

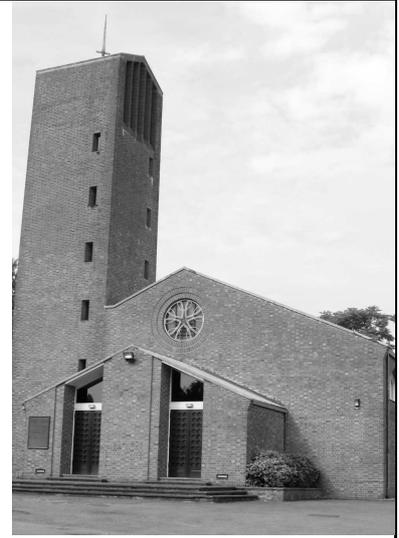
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Easter Sunday 20th April (including 27th April) 2014

HAPPY EASTER! At last we have arrived at this great celebration of the Triumph of God's Love in his Son's Victory over sin and death. It has significance for each one of us personally both in the present moment as well as for eternity. His Resurrection has a message for the whole of humanity and for God's Creation. At the Chrism Mass last Tuesday Cardinal Vincent Nichols focused on three words which Pope Francis speaks about; I would like us to reflect on them today on Easter Sunday.

Firstly, 'SORRY' is such an important part of our vocabulary as Christians. We spent Lent repenting of our sins, trying to make amends for the wrong we have done and reaching out to others by building bridges. It is so easy to neglect those who are in need, or to say or do something which will inflict hurt on another, especially those closest to us. It takes courage to admit the mistakes, to say 'Sorry' and to make up. But it is such a moment of grace - Easter bursts into our lives!

Secondly, 'THANK YOU' is what the Holy Father wants us to use more often. We are asked to think about the help people give us, the love we are shown and the gifts we receive. Easter is the time for us especially to thank God for the gift of Jesus who was willing to suffer and die for us; we express our gratitude to the Our Father for raising his Son from the dead in the power of the Spirit and offering us the selfsame hope. At Easter there are so many people Fr. Vincent and I want to thank for helping us journey through Lent and enter so deeply into the Sacred Triduum: those involved in the Liturgy upfront and behind the scenes; people who work so hard to get things ready, ensuring everything looks so beautiful; parishioners who pray that all will go well and support everything by their presence. Thank you for the Easter cards and gifts! Thank you to Bishop John Sherrington for being with us this year. THANK YOU!

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Finally, 'PLEASE' is the third word FROM Pope Francis which the Cardinal wanted us to consider. Easter offers us the opportunity to pray and intercede for ourselves and our loved ones, for the Church and for our world, for the living and the dead. We often know what we really need. Let's not be afraid to ask for it with a 'please'! We are dependent on God's generosity. Let us be channels of his grace for others.

May God richly bless you, your families and friends this Easter. May his Love be your inspiration for the Fifty Days of Eastertide. *Fr. Norbert*

MARTHA O'REILLY RIP Martha's Funeral Mass will be in Our Lady's Church on Wednesday 30th April at 9.30am.

TERRI LAURIE RIP Terri's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Wednesday 7th May at 11am.

MONICA HAYWOOD RIP Monica's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Thursday 8th May at 9.30am.

SCHOOL MASSES With the children returning back to school in the Octave of Easter, there will be Mass in Our Lady School on Wednesday 23rd at 2pm and Mass in Holy Family School on Friday 25th April at 11am.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION The English and Welsh branch of the Catholic Grandparents' Association (www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) will be launched on Friday 9th May, 10:30am–3pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1EP. Any grandparents wishing to represent their parish at the launch should please contact Edmund Adamus edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk 020 7798 9363 as soon as possible as space is limited.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM Next meeting to reflect on Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium) on Friday 25th April in the Chapel adjacent to Our Lady's Hall at 7:45pm, for an hour. Pat Whitney from Focolare will be the group facilitator. The topic will be 'The Church's Missionary Transformation' (paragraphs: 19 -49) and then on Friday 2nd May the topic will be 'Amid the Crisis of Communal Commitment' (paragraphs: 50 -109) For further information please ring Kay Mason on 01707 335633 or Desi Russell on 01707 371399.

PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY On 18th May, John Fogarty is going to do the Pedal Against Poverty (CAFOD's annual ride along the River Lea, near Cheshunt), and he is hoping to complete the event. Riders are helping CAFOD to eliminate poverty around the world. John would be grateful if you could sponsor him. See him at Mass, send a cheque (payable to CAFOD) to 23 Duncan Close, WGC AL7 3XP or visit www.justgiving.com/John-Fogarty3. If you would like to join John on the ride you would be welcome - phone (01707 327771) or e-mail him: john.fogarty@ntlworld.com.

INTERFAITH MATTERS Worship in Many Lands, an illustrated talk at The Friends Meeting House, Handside Lane on Thursday 8th May 7.15 for 7.30pm.

INTERFAITH DAY FOR WOMEN at the Methodist Church Hall, Ludwick Way, on Monday 12th May from 10am to 2.45pm, an opportunity to meet and discuss with members of other faiths. See flyers at the back of church for the above events.

RCIA Congratulations to our new members! The group will have an afternoon of reflection, celebration and thanksgiving at the Focolare Centre on Sunday 11th May.

CONFIRMATION Our young people have their final session on Sunday 27th April at 7.15pm in Holy Family's Parish Room. The Confirmation Rehearsal will be in Our Lady's Church on Friday 2nd May at 7.45pm and the Confirmation Mass will be in Our Lady's on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm.

AFRICAN MASS There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 27th April after 11.30 Mass at Our Lady's. All members of the African Community are asked to come and start the preparations for the Mass on Sunday 13th July.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (27th April) will be celebrated at Our Lady and St Vincent Church in Potters Bar (243 Mutton Lane EN6 2AT) from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, commencing with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour followed by the Divine Mercy Devotions. After the Devotions, all are invited to refreshments in the hall.

OCTOBER TRIP to Rheims. Leaflets and booking forms at the back of our churches.

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S Thank you to all those children who came on Tuesday (63 of them) for making the afternoon such an enjoyable time. Thank you to the parents who stayed and helped and to our older children who supervised the planting of the Outdoor Easter Garden.

THANK YOU Amy Staniforth thanks all those who supported her recent Lent raffle raising funds for various charities at Loreto College. £53 was made.

MAY DEVOTIONS to Our Lady in the Peace Garden after 10am Mass at Our Lady's on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May.

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN St. Bonaventure's group meets again on Saturday 26th when we learn about the Gift of Joy. Please try and get your folders up to date.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP Resumes again on Tuesday 29th April, not this week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES At Holy Family Church on Sunday 18th May at 12 noon, at Our Lady's at 11.30am on Sundays 11th May, 1st June and 8th June, and at St. Bonaventure's on Sunday 15th June at 10.30am. Parents have their final session on Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY falls in the Octave of Easter this year and so will be transferred to Monday 28th April. There will be a St. George's Mass in Our Lady's at 9.30am on that day followed by breakfast in the hall.

CAFOD Bridie Nash will be doing the Rotary walk for CAFOD on Sunday 27th April and hopes to complete the long route rather than the short one. If you would like to sponsor her in fundraising for Connect2Ethopia please contact her on 01707 326709.

PARKING AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S A reminder that you must not double park outside the church. Even though you are allowed to park (without restriction) on a Sunday you will be penalised if you double park!

NEWSLETTER This week's newsletter covers two weeks, the next newsletter will be on 4th May

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

MASS TIMES

Week of 21st April

21 Monday	<u>10am</u>	Mass	Our Lady's	Octave of Easter
22 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Octave of Easter
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
23 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Octave of Easter
24 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Octave of Easter
25 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Octave of Easter
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
26 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Octave of Easter

Week of 27th April

26 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	Second Sunday of Easter
27 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	
28 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. George
29 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Catherine of Sienna
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
30 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Easter feria
	9.30am	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's	
01 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Joseph the Worker
02 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Athanasius
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
03 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	SS Philip and James

CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463