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WELWYN GARDEN CITY PARISH

PENTECOST (24.05) + TRINITY SUNDAY (31.05) + CORPUS CHRISTI (07.06)

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Pentecost completes our celebration of the Easter Mystery. Jesus, from the glory of being at the Father's Right Hand, bestows upon us the Gift of the Holy Spirit. There is so much the Spirit wants to do for us and with us! Love is the heart of the Godhead and the Spirit connects us with the dynamic relationship between Father and Son. We are empowered to be sent out with a message to be lived, to be shared and to be encountered in Jesus Christ. Do you feel apprehensive with this commissioning? *The Spirit gives courage!* Do you think you don't have the right words? *At the first Pentecost this wasn't a problem!* Are you struggling because of issues in the past where sins have got in the way? *The Holy Spirit gives us a fresh start with the breath of forgiveness!* Do you find it hard to understand Faith in its entirety? *The Spirit broadens horizons and deepens comprehension!* The Holy Spirit continues to come even after Pentecost. So, we must not stop praying that this Promise of Jesus will be a reality in our lives and in our world.

The Church then takes us to the proclamation of God as Trinity. Our Gospel reading from St. John reminds us that the God of Love has poured his goodness in Creation - God loves the world so much! Corpus Christi highlights the wonder of the Gift of the Eucharist - Bread and Wine truly becoming the Body and Blood of Christ - putting us in touch with the Lord's Death and Resurrection and nourishing us with Divine Life. How fortunate we are to know who God is, to live in that Presence and to feel that Life within us. May God bless you with Love beyond measure! You are in my thoughts and prayers, **Fr. Norbert**

BAPTISM Contact Fr. Norbert or Fr. James to arrange the Baptism of your child.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES Please keep our children in your prayers. St. Bonaventure: Sunday 24th May 9am. Our Lady's: 7th June at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION The newly confirmed will have a gathering on Friday 5th June with Mass at 7pm in Our Lady's and a social in the Trinity Hall.

MARRIAGE Any couples planning to get married this year or next should let Fr. Norbert know so that all the necessary preparations can be made.

RITE OF THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) A number of people have already made contact with Fr. Norbert since Easter. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church and would like to find out more, why not email or phone Fr. Norbert to meet up and discuss the process and reflect on the journey ahead. Perhaps you are a baptised Catholic who missed out on Confirmation when younger and now feel ready, let Fr. Norbert know, so he can meet you to talk through preparation and expectations. In some countries, a Catholic who has not been confirmed will not be allowed to get married in a Catholic Church; so if this is the case, speak to Fr. Norbert

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

TRANSPORT TO MASS GROUP is there for parishioners who need a lift to Mass. Call Anne Maclean-Eltham 07811926002 or macleaneltham@gmail.com

STEFAN GUERZONI who is our parishioner and a deacon in training will give a reflection at every Mass the weekend of 30th/31st May. He has almost completed his first year and will continue for the next few years. *Please keep him in your prayers.*

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS Thank you to everyone who worked very hard to make this celebration so prayerful and joyful, both in church and in the hall. *When's the next one?!*

SATURDAY CLUB Next gathering for those with learning disabilities and their carers on Saturday 13th June 2 - 4pm in the Trinity Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST The next early Mass will be on 5th June at 6.30am at St. Bonaventure's. *Thank you to the Team which gets everything ready!*

CHURCH CLEANING St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 2nd June after 9.30am Mass. Holy Family on Wednesday 3rd June after 9.30am Mass and tea/coffee. Our Lady's on Saturday 6th June at 10am. Also maintenance of the grounds. Come and lend a hand to keep our churches clean and tidy. Your help is much appreciated

FILIPINO MASS Saturday 6th June 6pm at Our Lady's. The Filipino Community invites you to the Mass and the celebrations which will follow in the Trinity Hall. Enjoy food and a short programme with Filipino folk dance and singing. Come and celebrate!

AFRICAN MASS on Sunday 28th June 12 noon at Our Lady's. The African parishioners invite you to come and enjoy a vibrant day of worship, music, food and culture both in church and in the Trinity Hall.

CALLED TO SERVE A day for parish catechists and volunteers on Saturday 27th June 10am - 4pm in the Focolare Centre AL8 6JG. Tickets £10 email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk Fr. Patrick van der Vorst an art expert will give input too.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CENTENARY The second phase of the redecoration of St. Bonaventure's Church will begin at the start of June. The Foundation Stone was laid on 10th March 1926 and the first celebration of Mass on 14th September 1926. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate a Centenary Mass on Sunday 13th September at 3pm. Also, on the Feast of St. Bonaventure (Wednesday 15th July) the 9.30am Mass will be celebrated at St. Bonaventure's. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday 10th June at 7pm in St. Bonaventure's. *Come and share your ideas for the Centenary.*

VOLUNTEERS The Diocese of Westminster asks that all volunteers complete a Confidentiality Agreement Form. *This is a requirement.* Forms are available at the back of each church. Parents should complete one for their son/daughter who serves at the altar or who reads at Mass if they are under age. Many completed forms have been returned - thank you. If you still haven't picked up a form, please do so as soon as possible. Another requirement is for people to agree to be in a livestreamed Mass - readers, servers especially. The forms are at the back of Our Lady's Church. Please get them to Fr. Norbert soon. Thanks for your cooperation.

FOREST CHURCH experience at the United Reformed Church, Church Road AL8 6PR on Sunday 31st May in two sections 2 - 5pm. They are exploring a new way to encounter Christ; by connecting with the God of creation, in the created world, can bring a new dimension to our relationship with God. Please contact Tracy if you intend going on miss.devurc@yahoo.com, or call 07596452960

INTERFAITH GROUP 'Dialogue between different religions' The Focolare experience: Past, Present and Future Speakers: Pat Whitney and Chris Ronayne Thursday 11th June 7.15pm for 7.30pm start to 9.00pm Focolare Centre for Unity 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG. It's 50 years since Chiara Lubich was awarded the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion in 1977 and many changes have taken place since then. The speakers will look back on her work, the Focolare Movement as it is today and the vision for its future.

YMCA CAMPUS on Peartree Lane was officially opened on Tuesday 12th May. The new four-story development provides a range of accommodation to meet different needs, including 81 rooms with basic meal provision, 35 self-contained rooms with shared kitchen facilities, and eight fully self-contained rooms. There is also emergency accommodation available for up to three nights through four council-funded beds, with flexibility for short extensions where appropriate. Longer-term residents can stay for up to 18 months. Alongside safe and secure accommodation, residents are supported by a team of five specialist support workers and volunteers. Support includes help with resettlement, mental health, and issues related to drug and alcohol use, as well as recre-ational activities designed to build social skills. Chaplaincy services are available, and tailored support for people with complex needs. *May God bless all on this Campus!*

CONFESSIONS *Sacrament of Reconciliation* Holy Family Thursday 10.00 - 10.30 (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) St. Bonaventure Saturday 10.30 - 11am Our Lady Saturday 5 - 5.30pm

CHAPEL Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4pm(except half-term 25th - 29th May)

ST. ALBANS Catholic Mass St. Albans Cathedral on Fridays 12 noon Lady Chapel.

STREAMED MASS on youtube.com/c/WelwynGardenCityCatholicChurches

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Our Lady's 12 noon Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

23rd Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Maureen Oaks (Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	Joe Hensey RIP

24th *PENTECOST*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Anne Okechukwu RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Sheila Thomas RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Joe Carroll RIP
6pm	Holy Family	Roza D'Cunha RIP

25th Monday *Mary, Mother of the Church*

10am	Our Lady	Violeta Matro Antelman RIP
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26th Tuesday *St. Philip Neri*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Special Intention (MB)
7pm	Our Lady	

27th Wednesday *ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY*

9.30am	Holy Family	Linda Finn RIP
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28th Thursday *OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST*

9.30am	Holy Family	Special Intention (CK)
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29th Friday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Special Intention (MB)
7pm	Our Lady	Helena Ogunsanya RIP

30th Saturday

10am	St. Bonaventure	Sheila Almeyda's Intention
6pm	Our Lady	Anne Keller's Intention

31st *TRINITY SUNDAY*

9am	St. Bonaventure	Kathleen Brady's Intention
10.30am	Holy Family	Brian Hall RIP Anniv
12 noon	Our Lady	Paula Schofield (Intention)
6pm	Holy Family	Marta and Jose Camargo RIP

1st June Monday *St. Justin Martyr*

9.30am	Our Lady	
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2nd Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Mary Pearce's Intention
7pm	Our Lady	

3rd Wednesday *St. Charles Lwanga and Companions*

9.30am	Holy Family	John and Josie Rodger RIP Anniv
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4th Thursday

9.30am	Holy Family	Joyce Frost RIP
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5th Friday *St. Boniface*

6.30am	St. Bonaventure	
9.30am	St. Bonaventure	Mary Pearce and Family (Intention)
7pm	Our Lady	Newly Confirmed

6th Saturday *St. Norbert*

10am	St. Bonaventure	Janet Lewis (Intention)
6pm	Our Lady	

7th CORPUS CHRISTI

9am	St. Bonaventure	Michael Bacon RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Virginia Rees RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	
6pm	Holy Family	Roy D’Cunha RIP Anniv

8th Monday

9.30am	Our Lady	Teresa Harrington (Birthday Intention)
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9th Tuesday

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	James and Marion Brogan’s Intentions
7pm	Our Lady	

10th Wednesday

9.30am	Holy Family	Linda Finn RIP
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11th Thursday *St. Barnabas*

9.30am	Holy Family	Norman Hillier RIP Anniv
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12th Friday *MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS*

9.30am	St. Bonaventure	
7pm	Our Lady	Helena Ogunsanya RIP

13th Saturday *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

10am	St. Bonaventure	
6pm	Our Lady	Anne Davidson (90th Birthday)

14th ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am	St. Bonaventure	Malcolm Williamson RIP
10.30am	Holy Family	Elias and Noemi Gonsalves RIP
12 noon	Our Lady	Eddy Gallucci + family (In thanksgiving 50th Birthday)
6pm	Holy Family	Jason McKenna RIP (1st Anniv)