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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

12th May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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One more week of Easter! It is amazing how things progress so quickly and you almost reaches a destination before you know it! There are our children who are making their First Holy Communion and the Sundays are here! Our young people are completing their final days leading to Confirmation. There are many who have told me about the examinations and tests they have been working hard for and now SATs, GCSEs, A-levels, Finals and many other exams have started. With Leavers' Masses, farewells and planning for the future, communities of many kinds are undergoing transition. Lots of prayers are being offered!

Today the Church is in that in-between period as she yearns for the Holy Spirit to come at Pentecost. We journeyed through Forty Days of Lent and were immersed in the wonder of the Sacred Triduum. Forty Days took us the Ascension last Thursday and now the completion of the Easter Mystery with the Gift promised by the Lord - his Spirit. The Spirit never stops reminding us of the message of Jesus Christ, putting us in touch with his Saving Acts and the love of the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit keeps us young in faith and enlivens us for the Mission of sharing the Gospel with others. The Holy Spirit is the Mystery of God and enlightens us in ways we never thought possible. The Spirit renews the face of the earth and guides the Church in her responsibility towards the world. There is much to pray for! There is a huge amount God wants to do for us!

I am so grateful for the hard work preparing for next Sunday. Thank you for your support and encouragement. May we all be blessed by God when Pentecost comes!

With much love and prayer, **Fr. Norbert**

CONFIRMATION Rehearsal today (Sunday 12th) 3.30pm in Our Lady's Church. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Friday 17th May at 7.30pm at Our Lady's. *Please keep the young people in your prayers.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Holy Family Sunday 12th May 9.30am. Our Lady's - Sundays 11.30am 2nd & 9th June. .

BAPTISMS Please contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. Marco to arrange the Baptism of your child.

CAFOD APPEAL for Sudan where there are millions facing extreme hunger. To contribute go to cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 08085858885 *Thank you!*

JOSEPHINE (JOAN) RICKETTS RIP Funeral Mass on Wednesday 15th May at 12.45pm at Holy Family.

TERRENCE HOGAN RIP Funeral Mass on Thursday 23rd May at 12 noon at Holy Family. *There will NOT be a 9.30am Mass that morning.*

FOOD BANK New Zion Christian Fellowship continues its Food Bank every Wednesday 9 - 11am. Items received from 8am on a Wednesday at 140 Cole Green Lane AL7 3JE. Email foodbank@newzioncf.net to donate. Use Food Bank Baskets at the back of church.

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Drivers are needed. Health & Safety training and Safeguarding requirements will be arranged. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham on 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

LISTER HOSPITAL Non-urgent referrals to Chaplaincy Team 01438 285519, Urgent referrals 01438 314333 (and ask for duty chaplain), emailspiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net

CHURCH CLEANING at Holy Family Church on Wednesday after 9.30 Mass and the teas/coffees. Come and lend a hand - it is much appreciated and makes a real difference!

PILGRIMAGE 4-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Our Lady's Birthday from Friday 6th until Monday 9th September. Leaflets at the back of our churches or go to <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0959/>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be raffling luxury hampers this weekend at all Masses. £1 per strip. All proceeds to CWL charities including HCPT and Mary's Meals.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP Wed 15th May 7.30pm Focolare Centre. 'A stranger in their midst - Experiences of a different faith' with a panel of speakers.

SVP Our local St. Vincent de Paul Group will be hosting Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at Focolare Centre on Sat. 22nd June at 12 noon followed by refreshments.

LEGISLATION Our Bishops have asked us to write to our MPs about some very important issues coming up in Parliament. On Wednesday 15th May, MPs will be given the opportunity to vote on two pro-life changes to the law—one amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill tabled by Caroline Ansell MP to lower the abortion limit from 24 to 22 weeks, and another tabled by Liam Fox MP which would bring the abortion limit for babies with Down's Syndrome in line with the time limit for babies who do not have disabilities. At present abortion for Down's Syndrome is legal right up to birth. There are also two extreme pro-abortion amendments being tabled. *Please act quickly!*

CAKE SALE on Sun. 26th May at St. Bonaventure's after 8am & 10.30am Masses to raise funds for the Redcaps - young people who support the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

LOOKING AHEAD Filipino Mass Sat. 15th June at 6pm. Signed Mass Sun. 30th June at 11.30am (practice on Tues. 25th June at 8pm), African Mass Sun. 7th July at 11.30am.

PENTECOST 2024 (Sunday 19th May) and Fr. Norbert's 60th Birthday!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mass at Our Lady's at 11.30am followed by a celebration in/outside the Trinity Hall. *Please pray for good weather!*

Musicians and singers who wish to take part in the Mass should assemble at 10.30 in church. *Please let Fr. Norbert know if you plan to do so.*

SET UP on Saturday 18th between 2 and 4 pm.

HELP ON THE DAY needed with serving food and taking round trays. Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist in some way. If you would like to help, please contact Ann Chappell (ahchappell@aol.com, 07784781178).

OUTLINE OF AFTERNOON

1pm After Mass **snacks and canapes** will be served outside Trinity Hall

Bar with cocktails, soft drinks, beers and wines throughout day

1.30pm **Grace** followed by the main dishes - international and local

2.45pm Cutting of **cake** followed by brief speeches and presentation

3pm African dancing

3.15pm Irish dancing

3.30pm Goan folk dancing

3.45pm Polish Zumba

4pm Zumba for everyone

4pm Desserts

4.15pm Filipino dancing

4.30pm Bollywood dancing

5pm Karaoke and dancing for everyone

6pm Thanksgiving and conclusion

There are those who have offered to sing and dance - they will have opportunities too!

Parking Our Lady Primary School car park will be available as will the car park outside the Little Tulips Nursery next to Trinity Hall. *Our thanks to them.* The car park in front of the Trinity Hall will NOT be available. Wherever you park, please park safely in a way that does not endanger anyone and respects the grass verges and the neighbours' driveways.

Safeguarding We remind parents to keep an eye on their children so that they are safe at all times.

MASS INTENTIONS *These can be booked through Fr. Norbert*

11th May

6pm Our Lady Terry Hogan RIP

12th Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am St. Bonaventure Robert & Val Callingham + their families
9.30am Holy Family Chris Ross RIP
10.30am St. Bonaventure Roy D’Cunha RIP *Fr. Tom O’Brien celebrant*
11.30am Our Lady Rob Harmer RIP (10th Anniv)
6pm Holy Family Andrea Bagari RIP

13th Monday

9.30am Our Lady Eunice D’Arcy (Birthday Int) *Bishop Paul celebrant*

14th Tuesday ST. MATTHIAS

9.30am St. Bonaventure Lucia Federici’s Intention
7pm Our Lady Tracey Laycock RIP

15th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Paraig Hynes RIP
12.45pm Holy Family Funeral Mass Josephine (Joan) Ricketts

16th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Peggy Metcalfe’s Intention

17th Friday

9.30am St. Bonaventure Private Intention (J.A.)
7.30pm Our Lady Confirmation Mass *Bishop Paul McAleenan*

18th Saturday

10am St. Bonaventure Paddy Glynn RIP (1st Anniv)
6pm Our Lady Sean Cox (Birthday Intention)

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am St. Bonaventure 5pm - 5.30pm Our Lady

Thursdays 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family (with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 7.30am until 6pm. Entrance near Trinity Hall. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle and have a moment of silence.

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass in the Lady Chapel of St. Albans Cathedral at 12 noon on Fridays.

STREAMED MASS on [youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches](https://www.youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches)