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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY EASTER 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE      PENTECOST 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

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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

*The Easter Season is nearing its completion. Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, rejoicing that Jesus has taken his place at the Father's Right Hand in glory. Now we await the Gift - his precious Holy Spirit. This Spirit is the dynamic bond between Father and Son revealing pure Love which is then lavished upon us. The Lord's renews through his Spirit. He completes us in the power of the Spirit. We are sent out fired up by the Spirit. He communicates Life in all its wonder through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings us refreshment but also shakes us up! Let us pray for a total openness to the Breath of God and catch a spark of the Divine in our own lives in our quest for heaven. Who knows how God will use us?! The Seventh Sunday of Easter is World Communications Day. When preparing his message before he died, Pope Francis said: *Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts* (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16). After the Conclave, Pope Leo XIV met journalists and began his remarks with a call for communication to foster peace by caring for how people and events are presented. He invited media professionals to promote a different kind of communication, one that "does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition, and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it...The way we communicate is of fundamental importance," he said. "We must say 'No' to the war of words and images; we must reject the paradigm of war." How do we communicate with others?*

Pentecost is the Fiftieth Day! The momentous Event of the Resurrection is sealed in our hearts and proclaimed joyfully to others. This is the essence of our call. May the Spirit guide those taking public examinations at this time. You are in my prayers! May God bless all of you.

With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** on Sunday 15th June at 12 noon at Our Lady's.

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

**CONFIRMATION MASS** celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan Our Lady's on Friday 13th June at 7.30pm. Rehearsal on Sunday 8th June at 3.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

**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)

**MEDJUGORJE** Fr. Norbert will lead a group to this Shrine of Our Lady in Croatia from Tuesday 21st - Tuesday 28th October 2025. There are 42 people signed up and room for up to 49! Book using: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1035/>

**CAFOD GROUP** meets Tuesday 3rd June in Holy Family's Parish Room at 2pm. *Come!*

**INTERFAITH GROUP** Learn about Jainism on Tuesday 3rd June 7.30 - 9pm at Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway AL8 6JG. Visit to the Coptic Cathedral in Stevenage on Tuesday 24th June. If interested call Valerie on 01707 912484.

**VISITORS** Fr. Julio from Mallorca will visit 13th - 16th June. Fr. Javier & Fr. Jose Antonio Cordoba, Spain, will come in September to improve their English. These 3 priests study in Rome and will have necessary safeguarding and Church documentation in place.

**FIRST FRIDAY** 6.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's on 6th June followed by breakfast in the Hall. All welcome. **Rosary** on First Friday after 9.30am Mass; First Saturday 9.30am.

**CHURCH CLEANING** St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 3rd June after 9.30am Mass. Our Lady's on Saturday 7th June at 10am for an hour and the maintenance of the grounds. Holy Family on Wednesday 11th June after 9.30am Mass and Tea/coffee. *Come, if free!*

**CHILDREN'S MASS** at Our Lady's on Pentecost Day 8th June at 12 noon. Children who would like to take part should come with parent to church at 11.30am before Mass.

**SUMMER YOUTH EVENT** Fr. Marco and the Confirmation Catechists are organising a Summer Retreat on Saturday 5th July. This is open to young people aged 13-16 and will take place at Aylesford Priory in Kent. It promises to be a day filled with prayer and fun, featuring Mass, a formative talk, various activities, sports, recreation, and adoration. Participants should bring their own packed lunch and may invite a friend to join them. The cost of the event is £20, departing from Our Lady's car park at 8am and return at 8pm. To prebook and for further details, please email Fr. Marco at [marcosalvagnini@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:marcosalvagnini@rcdow.org.uk).

**FILIPINO MASS** Saturday 14th June at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a party in the hall with food, drink and cultural entertainment. All welcome!

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** on Saturday 28th June at 12 noon at Focolare Centre followed by refreshments. *ALL ARE WELCOME!* Anyone needing a lift should contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456. *No 10am Mass + Confessions on 28th.*

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY** There will be a meeting in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 1st June after 12 noon Mass. Help with the preparations for the African Mass on 29th.

**FOCOLARE MARIAPOLIS** 24th - 27th July in Shropshire. Leaflets at the back of our churches. Booking at <https://shorturl.at/7THjz>

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (WGC)** 70th Anniversary Mass on Saturday 19th July at 11am at Our Lady's with Reception in Trinity Hall. Friends/supporters welcome.

## 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.

**CARDINAL'S VISIT TO OUR LADY'S Sunday 6th July. 3pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Confessions. **4pm** Cardinal will offer catechesis. **5pm** Mass. This is for the whole of Hertfordshire. 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 Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday 12th July**

St Edmund's College is a continuation on English soil of the English College that was founded by William Cardinal Allen at Douai in Flanders, France in 1568. Originally intended as a seminary to prepare priests to work in England to keep Catholicism alive, it soon also became a boys' school for Catholics, who were debarred from running such institutions in England. Many of its students, both priests and laymen, returned to England to be put to death under the anti-Catholic laws. The college includes amongst its former alumni 20 canonised and 138 beatified martyrs.

#### **Programme**

<b>11am</b>	Pilgrims arrive and gather. Confessions. Ample parking
<b>12noon</b>	Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by Cardinal Nichols in the school grounds – please bring suitable clothing etc in the event of rain.
<b>1.30pm</b>	Picnic lunch (bring your own); College tours. Adoration + Confessions
<b>2.45pm</b>	Procession of Blessed Sacrament, starting outside the College Chapel.
<b>4pm</b>	Departures.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **31st Saturday VISITATION OF OUR LADY**

10am	St. Bonaventure	Josie Bell RIP remembering Stephanie Cooke RIP Anniv
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

### **2nd Monday**

9.30am	Our Lady	Clare Cooper RIP
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### **3rd Tuesday St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Mary Donovan RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Teresa + the late Romualdo Gurjao Wedding Anniversary

### **4th Wednesday**

9.30am	Holy Family	John Rodger RIP Anniv
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### **5th Thursday St. Boniface**

9.30am	Holy Family	St. Jude (Special Intention)
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**6th Friday St. Norbert**

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	Ruddy/Mangan Family Speedy recovery of Noreen, Kaitlyn, Matthew and Eva.
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Private Intention
7pm	Our Lady	John Michael Murphy RIP

**7th Saturday**

10am	St. Bonaventure	Roy Williams RIP (2nd Anniv)
6pm	Our Lady	Murty Conneelly RIP

**8th PENTECOST**

9am	St. Bonaventure	Clare Cooper RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Virginia Rees RIP Anniv
12 noon	Our Lady	Teresa Harrington Birthday Intention
6pm	Holy Family	Roy D’Cunha RIP (2nd Anniv)

**9th Monday Mary, Mother of the Church**

9.30am	Our Lady	James Coyle RIP
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**10th Tuesday**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Jean Hundley RIP
7pm	Our Lady	Mary Anne McLoughlin RIP

**11th Wednesday St. Barnabas**

9.30am	Holy Family	Special Intention
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**12th Thursday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

9.30am	Holy Family	Clare Cooper RIP
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**13th Friday St. Anthony of Padua**

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Matthew Sawyer RIP
7.30pm	Our Lady	Confirmation Mass

**14th Saturday**

10am	St. Bonaventure	Josie Purcell RIP
6pm	Our Lady	Filipino Mass

**15th MOST HOLY TRINITY**

9am	St. Bonaventure	Linda O’Hara RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Elias and Noemi Gonzalves RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	John Michael Murphy RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Clare Cooper RIP

**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)