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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

3rd SUNDAY EASTER 4th MAY 4th SUNDAY EASTER 11th MAY

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What a start to Easter! We had the delight of 27 for the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil as well as the attendance of the Member of Parliament and the Mayor. Over the Easter weekend throngs of people came to our churches to share in the joyful proclamation of the Lord's Resurrection. Then a moment to step back and take stock? NO! God called Pope Francis to him and our lives have been turned upside down. I had intended to attend the canonisation of Carlo Acutis in Rome. Instead I found myself at the heart of a Papal Funeral and had the privilege of concelebrating at the Requiem Mass. What a powerful and unique experience! I still had the opportunity to meet friends based in Rome and catch up with family out there for Easter. But now as the days of mourning draw to a close, we pray hard for the Spirit's guidance in the choice of Peter's Successor. We trust in God. We have hope for the future. The changing world is in need of a Pastor who is a loving sign of Christ, who understands us and is ready with compassion to walk with us. When I write the next newsletter piece, will there have been white smoke in the Vatican? What will be the name of the new pope? What changes might there be? The Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter highlights the fruitfulness which comes from listening to the Lord's voice especially when all seems to go wrong. On the Fourth Sun-day, we are reminded of our being the Lord's flock - he knows us and we recognise his voice. Eternal life is our destination. May the wonder and beauty of Easter continue to shine in your homes and in your hearts. May our churches never stop the song of thanksgiving at Christ's Resurrection. May the world experience through us and many others the Gospel which brings life and love - now and for eternity. God bless you. With my love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

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 including a retreat at the Friars Aylesford on Saturday 17th May. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan 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

HENRI KEMHADJIAN RIP The Funeral Mass for Henri (Erica Evans' father) will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 21st May at 12 noon.

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 St. Bonaventure Tuesday 6th May after 9.30am Mass. Holy Family Wednesday 14th May after 9.30 Mass and tea/coffee. Come and lend a hand if you are free. Thank you to all who helped yesterday (Saturday 3rd) at Our Lady's.

QUAKERISM 8th May at 7.30pm in the Focolare Centre a presentation by Chris Kell.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS at Our Lady's on Saturday 17th May at 6pm, followed by a Get-together in the Trinity Hall with an Easter quiz and bingo. Please bring food to share. This is always such a wonderful evening. Come and share in faith and fun!

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

FOCOLARE OPEN AFTERNOON Families Get Together - Sun.18th May: 2.30 to 4.30pm, preceded by bring and shared lunch at 1pm. Open to children of all ages who will play, sing and share experiences of how they have tried to create a more united world. Supervised by adults with safeguarding training. Adults will have time together. Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG. Parking via The Cloisters AL8 6DU.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place as a retiring collection. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

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 after Our Lady's 10am Mass. Procession at 10.45am, Crowning of Mary at 11am. Lunch in Trinity Hall at noon. Children are invited to lead the Procession and bring a flower for Our Lady. It would be great to have many altar servers too! Everyone welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Hour + Benediction on Sunday 22nd June at 3pm followed by refreshments and a film about Carlo Acutis.

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

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 6th May at 5.30pm to pray for the Cardinals gathered in Rome. All are welcome to attend!

MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Saturday *ST. PHILIP + ST. JAMES*

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

4th *THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Jerry Kelly RIP (5th Anniv)
10.30am	Holy Family	Liz Davin RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Con Gilhooly RIP Birthday
6pm	Holy Family	Colin Fennessey RIP

5th Monday

10am	Our Lady	Liz Davin RIP
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6th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Liz Davin RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Ewan Chapman RIP (1st Anniv)

7th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Teresa Metcalfe RIP
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8th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Peter Wilson RIP
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9th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Special Intention (CW)
7pm	Our Lady	Stephen Collett RIP

10th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Danny Kennoy RIP Anniv + William Staples RIP Anniv
6pm	Our Lady	Paudie Grumley RIP

11th *FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Dee Wilkinson RIP (6 months)
10.30am	Holy Family	Hannah Sophia Howes RIP (20th Anniv)
12 noon	Our Lady	Liz Davin RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Giovanni Costa's Intention (Good health)

12th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	John Almeyda RIP (5th Anniv)
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13th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Anna Henn RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Denis Sheridan RIP

14th Wednesday *ST. MATTHIAS*

9.30am	Holy Family	Maureen Evans RIP
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15th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Clare Cooper RIP
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16th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Private Intention (JA)
7pm	Our Lady	Nirmala + Roy Kochuparampil (40th Wedding Anniv)

17th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Eileen Harrington RIP Birthday
6pm	Our Lady	Artur Montenegro RIP (1st Anniv)

18th *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Guillermo Muceros RIP Anniv +AnnaLiza Sabalvaro RIP Anniv
10.30am	Holy Family	Special Intention (CW)
12 noon	Our Lady	Reginald John Morrison RIP (1st Anniv)
6pm	Holy Family	Prima Nevard RIP

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation* Holy Family Thursday 10 - 10.30am
 St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL 8.30am - 4pm (Monday to Friday).

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass at St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel

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