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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

28th April 2024
5th May 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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These two Sundays the Church gives us passages from the 15th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. We have the joy of reflecting on the Vine and the Branches, taking us then to the love shared with us by Jesus which has its source in the love he has received from the Father. The Lord speaks of choice, friendship and love which we too must offer those around us. The themes are so rich and encourage us to enter deeply into the life of the Trinity of Love. Also, we are with the disciples and Christ at the Last Supper and so these powerful words of the Lord are laced with the wonder of the Eucharist as a Banquet of Love, sealing our friendship with the Lord. As we look out to our world, there are still the major challenges which just do not seem to go away and closer to home there are elections and possible change on the horizon. The Lord Jesus brings us stability and rootedness. He reminds us of who we are and that means we can count on him for assurance and put our trust in him.

The celebration of the Sacraments are upon us now! Let us pray for the First Holy Communion children and for the young people who will soon be confirmed. Let us ask the Lord to inspire them with a strong faith founded on his love and that their families may be drawn together more closely in the pattern of the Trinity. I am also aware of the season of examinations which we are entering which determines the future of a multitude. May the Holy Spirit be the Gift from God to guide you in his ways!

May the Risen Lord be with us as Eastertide continues. Love and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

EASTER COURSE on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Coffee and tea and light refreshments before each session. Sessions 7pm to 8.30pm in Holy Family's Parish Room.

Session 4 – Thursday 2nd May Fortitude.

Session 5 – Friday 3rd May Knowledge

Session 6 – Wednesday 8th May, Piety.

Session 7 – Thursday 9th May, Fear of the Lord

CONFIRMATION Next session 28th April @ 3.30pm in Trinity Hall. Rehearsal Sunday 12th May 3.30pm in Our Lady's Church. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Friday 17th May at 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

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

GERRY McCARTHY RIP Funeral Mass Monday 29th April 9.30am at Our Lady's.

JOSEPHINE RICKETTS RIP Funeral Mass Wed.15th May 12.45pm Holy Family.

TERRENCE HOGAN RIP Funeral Mass Thursday 23rd May 12 noon Holy Family.

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

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE at Westminster Cathedral on Sat.25th May at 2.30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass couples in the Diocese celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2024. Give Fr. Norbert the following: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (telephone number, if no email).

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION at St. Bonaventure's Church on Thursday 2nd May at 7pm: A couple of hours when you can reflect on how you live your faith in your every-day work and with your family, friends and colleagues. The evening will include spiritual reading, a talk and an examination of conscience, with time in church between activities. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits in the parish room at the beginning and end of the evening. This evening is intended for men, however, there are similar evenings for women at St. Peter's Church, Hatfield. More info from Ed Newman-Sanders (07984149320)

CHURCH CLEANING at Our Lady's on Saturday 4th at 10am as well as the maintenance of the grounds. St. Bonaventure's will be on Tuesday 7th May after 9.30am Mass. Come and lend a hand - it is much appreciated and makes a real difference!

RESTORATION HOLY HOUR on Friday 10th May after 7pm Mass. Scripture, music, prayer and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY There will be the 6.30am Mass on Friday 3rd May at St. Bonaventure's followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome.

ROSARY Friday 3rd May at 9am in St. Bonaventure's and on Saturday 4th at 9.30am.

PENTECOST 2024 (Sunday 19th May) coincides with **Fr. Norbert's 60th Birthday!** All are welcome. Mass at Our Lady's at 11.30am followed by a celebration in the Trinity Hall and outside. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help in some way. Contact Ann Chappell if you haven't yet done so (ahchappell@aol.com, 07784781178). *Fr. Norbert's cousin Jude will be coming from Canada and will stay in the Presbytery.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be raffling luxury hampers the weekend 11th/12th May at all Masses. £1 per strip. All proceeds to CWL charities including HCPT and Mary's Meals). Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS If you are able to serve at Confirmation Mass on Friday 17th May 7.30pm, please sign your name on list in sacristy. Also, if you are planning to serve at Fr. Norbert's celebration at 11.30 on 19th May at Our Lady's, please sign up. Thanks.

MAY DEVOTIONS at Our Lady's Church on Monday 6th May after the 10am Mass followed by cake and coffee in the sacristy. All welcome.

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

27th April

6pm Our Lady Mary Moran RIP (11th Anniv)

28th Sunday *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

8am	St. Bonaventure	Josie Bell RIP Anniv
9.30am	Holy Family	Michael McGeehan RIP Anniv
10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Marguerite Miles RIP Anniv
11.30am	Our Lady	Ursula Wilde (sick) <i>and remembering Louisa Anyanwu RIP (1st Anniv)</i>
6pm	Holy Family	David Metcalfe RIP Anniv

29th Monday *ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA*

9.30am Our Lady Funeral Mass for Gerry McCarthy

30th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure John Hunter RIP
7pm Our Lady

1st May Wednesday *St. Joseph the Worker*

9.30am Holy Family Margaret Hurst RIP

2nd Thursday *St. Athanasius*

9.30am Holy Family Linda Finn's Intention

3rd Friday *ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES*

6.30am St. Bonaventure
9.30am St. Bonaventure Mary and Ron Cade's Intention
7pm Our Lady Barbara Wilson RIP *Mgr Harry Turner celebrant*

4th Saturday *THE ENGLISH MARTYRS*

10am St. Bonaventure Nicole & Christopher Doherty (Wedding Intention)
6pm Our Lady Frank & Freda Mohan RIP

5th Sunday *SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP
& Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP
9.30am Holy Family Bob Leys RIP *Monsignor Harry Turner celebrant*
10.30am St. Bonaventure Patrick Creamer RIP Anniv
11.30am Our Lady Ursula Wilde (sick)
and remembering Louisa Anyanwu RIP (1st Anniv)
6pm Holy Family Miroslav Vajdik + all his family *Mgr. Turner*

6th Monday

10am Our Lady *Bank Holiday*

7th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Special Intention (ND)
7pm Our Lady

8th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Mary & Ron Cade's Intention

9th Thursday *ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation*

9.30am Holy Family Mary & Ron Cade's Intention
12 noon St. Bonaventure Eileen Noonan RIP (1st Anniv)
7pm Our Lady

10th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Paul & Carol Cull (10th Wedding Anniv)
7pm Our Lady Christopher Wilson RIP

11th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure
6pm Our Lady

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure 5pm - 5.30pm Our Lady

Thursdays 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family (with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 7.30am until 6pm. Entrance near Trinity Hall. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle and have a moment of silence.

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

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches) Saturday's 6pm Mass will be recorded and streamed on Sunday at 10am this week and next (5th)