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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

26th May 2024
2nd June 2024

MOST HOLY TRINITY
CORPUS CHRISTI

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The Church cannot let go of Easter completely and before we are fully immersed in Ordinary Time, we are given two profound and amazing celebrations - the Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ). If I asked you to write about each of these mysteries, how many pages would you need? There are tomes written by scholars which try to outline how God can be Three-in-One as well as One-in-Three. The number of books explaining how Christ can be present in the Bread and Wine which are transformed by God through the words and actions of the priest. The Trinity and Eucharist are at the heart of our belief as Catholic Christians. As we profess our faith in the Trinity, we are taken to the essence of God who calls us to share in his dynamic, vibrant life - one day we hope this will be our experience for eternity. When we ponder the Eucharist, we are overwhelmed by the message that Jesus gives us his very self to nourish us, to strengthen us and to create communion with him and with one another.

While there are pages which have been written throughout the centuries, with conversations and arguments galore, the greatest joy is to be still, in awe, at the way God has chosen to reveal himself - as Trinity and in the Eucharist. Silence is golden! Our Gospel passage is the ending of St. Matthew as the Lord sends out his disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' He promises to be with us to the end of time. The Gospel for Corpus Christi is from St. Mark. We are at the Last Supper and Christ's Gift will help us to remember his Passion, Death and Resurrection. The eternal love of the Trinity is made manifest in the Saving Passion of Christ. His love is for everyone and brings us all together.

May God bless you and your loved ones. With much love, **Fr. Norbert**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Our Lady's - Sunday 2nd+9th June at 11.30am
NEWLY CONFIRMED have a meeting on Sunday 2nd June at 3.30pm in the Trinity Hall.
Congratulations again to our young people and a huge 'Thank you!' to Fr. Marco and the catechists, to all involved in the liturgy and its preparation and to those who helped with the reception in the hall. It was a tremendous, Spirit-filled evening.

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!*

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. *The Food Bank has written to express thanks to the many donors who contribute to it. There are on average 59 people who come every week, representing a household each; 11 parcels are delivered to those who just cannot come out.*

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

PILGRIMAGE 4-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Our Lady's Birthday from Friday 6th until Monday 9th September. <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0959/> or take a leaflet.

CAKE SALE Sunday 26th at St. Bonaventure after 8am+10.30am Masses to raise funds for the Redcaps - young people supporting the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

SVP Our local St. Vincent de Paul Group will be hosting Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway AL8 6HH on Saturday 22nd June at 12 noon followed by refreshments in the hall. *Come and experience the powerful and peaceful presence of the Lord in this Sacrament of Healing. Come and pray for the sick.* If anyone needs a lift to this Mass, please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456

LOOKING AHEAD Filipino Mass Saturday 15th June at 6pm at Our Lady's followed by a reception in the Trinity Hall with food and entertainment.

Signed Mass Sunday 30th June at 11.30am at Our Lady's. There will be a signing practice on Tuesday 25th June 8 - 9pm. *Let Fr. Norbert know if can come to the practice.*

African Mass Sunday 7th July at 11.30am followed by a party in the Trinity Hall.

Polish-English Mass and celebration on Saturday 28th September at 6pm at Our Lady's.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will have a tombola stall at the Woodhall Community Centre's Fun Day on Saturday 27th May. They would welcome any donations for the stall. Please contact Sally on 07817961675 or Sylvie on 07817961675 or leave any donations for the stall at the back of Our Lady's Church.

CHURCH CLEANING at Our Lady's on Saturday 1st June at 10am as well as the maintenance of the grounds. At St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 4th after 9.30am Mass. *Come and lend a hand - it makes a difference!* Thank you.

HALF-TERM We hope everyone has a good break and that revision goes well for those preparing for examinations.

PENTECOST REFLECTIONS (Sunday 19th May) God blessed us all with sunshine throughout the day which was wonderful whatever people were getting up to! The 11.30am Mass was packed to overflowing with joyful, faith-filled, diverse children, women and men. There were so many visitors and the church was enriched by a variety of languages, cultures and styles of worship. God's Holy Spirit was definitely in our midst!

Afterwards the gathering basked in the sun, their parched throats quenched by cool cocktails and other drinks and their mouths savoured international flavours. The teams of helpers gave so generously from start to finish. The preparation in the preceding days (and weeks) resulted in an amazing outdoor party with song, dance and togetherness. Family, friends and parishioners made acquaintance with each other, mixing easily. The neighbours must have wondered what was happening!

Fr. Norbert wants everyone to know how much he appreciates their sheer hard work and infectious enthusiasm. The generosity with time, food and drink, and with gifts is a testament to your kindness and desire to create a community which welcomes, shares and reaches out - all founded on God's love. Thank you!

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

25th May

6pm Our Lady Anthony and Comfort Obiakeze RIP

26th Sunday *MOST HOLY TRINITY*

8am St. Bonaventure Angelo + Elizabeth Lauria & families
9.30am Holy Family Brian Hall RIP Anniv
10.30am St. Bonaventure Eric Fishwick RIP
11.30am Our Lady Clive Winsor RIP
6pm Holy Family Roza D'Cunha RIP Birthday

27th Monday *St. Augustine of Canterbury*

10am Our Lady Liz Davin's Intention

28th Tuesday

9.30am St. Bonaventure St. Jude (Special Intention)
7pm Our Lady Rosaleen and John Dicks' Intention

29th Wednesday

9.30am Holy Family Terry Hogan RIP

30th Thursday

9.30am Holy Family Wedding Anniversary of Teresa Gurjao
and the late Romualdo Gurjao

31st Friday *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30am St. Bonaventure In thanksgiving to St. Jude
7pm Our Lady Tony Wilson RIP

1st June Saturday *St. Justin*

10am St. Bonaventure Danny Kennoy RIP
6pm Our Lady Sean Cox's Intention

2nd Sunday CORPUS CHRISTI

8am	St. Bonaventure	Donald and Evelyn Mary Shewring
9.30am	Holy Family	John Rodger RIP Anniv
10.30am	St. Bonaventure	Eric Fishwick RIP <i>Fr. Tom O'Brien celebrant</i>
11.30am	Our Lady	Sr. Carmela Deguara RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Augustus Joachim RIP

3rd Monday *St. Charles Lwanga and Companions*

9.30am	Our Lady	Roy D'Cunha RIP (1st Anniv)
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4th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	John and Margaret Green's Intention
7pm	Our Lady	Marion Woollard (70th Birthday) <i>Fr. Tom O'Brien celebrant</i>

5th Wednesday *St. Boniface*

9.30am	Holy Family	Jorn Flo's Recovery
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6th Thursday *St. Norbert*

9.30am	Holy Family	Bella and Denis Dunne RIP Anniv
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7th Friday MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	<i>Followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome!</i>
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Genevieve + Dan Baker and Baby Jacob's Intention
7pm	Our Lady	Brian Robinson RIP

8th Saturday *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Angela McCarthy's Intention
6pm	Our Lady	Gerry McCarthy RIP

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Thursdays 10.00 - 10.30am Holy Family

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

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) Saturday's 6pm Mass will be recorded and streamed at 10am on Sunday (26th)