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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY EASTER 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY EASTER 25<sup>th</sup> MAY**

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**TRINITY HALL** Bookings + enquiries can be made through [www.wgc-catholics.org.uk](http://www.wgc-catholics.org.uk) which has terms and conditions of hire, as well as a live diary. General enquiries please call 01707 537464

*So, the white smoke came and a new face emerged on the balcony of St. Peter's - POPE LEO XIV! It all happened so quickly and led to a flurry of activity in Rome as people rushed to St. Peter's and we, around the world, had our eyes fixed on the doors through which St. Peter's Successor would walk. I was pleasantly surprised and took delight in his humanity, the radiant smile and the straightforwardness of his approach. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, described the calm which enfolded Cardinal Prevost as he was asked if he would accept and the name which he would take. So many have talked about the Conclave, the new Pope and hope for the world. Everyone seems to have been caught up in the faith and frenzy (!) of the election of a Pope! In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas strengthen and encourage the disciples. They use the image of a door of faith being opened - what a wonderful way of thinking about our belief in God - an aperture leading somewhere and to someone! In the passage from the Book of Revelation, we are told a 'new heaven and a new earth' are seen. Christ's Death and Resurrection have transformed Creation - humanity, heaven and earth. Do you feel this? Can you see it? 'Love one another as I have loved you' are Jesus' words to his disciples at the Last Supper. Compassionate, sacrificial love is at the heart of the Lord's command. He revealed this on the Cross and the power of his total giving continues to inspire and inform our lives as we model ourselves on him and celebrate the Eucharist. As Pope Leo's pontificate is inaugurated, let us pray for him, for the Church and for the world which God loves so much. May our lives be blessed by his leadership and his voice articulating the Good News for the whole of Creation.*

With 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: 18th May at 12 noon Our Lady's, 25th May at 9am St. Bonaventure's and 15th June at 12 noon Our Lady's. Thank you to all who helped with last Sunday's Mass at Holy Family. Congratulations to the children!

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

**CONFIRMATION** Group is on 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. *Please keep the young people in your prayers.*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**ROME PILGRIMS** Don't forget the reunion on Saturday 31st May - a chance to remember, give thanks and catch up with one another!

**MEDJUGORJE** Fr. Norbert will lead a group to this Shrine of Our Lady in Croatia from Tuesday 21st - Tuesday 28th October 2025. There are 41 people signed up and room for more! Book using: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1035/>

**MISSIO RED BOXES** In 2024, Welwyn Garden City parishioners raised **£2007.82** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here in Welwyn Garden City is part of a worldwide net-work of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance improving the lives of whole communities.

**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. *All are welcome!*

**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.

**MAY PROCESSION** Our thanks to all who made 5th May so beautiful and wonderful in honour of Our Lady. It was great to have so many involved! Thank you!

**SVP** A disabled SVP client needs to employ a Personal Assistant for help with domestic tasks and shopping (not personal care). 20.5 hours a week funded by client and Social Services. If interested, please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456

**OUR LADY SCHOOL** Early Years and Year 6 will join the parish on Monday 19th May at 9.30am Mass.

**UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE** Catholic Chaplaincy students will make a visit during the day to Our Lady's Church on Friday 23rd May as a Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY** There will be a meeting in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 1st June after 12 noon Mass. Come and continue the preparations for the African Mass!

**INTERFAITH GROUP** Learn about Jainism from Hina Vora on Tuesday 3rd June 7.30 - 9pm at Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway AL8 6JG. Also, there will be a visit to the Coptic Cathedral in Stevenage on Tuesday 24th June. If interested call Valerie on 01707 902484

## **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**, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions at 3pm. The Cardinal will offer catechesis at 4pm. He will celebrate Mass at 5pm. This is for the whole of Hertfordshire and we will host a Get-together afterwards inside and outside the Trinity Hall. *There will NOT be 6pm Mass at Holy Family Church that evening.*

**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.

**HOLY HOUR** on 22nd June **POSTPONED** until the canonisation of Carlo Acutis is set.

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

**VISITORS** Fr. Julio from Mallorca who came two years ago has asked to visit 13th - 16th June. Fr. Javier and Fr. Jose Antonio both from Cordoba, Spain, will come in September to improve their English. These 3 priests study in Rome and will have all the necessary safeguarding and Church documentation in place.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **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 + Anna Liza 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

#### **19th Monday**

9.30am	Our Lady	Special Intention
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#### **20th Tuesday**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Patrick Coyle RIP <i>remembering Tricia Knights RIP Anniv</i>
7pm	Our Lady	Special Intention

#### **21st Wednesday**

9.30am	Holy Family	Sean Cox's Birthday Intention
12 noon	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Henri Kemhadjian

#### **22nd Thursday**

9.30am	Holy Family	Prima Nevard RIP
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#### **23rd Friday**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Clare Ford RIP
7pm	Our Lady	John Michael Murphy RIP

**24th Saturday**

10am	St. Bonaventure	Christine Balaba RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Liz Davin RIP

**25th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9am	St. Bonaventure	Janet Cunningham RIP (1st Anniv)
10.30am	Holy Family	Brian Hall RIP Anniv
12 noon	Our Lady	Frances Andrews
6pm	Holy Family	Roza Joan D’Cunha RIP

**26th Monday *St. Philip Neri***

10am	Our Lady	James Coyle RIP
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**27th Tuesday *ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY***

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Archbishop John Sherrington’s Intention
7pm	Our Lady	Clare Cooper RIP

**28th Wednesday**

9.30am	Holy Family	In thanksgiving
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**29th Thursday *ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation***

9.30am	Holy Family	Brian Haughton RIP
12 noon	St. Bonaventure	Henri Kemhadjian RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Anthony McCarthy RIP

**30th Friday**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Clare Cooper RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Callum Oliver RIP

**31st Saturday *VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***

10am	St. Bonaventure	Josie Bell RIP <i>remembering Stephanie Cooke RIP Anniv</i>
6pm	Our Lady	Brian Davidson RIP

**1st June *SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

9am	St. Bonaventure	Lucia Federici (Birthday Intention)
10.30am	Holy Family	Liz Davin RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Mr and Mrs Anthony Obiake RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Rebecca Brown RIP Birthday

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

**CHAPEL** at Our Lady’s Near Trinity Hall open 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)