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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Palm Sunday**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Easter Sunday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday**

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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

Holy Week has come and soon we'll be swept along to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and then into Easter Sunday. These days put us in touch with love and immerse us in the Lord's Sacrifice which brings us life. There is huge emotion involved and our spirits are uplifted by the riches of the Liturgy and the use of so many gifts, talents and ministries in the Church. We are exhausted too! This is the highpoint of our life as Catholic Christians as we welcome new members at the Easter Vigil and renew our own commitment through the Baptismal Promises. British Summer Time will burst in as the Lord breaks the bonds of death and rises to new life! We have had a similar pattern in the past and yet this year it seems to have overtaken us when least expected! I am sure that much of this is to do with the pandemic and the unfolding tale of suffering in so many parts of the world.

So, let us pray. Let us take time in our hearts and in our homes to contemplate the wonders of what God has done for humanity in and through his Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May our churches be places where we can gather to worship, to listen to the Scriptures, to remember and to be silent. May the Liturgies with their variety and depth open us up to something extra this Holy Week and Easter of 2024.

There is so much hard work going on - thank you. There is a generosity of spirit in giving time and sharing resources - for this we are so grateful. There is faith being explored and relationships being strengthened - God is good! With Fr. Marco, I wish you grace and blessing this Easter. May your homes be enveloped with Divine Grace and our lives bear witness to the One who wants us for ever to be with him in eternal glory. Thank you for your support and encouragement. With lots of love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

**CONFIRMATION** Next sessions 24th March & 21st April @ 3.30pm in Trinity Hall.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

Our Lady's - Sundays 11.30am 28th April, 2nd & 9th June.

St. Bonaventure Sunday 5th May 10.30am.

Holy Family Sunday 12th May 9.30am.

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

**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) to donate. Use Food Bank Baskets at the back of church.

**CHRIS WILKINSON RIP** Funeral Mass on Wed. 27th March 2pm at St. Bonaventure's.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE** will be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr. Norbert the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**CHURCH CLEANING** at Holy Family on Wednesday 27th at 10.30am. Our Lady's cleaning + maintenance on Saturday 30th at 10am. *Come and lend a hand if you're free.*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** at Holy Family. Fr. Marco will lead Rosary, Exposition, Chaplet, Benediction, Confessions and Veneration of the Image 7th April 2 - 4pm.

**METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION** at The Focolare Centre for Unity on Parkway AL8 6JG. Evening of music & poetry Wed. 27th March at 7.30pm. Entry free. Exhibition will open at 7pm before these events and a bar will follow! On Palm Sunday (24th) Prayer and Reflection at 3pm. Service of Thanksgiving - Sunday 7th April at 3pm.

**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)

**FUNDRAISING FOR ALZHEIMERS** Spencer White continues his epic charity-raising aquathlon for Alzheimers. This entails an ultrathon, a marathon and three 5km swims. To sponsor <https://www.justgiving.com/page/spencer-white> *Good luck, Spencer!*

**LENT Stations of the Cross** Wednesday after Holy Family's 9.30am Mass

**Lenten Course** (based on the Methodist Modern Art Exhibition) Monday 25th after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's (Sacristy). Easter reflection on Monday 8th April 10am.

**FINANCE** The old accounts will soon be closed! The 'new' account is WRCDT Welwyn Garden City Sort-code 400520 Account no. 51094459.

**HCPT GROUP 183** will be in Lourdes at Easter. They will keep you in their prayers. Please remember them too! Give any intentions to Fr. Norbert to leave at the Grotto. No money in the envelopes as these are eventually burned !

**NEXT NEWSLETTER** weekend of 13th/14th April.

**DON'T FORGET** All are invited to Fr. Norbert's 60th birthday 19th May. *Watch this space!*

**DISTRICT ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE** at Our Lady's Sunday 21st April 2.30pm.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE** The Shrines of France Pilgrimage has proved to be too ambitious, so All Saints Travel is offering a 4-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Our Lady's Birthday from Friday 6th until Monday 9th September. The price is £713 pp full board in a 4-star hotel near the Grotto. There are leaflets at the back of our churches. Please have a look.

**FR. MARCO'S** Grandmother, Ada Baldin, died Sunday 17th March. Fr. Marco will be in Italy for her Funeral on 25th. Please keep him in your prayers. *May Ada rest in peace.*

**EASTER COURSE** Who is the Holy Spirit? How much are you familiar with the Holy Spirit? What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how can we benefit from them? If you are puzzled by these questions or if you simply would like to explore a bit more your faith, Fr Marco invites you over this time of Easter to join on a course of seven weeks in preparation for Pentecost. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and tea and light refreshments will be provided before each session. Session times: Thursday or Friday (as below) from 7pm to 8.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room.

Session 1 – Thu 4th April, Introduction and The Gift of Wisdom

Session 2 – Thu 18th April, The Gift of Understanding

Session 3 – Thu 25th April, The Gift of Counsel

Session 4 – Thu 2nd May The Gift of Fortitude

Session 5 – Fri 3rd May, The Gift of Knowledge

Session 6 – Thu 9th May, The Gift of Piety

Session 7 – Thu 16th May, The Gift of the Fear of the Lord

**MASS INTENTIONS** *These can be booked through Fr. Norbert*

**23rd March**

6pm *PALM* Our Lady Alice Hurley RIP

**24th Sunday *PALM SUNDAY***

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP &  
Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP  
9.30am Holy Family Elizabeth McGeehan RIP Anniv  
10.30am St. Bonaventure Sherri Hyland RIP 25th Anniv  
11.30am Our Lady *l/streamed* Romualdo Gurjao RIP  
6pm Holy Family Fr. Marco's Grandmother Ada Baldin RIP

**25th Monday**

9.30am Our Lady Liz Davin's Intention

**26th Tuesday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure Carol Organ RIP  
7pm Our Lady Paul Carter RIP Birthday

**27th Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Family Thanksgiving to St. Jude

**28th *MAUNDY THURSDAY*** *No morning mass*

10am Holy Family Confessions  
7pm Holy Family **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
8pm Our Lady *l/streamed* **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**29th *GOOD FRIDAY***

10am St. Bonaventure Stations of the Cross  
11am Town Centre Joint Christian Service of Witness  
12 noon Our Lady Children's Stations of the Cross  
3pm St. Bonaventure **SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION**  
3pm Holy Family **SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION**  
7pm Our Lady *l/streamed* **SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION**

**30th *HOLY SATURDAY***

9.30am St. Bonaventure Morning Prayer and Confessions  
4pm Our Lady Blessing of Food  
8pm Our Lady *l/streamed* **EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

**31st *EASTER SUNDAY*** *CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR!*

8am St. Bonaventure For the people  
9.30am Holy Family Caroline & Alina Josephine Dunne (In thanksgiving)  
10.30am St. Bonaventure Andrei Shah RIP  
11.30am Our Lady For the people

*NO EVENING MASS*

**1st April Easter Monday**

10am Our Lady Sean Cox's Intention

**2nd Easter Tuesday**

10am St. Bonaventure *Fr. Marco Lazzaron celebrant*

**3rd Easter Wednesday**

10am Holy Family Ellen Brophy RIP Anniv

**4th Easter Thursday**

10am Holy Family Andre Shah RIP 1st Anniv

**5th Easter Friday**

10am St. Bonaventure

**6th Easter Saturday**

10am St. Bonaventure Ellen Brophy RIP Anniv  
6pm Our Lady Brian Davidson RIP Anniv

**7th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)**

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP &  
Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP  
9.30am Holy Family  
10.30am St. Bonaventure Lucy Dias RIP & Nelson D'Lima RIP  
11.30am Our Lady Tracey Laycock RIP  
6pm Holy Family

**8th ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

9.30am Our Lady Donna Corr RIP

**9th Tuesday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure  
7pm Our Lady Eddie Devine RIP Anniv

**10th Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Family Robert Leys Intention

**11th Thursday**

9.30am Holy Family *St. Stanislaus*

**12th Friday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure Ernst Rump RIP  
7pm Our Lady Dave Eisenthal

**13th Saturday**

10am St. Bonaventure  
6pm Our Lady Rose Fitzsimons RIP  
*recorded + streamed Sunday 10am*

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