                 |                                     |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 19 Monday    | 9.30am | Our Lady's      | Easter feria                        |
| 20 Tuesday   | 9.30am | St. Bonaventure | Easter feria                        |
|              | 1pm    | St. Bonaventure | Funeral Mass Teresa Mitchell R.I.P. |
|              | 7pm    | Our Lady's      |                                     |
| 21 Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Family     | Easter feria                        |
| 22 Thursday  | 9.30am | Holy Family     | Easter feria                        |
| 23 Friday    | 9.30am | St. Bonaventure | Easter feria                        |
|              | 7pm    | Our Lady's      |                                     |
| 24 Saturday  | 10am   | St. Bonaventure | Easter feria                        |

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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| <b>24 Saturday</b> | <b>6pm</b>     | <b>Our Lady's</b>      |
| <b>25 Sunday</b>   | <b>8am</b>     | <b>St. Bonaventure</b> |
|                    | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Holy Family</b>     |
|                    | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>St. Bonaventure</b> |
|                    | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Our Lady's</b>      |
|                    | <b>6pm</b>     | <b>Holy Family</b>     |



**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