

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Easter Sunday

4th April 2010 (including 11th April)

Easter has come! Jesus has risen from the dead! ALLELUIA! The long Lenten journey has finally culminated in the intensity of the Triduum and brought us to where we stand now - basking in the light of the Risen Lord. This *is* worth celebrating. The Church asks us to let Easter flow into Fifty Days of rejoicing at Jesus' victory over suffering and death, Fifty Days of appreciating his triumph over sin and evil.

Fr. Michael and I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who has played a part in Lent and in the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum. So much hard work has gone on behind the scenes and in the Liturgy; for this we are so grateful. We also want to express our gratitude for the Easter cards, gifts and very generous Easter offerings which are much appreciated.

Today we would like to congratulate the eleven adults of the RCIA Group who have completed their initiation into the Catholic Church. There are many - family members, friends and parishioners - who have supported them along the way. Long may this continue. We need to invite others to think about taking this important step in their faith journey and encourage them. Maybe next year there might be even more?! Our thanks to Bishop George Stack for being in our midst and presiding at the Easter Vigil.

This Eastertide, let us take the opportunity of recommitting ourselves to Christ, of letting him have a priority in our lives, of living in the hope of heaven and sharing in the life he won for us. There is a world waiting to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and longing to see it in action. There are countless people who have lost their direction in life. Perhaps, empowered by the Risen Lord, we might humbly share what we have received? Our generous response *will* bear much fruit.

God bless you and your loved ones this Easter. *Fr. Norbert*

WEEKEND IN OSTEND AND BRUGES The coach is two-thirds full. If you are interested in going for the weekend of 23rd/24th October, price £99 (children under 12 £64), please give in a deposit of £30 as soon as possible. There are booking forms at the back of the church.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE There will be a Day Pilgrimage by coach to Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham, Norfolk on Saturday 22nd May. Fr. Michael will be leading the group. It should be an excellent day. More details soon.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS Both Our Lady's and Holy Family Primary Schools are in need of Foundation Governors. These governors are appointed by the Diocese and uphold the Catholic Faith and support the life of the school. If you would like to find out more, please contact Fr. Norbert.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH Did you know that there is a Jain Temple in Potters Bar? The Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group have invited two of their community to come and talk about their faith on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30 in the Park Lounge, Campus West. All welcome. For further details contact Reynold Rosenberg on 01707 880941.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP The group meets again on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30pm in the parish room at Holy Family church. All welcome.

10 MILE SPONSORED WALK If you would like to sponsor Marion Brogan who is raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society there is a form at the back of St. Bonaventure's Church for you to put your name and the amount you want to contribute. Thank you.

Q.E.II LEAGUE OF FRIENDS The League of Friends at the QEII hospital would like some more volunteers. Can you spare 2 or 3 hours a month to help out? Volunteers are needed to take trolleys round the wards selling newspapers, drinks, sweets, toiletries etc. to patients and staff. If you are interested call into the hospital shop and pick up an application form or phone 01438 714780.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S READERS Your new rotas are ready for you at the back of church.

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN (ST.B) We meet again on Saturday 17th April. Please try to bring your work up to date during the holiday.

CHILDREN'S MASS The next Children's Mass at St. Bonaventure's is at 6pm on Sunday 18th April.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE The children at St. Bonaventure's will be holding an Easter Egg raffle on Sunday 18th April. Proceeds for our Lourdes Redcaps.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY There will be refreshments after the 9am Mass at St. Bonaventure's on Friday 23rd April. All welcome.

PLEASE NOTE This newsletter is for two weeks, so please keep it for reference.

SOUL MATTERS A day meeting (10.30am - 3.30pm) on Saturday 17th April at the Focolare Centre, organised by the 'World of Health', a group which meets to consider spiritual and moral aspects of health. At this meeting, Dr. Mabel Aghadiuno a GP and author of 'Soul Matters - The spiritual Dimension within Healthcare', will be speaking. For further information and booking see poster on noticeboard.

POST-CONFIRMATION GROUP Meet in the Focolare Centre on Sunday 18th April 7.30 - 9pm to plan events for the coming months. Any who missed the meeting would be most welcome on the 18th.

ALTAR SERVERS' MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL will be on Saturday 24th April at Westminster Cathedral. Servers please let Fr. Norbert know if you are going to attend. Remember to take with you your alb or cassock and cotta. We will meet at Welwyn Garden City Station at 12noon and will take the 12.20pm train. Servers need to come with a parent.

TRIP TO INDIA Fr. Norbert is hoping to organise a trip to India next year 2nd - 16th February. One week in the north - Delhi, Jaipur and Agra and a week in Goa. If you are interested or would like more information, come to a meeting in the lounge of Our Lady's Hall on Sunday 25th April at 4 pm.

MAYOR'S VISIT The Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, Councillor Kim Langley is hoping to make a world record on Saturday 10th April by having the most engagements ever! She had a slot available at 5.30 - 6pm and so will come to welcome people to Saturday evening Mass. We wish her well.

ELECTION HUSTINGS Churches in Welwyn Garden City is hosting an Election Hustings. All of the main candidates are attending. This is a great opportunity to show that Christians are concerned to elect a government that serves its citizens well, thinks through the ethical issues of our day and promotes what is just and right. We have a chance to understand the policies of the different political parties, and the evening also gives us the chance to hear their personal perspective on different issues. An ideal time to ask the candidates questions face to face. 8pm, Tuesday 20th April, Christchurch Baptist, 110 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City. There will be questions from the floor, but people are asked to submit questions in advance to hustings@christchurchwgc.org.uk so that topics can be organised.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS have their next meeting on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION A reminder to our young people and their parents that the first session will be on Friday 23rd April in Our Lady's Hall at 7.45pm.

LATELY DEAD Please pray for the repose of the souls of Julia Healy R.I.P. and Mary Keane R.I.P. The funeral Mass for Julia Healy is at 10am in Our Lady's on Friday 9th April. The funeral Mass for Mary Keane is at 11am in St. Bonaventure's on Monday 12th April. We offer our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of Julia and Mary.

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MASS TIMES

Week of 4th April

Monday	<u>10am</u>	Mass	Our Lady's
Tuesday	9am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
Friday	9am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	10am	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure

Week of 11th April

Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	10am	Mass	Holy Family
	12noon	Mass	Our Lady's
	6pm	Mass	St. Bonaventure
Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	11am	Funeral Mass	St. Bonaventure
Tuesday	9am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
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CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07884187463