

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Easter Sunday 31st March (including 7th April 2013)(page 258/262)

HAPPY EASTER!

Today our journeying with Jesus Christ has reached its climax with the Resurrection of the Lord. He has triumphed over death. He has washed our sins away. He is leading us to the eternal life of heaven. What more could we ask for?

One of the things which strikes me is that this journey with the Lord never stops here on earth! We need him so very much to carry our crosses. We depend on his mercy to bring us forgiveness. We rejoice in Love which is so vibrant, dynamic and life-giving. The Lord looks to us to reflect in our way of living all that he reveals to us: for us to support others in the crosses they bear, to be instruments of forgiveness knowing how hard this can be, to love in a sacrificial way which is all-embracing. All of this prepares us for heaven; this is the every day living out of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ - the Gospel come to life.

There are many with whom we make this journey: our families, friends, fellow parishioners, colleagues and neighbours. It is a shared venture whereby we can bear witness to the Lord and draw many more to him. Easter gives us the opportunity to reflect on the kind of witness we give: do our words and actions speak of Jesus? Can people sense the conviction we have in our hearts? Easter challenges us to invite people to come to the Risen Christ, to the hope he offers and to the power of God at work in him. Who do we know is still waiting to hear about Christ? The wonder of Easter is that the message of the Resurrection, the experience of the Risen Lord and the conviction of Faith led the Apostles to hand on this Good News from one generation to the next until our day. Now it is our turn to continue this transmission.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

May the joy of Easter be the hallmark of our lives as we journey towards heaven!

Fr. Norbert

EASTER THANKS Fr. Norbert and Fr. Michael would like to express their deep gratitude to all who have helped in any way with the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. So much work has been needed behind the scenes to get ready. The Liturgies have required much energy and attention. The prayer of our people has sustained all that has taken place. Thank you too for the very generous Easter Offerings, gifts and cards. May God bless you all in the coming days and weeks of Eastertide.

RCIA GROUP Congratulations to those who received the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. May God bless and guide you as you continue your journey in faith.

YEAR OF FAITH If any parishioners would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses after Easter, please let Fr. Norbert know.

FULHAM VISIT TO WGC Last April, St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish in Fulham invited our parishioners to London and shared with us great hospitality. The 'return' visit has been set for Saturday 11th May in the afternoon/evening. We have three churches to share with them and also a great deal of beauty here in this part of Hertfordshire. Obviously we won't be able to show them everything! If you would like to help with welcoming the Fulham parishioners, come to a meeting in Our Lady's sacristy on Friday 12th April at 7.45pm (after 7pm Mass). If you have any ideas at this stage, please pass on your thoughts to Fr. Norbert.

PARISHES' ADVISORY COUNCIL will next meet on Tuesday 16th April at 7.45pm in Our Lady's sacristy. There have been some really good suggestions for the concluding of the Year of Faith; further discussion will take place. If parishioners have any items they would like to be discussed, please let Fr. Norbert know.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS have their last session on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church. First Holy Communion dates are as follows: Our Lady's 12th May at 11.30am, 2nd June at 11.30am. Holy Family 19th May at 12noon. St. Bonaventure's 9th June at 10.30am.

CONFIRMATION Please pray for our young people who will be confirmed on Friday 26th April at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church. The rehearsal will be on Friday 19th April at 7.45pm in Our Lady's.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD This Solemnity fell in Holy Week and has been transferred to Monday 8th April.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY Morning Mass will be at Our Lady's at 9.30am followed by a cooked breakfast in the Hall to mark the feast! Everyone is welcome.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES For those of you in the envelope scheme your new sets of envelopes are at the back of each church for you to collect.

CAKE AND BOOK SALE on Sunday 14th April at St. Bonaventure's after 10.30am Mass. In aid of The Institute of Cancer Research/Josephine Barcroft's Jordan Trek. Lovely children's and adult books. Donations welcome.

FR. NORBERT'S 25TH Just to remind you that Fr. Norbert will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee on Tuesday 11th June at 12noon at St. Anthony's, Edgware (where he was ordained a priest) and in Welwyn Garden City on Saturday 15th June at 6pm at Our Lady's with a reception in the hall. If anyone would like to help him with the celebrations on the Saturday, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 8pm at Our Lady's.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We have a short break now and meet again on Tuesday 16th April at 3.45pm in St. Bonaventure's hall. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S Thank you to all those children who came on Tuesday (about 60 of them!) for making the afternoon such an enjoyable time. Thank you to the parents who stayed and helped. Due to the bad weather we were not able to plant up the outdoor Easter Garden on that day but we managed to get it done on Friday after the Children's Stations of the Cross and so thank you to all those children who helped.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE We will go by coach to Walsingham on Saturday 18th May. That day there will be the National Pilgrimage of the Deaf and so we will join them for some of their programme which will include the Rosary at 12 noon and Mass at 3pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Full details will be in the next newsletter with time of departure and price.

TOMMY MANSFIELD 400 CLUB: Collection of subscriptions for March will be taken after Masses at Our Lady's over the weekend 6th/7th April. The draw will be made on Monday 8th April. Numbers for £1 are available for new members.

AFRICAN MASS will take place on Sunday 7th July at 11.30am. There will be a first planning meeting on Friday 19th April in the sacristy of Our Lady at 7.45pm. All welcome.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH Thank you to all who came on Holy Saturday to clean the church and maintain the grounds in preparation for Easter.

INTER FAITH MATTERS You are invited to a public meeting: Living your Faith in Britain Today (How easy is it to live in Britain and keep to your faith?). Many interesting speakers including Bishop John. Tuesday 23rd April 7.30pm for 8pm. A154, Lindop Building, University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield. Free admission, free parking. Tickets available at:<http://livingyourfaith2013.eventbrite.co.uk/>

THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER covers two weeks.

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The next newsletter will be on 14th April

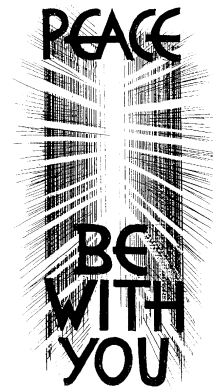
MASS TIMES

Week of 1st April

01 Monday	<u>10am</u>	Mass	Our Lady's
02 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
03 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
04 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
05 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
06 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure

Week of 7th April

06 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
07 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family
08 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
09 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
10 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
	12noon	Funeral Service (not Mass)	Our Lady's
11 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
12 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
21 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure



*Lord, Let me see your face,
Know your heart and
experience your love in my life.
Strengthen in me
the precious gift of faith.
I believe Lord;
Help my unbelief. Amen.*

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				Our Lady's
				St. Stanislaus
				Easter feria
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CHAPLAINS TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplains:
Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle, on 07884187463