

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2013 (page 294)

Today we celebrate the Birthday of the Church! The Holy Spirit came upon Our Lady and the Apostles and filled them with the Power of God. The Good News of Jesus was proclaimed and people heard - and responded to - the Message. On the Feast of the Annunciation we mark the Angel Gabriel asking the Blessed Virgin to become the Mother of God; she says 'Yes!' and the Spirit fills the womb of Mary and the Word becomes flesh in a mortal human being. Now the Spirit from on high clothes the disciples with Gifts to enable them to remember the words and actions of Jesus, spread the Gospel and to live it out in the every day. That really is worth celebrating!

For Fifty Days of Easter we have pondered the message of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, imagining what it would be like to be with him, to experience this Risen Life in and through him. We have been challenged to love as he loves so that our world might be transformed. After each final Mass in our three churches, the Easter Candle will be blown out and put close to the Baptismal Font. Easter will have drawn to a close but the Spirit of the Lord's Risen Life will continue to be breathed upon us all, especially the children who are to be baptised in the coming months and those whose Funerals will be celebrated in our churches. At Baptisms the Baptismal Candle is lit from the Easter Candle, highlighting the link between the newly Baptised and the Risen Lord. At Funerals, the Easter Candle casts light upon the coffin of the deceased, stressing our hope of Resurrection for the one who has died. From birth to death, the Lord is with us! As the Church proclaims the message of Easter, the Lord continues to be with us.

May God bless you and your loved ones. May the peace, joy and love of Easter remain always with you. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *Fr. Norbert*

REMY PIGNAL the seminarian from Paris leaves us this evening. Bon voyage! It has been a pleasure to have him in our midst. Hopefully he'll return in the not too distant future. *'Thank you very much for your encouragements and for welcoming me as well during these 3 wonderful weeks. I'm going back to France now so I will finish my thanksgiving in French. I hope I'll come back as soon as possible! Merci à tous et joyeuse fête de la Pentecôte! God bless you! Rémy.'*

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 will be on Monday 20th May when we will reflect on Mary, the Mother of God. Each evening starts with a cup of tea/coffee and ends with silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

MARGARET O'NEILL WRITES: I would like to express my thanks for all the cards, calls, visits and good wishes proffered during my recent illness. I am hopefully well on the way to recovery and would like to say a fond farewell to all my friends in the parish that I have made over the last 58 years. As most of you know I am going to live with my daughter in Ireland but will return in August/September after my treatment when I would like to say my final goodbyes.'

JOHN MURPHY RIP The Funeral Mass for John (of Boundary Lane) will be on Wednesday 29th May at 11am at Our Lady's. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

JAN ZABINSKI RIP The Funeral Mass for Jan Zabinski who died last Monday is on Tuesday 4th June at 9.30am in St. Bonaventure's.

THANKS FROM FULHAM I want to thank you all for your wonderful welcome and hospitality last Saturday. Throughout the day and especially on our way home everyone from St. Thomas's was saying how much they enjoyed the day and how touched they were as to how much planning and trouble everyone at Welwyn Garden City had gone to to make our visit so interesting and memorable. I think that everyone was overwhelmed by the catering WGC parishioners provided at all three venues: from the wonderful sandwiches and cakes at Holy Family; then the delicious cream tea at St. Bonaventure's; through to the amazing variety of hot dishes at Our Lady's. As for myself, I enjoyed the whole day tremendously and I found it particularly interesting to learn about the history of WGC and then to have the fascinating tour of your City and the surrounding area. Mass was a profound experience - the light streaming through the Crucifixion Window at Our Lady's enhanced for me the common journey of faith of our respective parishes. However, my most abiding memory will be of all your smiling faces and the warmth of your welcome. Thank you **SO MUCH!** Please pass on my thanks to everyone at WGC - you all made it a very special day for me. Those I've spoken to from St. Thomas's were particularly touched by the cards you gave us as we were leaving - it was such a thoughtful gesture and a lovely souvenir of our day, as is the set of framed photos of WGC which I'm sure everyone at St. Thomas's will enjoy seeing. *From a Fulham parishioner.*

Fr. Norbert is so grateful to you all for the generous spirit in which you welcomed Fulham. God bless you.

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 Our Lady's 2nd June at 11.30am, St. Bonaventure's 9th June at 10.30am.

FR. NORBERT'S JUBILEE The next meeting to plan the celebrations will be on Tuesday 21st May at 8pm in Our Lady's Hall. All welcome!

TOMMY MANSFIELD 400 CLUB - Winners of the April draw are : 1st £100 C Davies (079), 2nd £50 Meenan (134), 3rd £25 A Hassett (004). The collection for the next draw will take place on 1st/2nd June. Thank you to all who support the 400 Club.

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

OUR LADY SCHOOL Our Lady Catholic School will be marking its 60th anniversary on Monday 24th June with a very special Mass celebrated by Bishop John. We are very keen to have as many past pupils, staff and governors attend and would very much like to extend an invitation, in particular to those who joined the school between 1953 and 1978. The school are also planning to exhibit photographs and memorabilia from the last six decades. Please could you contact the school office for further information - Tel: 01707 324408.

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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE: The fayre is being held on **Saturday June 8 from 12-3pm** and your support would be much appreciated to make it a fun event for all. £2 per family admission. Attractions include a kite festival, bottle tombola, Welwyn Garden City Brass Band, and a BBQ. Please buy raffle tickets at the back of the church (first prize is a flight for 3 people at Panshanger aerodrome) at £1 per ticket, and any donations of homemade cakes would be welcome the day before the fayre.

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

MASS TIMES

20 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	feria
21 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
22 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
23 Thursday	9.30am	Holy Family	feria
24 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
25 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	St. Bede



		Most Holy Trinity	
25 Saturday	6pm	Our Lady's	
26 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.*

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