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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2nd SUNDAY EASTER 27th APRIL

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Perplexed, frightened and faces bowed down to the ground are the descriptions St. Luke uses of the women who found the Empty Tomb and encounter two men in dazzling clothes who say ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead?’ This is the scene at the Easter Vigil. On Easter Day, St. John gives us the response of ‘the other disciple’ who raced with Peter to the Tomb - ‘he saw and believed’. On the Second Sunday of Easter, St. John takes us from Easter Day to the Eighth Day. Thomas who refuses to believe becomes the voice of faith as he proclaims: ‘My Lord and my God!’ A variety of responses but in the end Easter has a huge effect on these disciples. Their legacy is our presence here today! ‘He is Risen!’ is our cry today and especially for the next Fifty Days!! So, we have made it through Lent and have journeyed through the intensity of the Sacred Triduum. Now, our joy and responsibility is to keep discovering the presence of the Risen Lord in the Eucharist and in our daily activities. Those friends of Jesus *listened, saw, touched* and *experienced* Christ, God’s Son, who really died and was buried. The Resurrection is about newness of life and a fresh start though there is also continuity. Just think about the life of Nature with the beauty of the spring flowers, the emergence of buds and blossom, the onset of the warmth of summer. This is God’s Creation. *We* too are created in God’s image and likeness; God’s desire is for us to share in the eternity of heaven - *Paradise!* On our own, it is a struggle. But thanks be to God for his Son Jesus Christ whose Sacrifice is our *key* to Resurrection, whose Love is the *Revelation* of the Father and whose Spirit *fires us up* in faith, hope and charity!

May this Season of Easter be a time of blessing for you and your loved ones. Remember that future generations will look to, and learn from, our enthusiasm for faith and our readiness to model ourselves on Christ! With much love and many prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

EASTER THANKS *What a blessed experience we have had this week! We are really grateful to everyone who has worked so hard in the Liturgy of our three churches as well as behind the scenes. Hours and hours of loving service has enriched our Easter. The presence of so many gathered in prayer has been a great testimony to God's Spirit being at work in our midst. Congratulations to our new members! Fr. Norbert and Fr. Marco want to thank you for your good wishes, cards and gifts at Easter.*

EASTER WATER There is a tradition of taking the Easter Baptismal Holy Water home. This is available in the Baptismal Fonts of our three churches. *Bring your own container!*

BAPTISMS Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. Marco to arrange the Baptism of your child.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES on Sundays: 11th May at 10.30am Holy Family, 18th May at 12 noon Our Lady's, 25th May at 9am St. Bonaventure's and 15th June at 12 noon Our Lady's.

RCIA Celebratory gathering in Our Lady's Sacristy at 7.30pm on Mon. 2nd June 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION Group has a few more sessions. The Confirmation Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 13th June at 7.30pm.

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. Items received from 8am on a Wednesday at 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. Email foodbank@newzioncf.net if you wish to donate money. Please use the Food Bank Baskets at the back of our churches if you wish to give items: tins, pasta, rice & toiletries.

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Drivers are needed. Health & Safety training and Safeguarding requirements will be arranged. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham on 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

LISTER HOSPITAL Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (and ask for duty chaplain), emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net

MEDJUGORJE Fr. Norbert will lead a group to this Shrine of Our Lady in Croatia from Tuesday 21st - Tuesday 28th October 2025. <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1035/>

CHURCH CLEANING Our Lady's Saturday 3rd May at 10am and the maintenance of the grounds. *Come and lend a hand if you are free.*

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL is 60 this year! There will be Mass at the school on Thurs-day 26th June at 9.15am for 9.30am. Please let all associated with the school - past and present - know! RSVP: admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk by 1st May

LENTEN LUNCHESES The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who attended their Lenten Lunches. £630 was raised for their charities (SVP, HCPT, Mass books). With raffle and crocheted goods, £140 was raised for Marie Curie. *Well done!*

ONE JOURNEY MANY PATHS. Friday 25th April 7.30-9pm at Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG. (Parking The Cloisters AL8 6DU.) Speakers will share their enthusiasm for interfaith dialogue: Valerie Skottowe, Pat Whitney and John Dal Din. *All welcome!*

QUAKERS On 8th May at 7.30pm in the Focolare Centre a presentation by Chris Kell, chair of North Herts Interfaith on Quakerism.

BIG SUMMIT on Saturday 26th April at St. Joseph's, Bedwell Stevenage 12 - 7pm. Any young people who would like to attend this gathering in honour of the canonisation of Carlo Acutis, should contact Fr. Marco on marcosalvagnini@rcdow.org.uk

LOOKING AHEAD

Special Needs Mass on Saturday 17th May at 6pm.

Filipino Mass Saturday 14th June at 6pm

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Saturday 28th June at 12 noon at Focolare Centre.

African Mass Sun. 29th June at 12 noon

Polish-English Mass Sat. 27th Sept. at 6pm.

AFRICAN COMMUNITY MEETING Sunday 27th April after Our Lady's 12 noon Mass. Come and help with the preparations for 29th June!

JUBILEE YEAR

Pilgrims of Hope Our Lady's WGC has been designated as the Jubilee Church for Hertfordshire. This means that by receiving Holy Communion, going to Confession, saying the Creed and praying for the Pope's Intention, you can receive a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or for someone who has died - helping you or the deceased towards eternity. In addition to Mass and devotions, works of charity or mercy are possible elements. On **Sunday 6th July**, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions at 3pm. The Cardinal will offer catechesis at 4pm. He will celebrate Mass at 5pm.

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE in Old Hall Green (near Ware). The Cardinal will celebrate Mass there on Saturday 12th July at 12 noon. Then picnic lunch and at 2.30pm a Blessed Sacrament Procession concluding with Benediction.

MAY PROCESSION Monday 5th May (Bank Holiday) after Our Lady's 10am Mass. Procession at 10.45am, Crowning of Mary at 11am. Lunch in Trinity Hall at 11.30am. Primary School children are invited to lead the Procession and bring a flower for Our Lady. More information from Lucia 07933436387

CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Hour + Benediction on Sunday 22nd June at 3pm followed by refreshments and a film about Carlo Acutis. *Carlo was a British-born Italian teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist. He died of leukaemia at the age of 15 in 2006. He will be canonised in Rome on Sunday 27th April. His story is an amazing account of a youngster wanting to know more about the Faith into which he was baptised. He and his family came back to a living experience of Catholic faith.*

MASS & ROSARY PROCESSION Saturday 4th October at 10am.

MASS INTENTIONS

19th

9pm Our Lady **VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

20th *EASTER SUNDAY*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Liz Davin RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Cheryl + Graham Williams' Intentions
12 noon	Our Lady	For the People

NO EVENING MASS

21st *EASTER MONDAY*

10am	Our Lady	Liz Davin RIP
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22nd *EASTER TUESDAY*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Elizabeth Davin RIP
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23rd *EASTER WEDNESDAY*

9.30am	Holy Family	Michael Kinsella RIP Anniv
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24th *EASTER THURSDAY*

10am	Holy Family	John Marks RIP
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25th *EASTER FRIDAY*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Erich, Gertrud + Ursula Mage RIP
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26th EASTER SATURDAY

10am	St. Bonaventure	For the Chaplaincy Team at Lister Hospital
6pm	Our Lady	Mary Moran RIP Anniv <i>Fr. Eugene Curran (PP in Mill Hill)</i>

27th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY

9am	St. Bonaventure	Josie Bell RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Patrick Creamer RIP (30th Anniv)
12 noon	Our Lady	Bridie Mullahy RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Mick McGeehan RIP Anniv

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE at Holy Family Church Sunday 27th April

2pm	Welcome and Rosary <i>Fr. William Johnstone</i>	
2.45pm	Hour of Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
3 - 3.45pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions	
3.50pm	Benediction	
4pm	Veneration of Divine Mercy Image	

28th Monday ST. GEORGE

9.30am	Our Lady	Thomas Connolly RIP
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29th Tuesday ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	David Metcalfe RIP (3rd Anniv)
7pm	Our Lady	Divey Family (deceased members)

30th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	In thanksgiving to St. Jude
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1st May Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	In thanksgiving to St. Jude
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2nd Friday St. Athanasius

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	Kevin Hayes (sick)
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Margaret Grundy RIP
1.30pm	Our Lady	Funeral for Andrew Scally
7pm	Our Lady	Deceased members of Carlin Family

3rd Saturday ST. PHILIP + ST. JAMES

10am	St. Bonaventure	Dee Wilkinson RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Rosaline + John Dicks' Intentions

CONFESSIONS Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

CHAPEL open from Monday 28th April 8.30am - 4pm (Monday to Friday).

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches)