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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2024      PENTECOST**

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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

Today is the **Birthday of the Church!!!** At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came and brought to life those gathered in the Upper Room. They were energised by God's Spirit and shared Good News - the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This amazing and significant event cannot be contained in one place or captured in one instant; the message-with-the-Gift has spread throughout the world and fills every moment with the divine presence. Every day becomes a birthday as the Holy Spirit renews us and gives a fresh beginning! What does it mean to be the Church? Firstly, to be in relationship with Jesus Christ, truly God and truly one of us. We are Temples of the Holy Spirit and our lives are conformed to Christ. To be Church is dynamically to be a member of Christ's Body - to be alive! And to be Church is to have a readiness to proclaim in word and action the Saving Event of the Lord Jesus. We are *ministers of reconciliation*, offering forgiveness and open to it. We are *bridge-builders* ensuring that we create pathways for God's grace to be transmitted. We are *instruments of charity* mirroring the selflessness of Christ when he gave *everything* for the salvation of the world. We are the People of God *on a journey* heading towards the glory of heaven, discovering the beauty of all around us - people, places and things. We know we cannot do it on our own and the Holy Spirit is the treasure and the vitality to help us on our way. It is as individuals and as community that we have our hearts set on the destination God is calling us to *HEAVEN and ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD*. On this most special day, thank you for your loving support and encouragement. May God reveal his love to you and strengthen you in your vocation. May blessings in abundance come upon us all! *With much love, Fr. Norbert*

**CONFIRMATION** Congratulations to our young people confirmed last Friday. Our thanks to Bishop Paul McAleenan for celebrating the Mass, to Fr. Marco and the team of catechists who supported them and to their families and sponsors. Thank you also to all involved in the liturgy and those who made the church look so beautiful. We are grateful to all helped with the reception in the Trinity Hall after the Confirmation Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** Our Lady's - Sunday 2nd and 9th June at 11.30am. *Congratulations to the children who made their First Communion recently.*

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

**CAFOD APPEAL** for Sudan where there are millions facing extreme hunger. To contribute go to [cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal) or call 08085858885 *Thank you!*

**TERRENCE HOGAN RIP** Terry's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 23rd May at 12 noon at Holy Family. *There will NOT be a 9.30am Mass that morning.*

**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.

**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)

**PILGRIMAGE** 4-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Our Lady's Birthday from Friday 6th until Monday 9th September. <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0959/> or take a leaflet.

**CAKE SALE** on Sun. 26th May at St. Bonaventure's after 8am & 10.30am Masses to raise funds for the Redcaps - young people who support the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**SVP** Our local St. Vincent de Paul Group will be hosting Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway AL8 6HH on Saturday 22nd June at 12 noon followed by refreshments in the hall. *Come and experience the powerful and peaceful presence of the Lord in this Sacrament of Healing. Come and pray for the sick.*

**LOOKING AHEAD Filipino Mass** Saturday 15th June at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a reception in the Trinity Hall with food and entertainment.

**Signed Mass** Sunday 30th June at 11.30am at Our Lady's. There will be a signing practice on Tuesday 25th June 8 - 9pm. *Let Fr. Norbert know if can come to the practice.*

**African Mass** Sunday 7th July at 11.30am followed by a party in the Trinity Hall.

**Polish-English Mass** and celebration on Saturday 28th September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will have a tombola stall at the Woodhall Community Centre's Fun Day on Saturday 27th May. They would welcome any donations for the stall. Please contact Sally on 07817961675 or Sylvie on 07817961675 or leave any donations for the stall at the back of Our Lady's Church. The recent raffle raised for CWL charities £452.78 - wonderful! Fr. Marco drew the winning tickets: Ellen Allardice, Ann Stapleton and Marie Myers. *Thank you to all who bought tickets and helped.*

**SPENCER WHITE** has completed his triple 5km swims as well as many other feats. He has raised for Alzheimer's Research UK a total of £1638. He is grateful to all the donors. *Congratulations, Spencer!*

**PENTECOST 2024 and Fr. Norbert's 60th Birthday!**  
***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

**Mass at Our Lady's at 11.30am** followed by a celebration in/outside the Trinity Hall.  
**Musicians and singers** who wish to take part in the Mass should assemble at 10.30.

**OUTLINE OF AFTERNOON**

- 1pm            After Mass **snacks and canapes** served outside Trinity Hall
- Bar** with cocktails, soft drinks, beers and wines throughout day
- 1.30pm        **Grace** followed by the main dishes - international and local
- 2.45pm        Cutting of **cake** followed by brief speeches and presentation
- 3pm            African dancing
- 3.15pm        Irish dancing
- 3.30pm        Goan folk dancing
- 3.45pm        Polish Zumba
- 4pm            Zumba for everyone
- 4pm            Desserts
- 4.15pm        Filipino dancing
- 4.30pm        Bollywood dancing
- 5pm            Karaoke and dancing for everyone
- 6pm            Thanksgiving and conclusion

*There are those who have offered to sing and dance - they will have opportunities too!*

**Safeguarding** We remind parents to keep an eye on their children so that they are safe at all times.

A **warm welcome** to the many visitors who have come today: family, friends, parishioners from Welwyn Garden City and beyond. There are members of other Christian Churches and other faiths. There are civic leaders and representatives from primary and secondary schools. Some have travelled a long way! Fr. Norbert is aware of the huge amount of hard work and preparation which has gone into this celebration and is so grateful. He also thanks you for your generosity expressed in a variety of ways. He feels extremely fortunate to have the gift of family, friends and a vibrant community. In particular he wants to thank his brothers, Jonathan and Francis, their wives Felicia and Caron, his nephew Jeremy and niece Catherine.

On any important occasion, we remember loved ones who have died. Fr. Norbert is especially indebted to his parents, Joe and Teresa Fernandes, for giving him life, nurturing him in faith and teaching him how to celebrate! *May all the departed rest in peace Amen*

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

**18th May**

6pm Our Lady Sean Cox (Birthday Intention)

**19th Sunday** *PENTECOST*

8am St. Bonaventure Anthony Ayke Okechukwu RIP &  
Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP  
9.30am Holy Family Gerry Loftus (sick)  
10.30am St. Bonaventure Examination success (Osefo family)  
11.30am Our Lady Special Intention  
6pm Holy Family

**20th Monday** *Mary, Mother of the Church*

9.30am Our Lady Paddy Glynn RIP (1st Anniv)

**21st Tuesday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure Patrick Coyle RIP (5th Anniv)  
7pm Our Lady Guillermo Muceros RIP Anniv + Liza Sabalvaro RIP Anniv

**22nd Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Family Joachim Family Intention

**23rd Thursday** *OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST*

9.30am Holy Family NO MASS  
12 noon Holy Family Funeral Mass Terry Hogan

**24th Friday**

9.30am St. Bonaventure Ann and Cyril Peterson RIP  
7pm Our Lady Bill Torrens RIP

**25th Saturday** *St. Bede the Venerable*

10am St. Bonaventure Anthony Anene Okechukwu RIP Anniv  
6pm Our Lady Anthony & Comfort Obiakeze RIP Anniv

**CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)**

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

**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) 11.30 am Mass from Our Lady's will be livestreamed.