

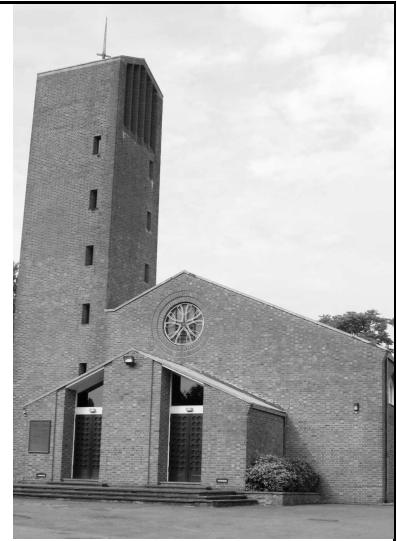
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Deacon: Rev. Jeffrey Downie Parish Secretary: Kathryn Hubbard

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Next Tuesday Archbishop Vincent Nichols is gathering the ‘Jubilarians’ of the Diocese for Mass and lunch at Archbishop’s House. So, I have been invited. I’ll probably be one of the youngest. There will be those ordained 40, 50, 60 years and one priest, Canon Louis Thomas, will be celebrating 70 years of Priesthood! The following week, I have been invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 22nd May. That will be a new experience for me! With Her Majesty the Queen reducing her engagements I’m not quite sure whether or not she’ll be there. Next month, there will be the Silver Jubilee Masses in Edgware and Welwyn Garden City. At the end of June, we shall celebrate with Jeffrey his Ordination to the Priesthood. Celebrations give us a chance to give thanks, to remember and to look forward; they offer people an opportunity to be together and focus on who and what really matters.

Today in the Church we ARE celebrating because Jesus is in glory! That’s the message of the Ascension of the Lord. The Son of God who entered our world and shared with us Good News, suffered and died; he rose triumphant from the grave on Easter Day. Now he has taken his place at the Father’s Right Hand and will send us the Holy Spirit as the Gift to keep our faith alive and to hold us very close to him seated next to the Father. In making that journey, Jesus reveals the very best in humanity as he gives his life for our salvation; he radiates the wonder of the Divinity in his Sacrificial Act. His faith in the Father is total. His compassion for humanity beyond measure. His obedience is an amazing testimony to the bond between Father and Son. He shows us how we should live with our gaze fixed on God and the place won for us in heaven. We have only a week left of our 50 Days of Eastertide! Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us completely, guiding us surely and safely to heaven.

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert.*

YEAR OF FAITH The San Damiano Cross of St. Francis will be with Anne Keller this week. She invites parishioners to join her in prayer on Wednesday 15th May at 3pm (21 Mill Green Road AL7 3KX) If any parishioners would like to host one of the San Damiano Crosses, please let Fr. Norbert know.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Last chance to sign up for Saturday's pilgrimage! The lists at the back of the churches will be taken to the Parish Office on Monday if any others would like to add their names. The coach will leave from Our Lady's at 8am (please gather at 7.45am) and should return around 7.30pm. Price £10 for adults and £5 for children.

CATHOLICISM COURSE As part of the Year of Faith, we are using Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism Course every Monday evening starting at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church's Parish Room and finishing at 9.15pm. The next session is on Monday 13th May when we will explore the Mystery of God. Each evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. You would be most welcome.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP The Holy Family CAFOD group are holding a cake sale after the 9.30am Mass today.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION Many couples from our parishes with significant wedding anniversaries will be making their way to the Cathedral on Saturday for Mass and a special Blessing from Archbishop Vincent Nichols. We hope they have a wonderful, memorable day. Let us keep them in our prayers.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING The next planning meeting for the Welwyn Garden City celebration of Fr. Norbert's Silver Jubilee is on Tuesday 21st May at 8pm in Our Lady's hall. Everyone is welcome.

OUR LADY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE Saturday 18th May 11.30am – 3.30pm. Lots of fun activities for the all family including a Raffle, Tombola, barbecue, children's games, face painting and much much more! Admission £1 adults, children go free!

APPLECROFT SCHOOL will be having its traditional Summer Fete on Saturday 18th May from 11am to 3pm.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN We meet again on Saturday when we learn about God's Greatest Gift to us. Parents should come for a short meeting at 11.15am.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We meet on Tuesday in St. Bonaventure's at 3.45pm. All welcome. This week we will celebrate Pentecost by decorating cakes and also have some preparation for our Children's Mass on Sunday.

DEACON JEFFREY DOWNIE Jeffrey's Ordination to the Priesthood will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am. We will be hiring a coach. Please keep him in your prayers as the Big Day approaches. There will be a Holy Hour in each of our churches before Jeffrey goes on retreat in preparation for his Ordination. On Tuesday 18th June, the Holy Hours will be at St. Bonaventure's at 10am and at Our Lady's at 8pm; on Wednesday 19th June at Holy Family at 10am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Holy Family 19th May at 12noon. Our Lady's 2nd June at 11.30am, St. Bonaventure's 9th June at 10.30am.

REMY PIGNAL the seminarian from Paris has one more week with us. He is having a very busy time!!

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES White 321, orange 343, white 376, white 326. These will be in the hall after 10.30am Mass.

JUSTICE AND PEACE The Justice and Peace Group would like to thank everyone who supported the CAFOD stall last weekend. Sales of merchandise and donations amounted to (approx') £130 and about two hundred parishioners took Campaign cards for the Hungry For Change/Enough Food If campaign and, hopefully, they'll post them off, adding to the Campaign climax of the rally (on June 8th) and the G8 summit next month.

EDGWARE If any parishioners would like to travel by coach to St. Anthony's, Edgware for Fr. Norbert's Silver Jubilee Mass at 12noon on Tuesday 11th June, please let Kathryn Hubbard know on 01707 322579. Accordingly a coach will be booked.

SALVATION ARMY Territorial Commander (the person in charge in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland) will be visiting our area on 2nd June. With Bishop John's permission, there will be a Service of Praise in Our Lady's at 4pm on that Sunday. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTER FAITH GROUP present an illustrated talk on Religions of the Far East (different ways of believing) on Wednesday 15th May 7.30pm for 7.45pm in the Park Lounge, Campus West. All welcome.

NEED A CLEANER? Phone Elizabeth on 01707 883770, one off cleans, regular or weekly etc.

CWL There will be a C.W.L. meeting next week on Tuesday 14th May at 8pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES There are still some unclaimed sets of Offertory envelopes at the back of our churches. Please see if yours is still there.

MOTHER AND TODDLER Meets every Wednesday 10am - 11.30am in the hall at St. Bonaventure's. Come along with your little ones.

CHARITY BOX The Charity being supported through the Charity Box for May and June at St. Bonaventure's is Housing Justice.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

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CONFESSIONS	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

MASS TIMES

13 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Our Lady of Fatima
14 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	St. Matthias
	7pm	Our Lady's	
15 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Easter feria
16 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	Easter feria
17 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
18 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria

Pentecost Sunday

18 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's
19 Sunday	8am	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.30am	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Our Lady's
	6pm	Holy Family

*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.*

<p>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</p>
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