

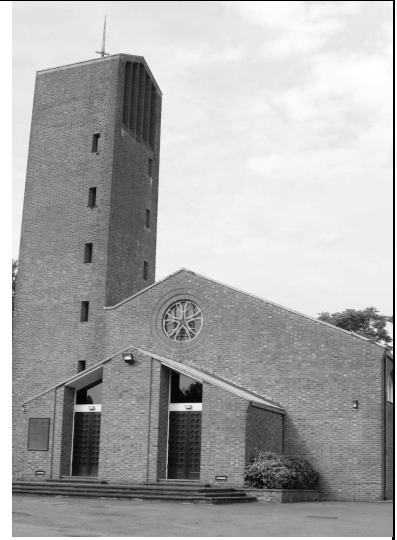
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Third Sunday of Easter 4th May 2014 (page 259)

Today we journey with two disciples to the village of Emmaus. Their walk is filled with sadness as they contemplate all that has happened in Jerusalem the previous days. Perhaps they are trying to get away from the pain and disappointment they feel at Jesus' death? Maybe the place of the Lord's Death is too much for them to bear and they have to leave? Who knows? What we do come to grasp with them is that Jesus too has been treading the same path as they have taken. He is with them - though a stranger at first - listening to them, explaining things to them and breaking bread with them. They then recognise him but he vanishes from their sight. Their memory is of their hearts burning within them. What a powerful image used to describe the presence of Christ!

There are many paths we take in life. Some are straightforward taking us where we need to be immediately. A few might take us to dead ends and we have to turn back and make a fresh start. Often we can lose our way and we meander in many directions. Have you ever thought that you are not sure where exactly you should be now? You have your gaze fixed on heaven and being with God eternally but somehow in the present moment are you all at sea and uncertain? Are you running away from events, people, places like the two disciples? The crux of this Easter passage from St. Luke is that Jesus is always with us. The Risen Lord makes himself known to us in the Scriptures, in the Community of Disciples (The Church) and in the Breaking of Bread (The Eucharist). It can be hard to see his presence; however, he is there.

Let us pray that in the coming week, whatever hardships, difficulties or disappointments we encounter, we will not give up. Let us allow the joy of meeting him here at Mass be the source of encouragement in all that we do.

God bless you. *Fr. Norbert*

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. Her body will be received into church on Wednesday at 4pm.

GRETA MULROY RIP Greta's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's Church on Tuesday 13th May at 9.30am

TERESA MITCHELL RIP Teresa's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 20th May at 1pm.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families and friends of the above.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND (formerly WEEF) There will not be a retiring collection for this Fund next weekend as we are involved in the Growing in Faith campaign. If you have an envelope in your planned giving box of envelopes, there is no need to use it.

CENSUS If you missed filling in a census form, please would you do so today. There are forms at the back of each church.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM Next meeting to reflect on Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium) on Friday 9th May in the Chapel adjacent to Our Lady's Hall at 7:45pm, for an hour. Pat Whitney from Focolare will be the group facilitator. For further information please ring Kay Mason on 01707 335633 or Desi Russell on 01707 371399

SUMMER MINIBUS OUTINGS for anybody with limited mobility will recommence on TUESDAY 13TH MAY with an afternoon visit to Hatfield House with free entry to The Stable Yard shops and restaurant (other areas require an entrance fee). Hire of the minibus is provided by the parish. Please phone Kay on 01707 335633 to book a seat. Although organised from St. Bonaventure's this is for members of our three churches.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS on the Vigil of Pentecost - Saturday 7th June at 6pm at Our Lady's. All welcome.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Saturday 14th June at 12noon in Our Lady's organised by the SVP for our three parishes.

RCIA The group will have an afternoon of reflection, celebration and thanksgiving at the Focolare Centre on Sunday 11th May starting at 1.30pm.

GROWING IN FAITH Copies of the Cardinal's Letter read last week are available at the back of our churches. In the coming weeks Fr. Norbert has been asked to contact parishioners and meet with them to explain the Cardinal's vision for the Diocese. Please add your prayerful support. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION Please pray for our young people who are to be confirmed by Bishop John Sherrington in Our Lady's on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm. Any altar servers who would like to take part should sign their names on the lists in each sacristy (and remember to take their albs) and come to Our Lady's on Friday at 6.45pm.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY Thank you to everyone who came last Monday and especially to those who helped in any way. It was a wonderful celebration.

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

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD CAKE TABLE Next Sunday 11th May after 9.30am Mass.
OCTOBER TRIP to Rheims. Leaflets and booking forms at the back of our churches.
PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES There are still some boxes of envelopes at the back of our churches. If you haven't collected yours please do so this weekend. Thank you.
OUR LADY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE will be on Saturday 17th May 11.30am - 3.30pm Lots of fun to be had and stalls include Tombola, Plants, Cakes and a Barbi. A fantastic raffle with £150 cash as the 1st prize! If you are interested in taking a stall at the fete, the fee is £20 please email: lorina.felicien@ntlworld.com
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.
MISSIO (APF) ST. BONAVENTURE'S The total raised in 2013 via the Red Boxes and donations was £1556. Many thanks to all concerned.
THANK YOU from Jacqueline McCallum for all your prayers, well wishes, and donations for the London Marathon. She raised over £2200 for Macmillan and completed the marathon with her body just about intact!

PEACE DAY Saturday 10th May. Come and enjoy Fun and Creative activities at the Friends Meeting House, Handside Lane. All are welcome.

NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION A talk and discussion with Brenda Lowe, Active Peace Campaigner at the Friends Meeting House, Handside Lane on Sunday 11th May, 7pm for 7.30pm.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH The monthly cleaning of the church and maintenance of the grounds will take place next Saturday 10th May at 9am for ONE hour. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to come and help!

DOG WALKING Can you help an elderly parishioner by walking her dog? Contact Nora on 321432.

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.

NEED A CLEANER? Then phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980887231.

Need a Mobile Hairdresser, or a Decorator /Handy man or a Cleaner? As a family concern, we offer competitive rates which won't be beaten. Tracey (**MOBILE HAIRDRESSER**) 07581212941. Jamie (**DECORATOR/HANDYMAN**) 07572527731. Jackie (**CLEANER**) 07938917631

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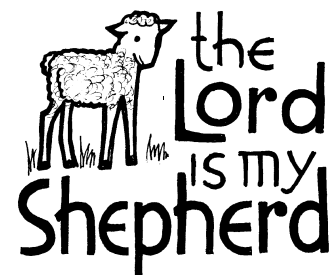
CONFESSIONS	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

MASS TIMES

05 Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Easter feria
06 Tuesday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
07 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Family	Easter feria
	11am	Funeral Mass	St. Bonaventure
08 Thursday	9.30am	Funeral Mass	Holy Family
09 Friday	9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria
	7pm	Our Lady's	
10 Saturday	10am	St. Bonaventure	Easter feria

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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



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