

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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***Third Sunday of Easter  
18th April***

‘Do you love me?’ is a question Jesus puts to Peter three times in today’s Gospel passage from St. John. The Risen Lord comes to be with his disciples as they return to their old occupation of fishing. Their lack of success is transformed by the word of Jesus and they net a huge catch. They come to shore and he cooks breakfast for them. After this he puts Peter on the spot! If we think back to the night before Jesus’ death, Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus and now the Lord gives him a similar number of opportunities to redeem himself. Each time as Peter protests that he does love Jesus, the Lord commissions him to look after - and feed - his sheep and lambs. Peter experiences the quality of forgiveness radiating from the cross of Christ and is entrusted with a major task which will take him too to the cross, death and glory.

As we gather today, Easter is NOT over. The full impact of what Jesus has done for us still radiates upon us. We are in need of his forgiveness; we can find ourselves letting him down. What words would you use to respond to his question put to you personally: Do you love me? As he listens to your answer, what do you think he wants you to do for him? This passage shows us clearly that we cannot hope to manage on our own; trust in Jesus can result in marvellous things. The resurrection points us forward. Let us follow the Risen Lord to the glory which cannot be separated from the cross.

Let us pray for areas of the world where darkness looms. Let us ask the Risen Lord to shine his radiant light upon the Polish nation mourning the loss of its President and many others, upon the people of China affected by the recent earthquake and upon places where war, injustice and natural disaster bring despondency and sadness. He is our hope. He is our help.

May God bless you and your loved ones. *Fr. Norbert*

**WESTMINSTER ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND (WEEF)** Please give as much as you can to the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund which takes place next weekend. All the money you give will be used to pay for the training of new priests. At present we are fortunate enough to have over 40 students for the priesthood. It is essential that enough money is raised to cover the cost of their training which is about £20,000 a year. We are very grateful for your generosity. Special envelopes are available at the back of the church (those in the envelope scheme should have an envelope in their box for this fund).

You can see a short film about the work of this fund on <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations/donate.asp?dtype=single&id=31>.

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** The children at St. Bonaventure's will be holding an Easter Egg raffle after both Masses today. The raffle will be drawn at the Tuesday Group this week. Proceeds are for our Lourdes Redcaps.

**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. There are flyers/booking forms at the back of each church.

**POST-CONFIRMATION GROUP** meets at the Focolare Centre, Parkway today (18th) 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

**ST GEORGE'S DAY** Happy St. George's Day on Friday! There will be refreshments after the 9am Mass at St. Bonaventure's. If you can help by making a cake or serving tea and coffee please let Kathryn know.

**CONFIRMATION 2010** Young people and their parents have their first meeting in Our Lady's Hall on Friday at 7.45pm.

**ALTAR SERVERS** Congratulations to our servers who today at Mass will receive their St. Stephen's Medal as a recognition of their excellent service at Mass. Our thanks to all involved in their training and to their parents for the support they give. In regard to the Servers' Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday 24th April, we shall be meeting at WGC Station at 12noon and will take the 12.20pm train. Don't forget your albs or cassocks and cottas! Collect them after Mass today.

**FILM ABOUT THE CARMELITE CONVENT NOTTING HILL: NO GREATER LOVE** will be showing on the following dates: 23rd April to 29th April at the Cambridge Arts Picturehouse Tel: 0871 704 2050. It is well worth seeing and supporting.

**INDIA 2011** There will be a meeting in Our Lady's Hall on Sunday 25th April at 4pm for anyone interested in going to India next February.

**HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP** The CAFOD Group would like to thank Phyllis McKeough for the tremendous effort and support she gives the group with the cake sales. The cake sale held on 14th March raised £172.47.

**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](mailto:hustings@christchurchwgc.org.uk) so that topics can be organised.

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP AND UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION ELECTION HUSTINGS** Saturday 24th April from 3pm - 5pm in the Terrace Suite, Campus West. All candidates have been invited. Questions to be submitted on a postcard at the start of the event.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** We meet again on Tuesday from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. All welcome.

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

**USED STAMPS** Please leave a border of half an inch around the used stamps you contribute for the missions. Thank you.

**FUNERALS** The Funeral Service (not Mass) for Pam Martin R.I.P. is at 1.30pm in St. Bonaventure's this Tuesday, (Reception of the body is on Monday at 4.30pm). The Funeral Mass for Pat Bolger R.I.P. is at 12noon in Our Lady's on Friday 23rd April. We offer our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of Pam and Pat.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE** Fairtrade day of Reflection Saturday 24th April at The Well Spirituality Centre London N15 5RH. Mass in support of Migrant Workers in London on Monday 3rd May in Westminster Cathedral. See posters on notice board.

**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 this Tuesday 20th April at 7.30 in the Park Lounge, Campus West. All welcome. For further details contact Reynold Rosenberg on 01707 880941.

**WGC BAND** will be having a concert in Our Lady's Church on Sunday 23rd May at 7pm. More details to follow.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHOIR** We meet again this Thursday from 8pm - 9pm. All welcome.

**PLANNED GIVING** There are still some boxes of envelopes and Gift Aid and Standing Order forms at the back of each church. Please collect yours.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSION)**

St. Bonaventure	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
Our Lady's	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm
Holy Family	Thursday after 9.30am Mass

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**MASS TIMES**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Mass	Our Lady's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	<b>10am</b>	Mass	Holy Family
	<b>12noon</b>	Mass	Our Lady's
	<b>6pm</b>	Mass	St. Bonaventure
Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	4.30pm	Reception of the body of Pam Martin R.I.P. (St. B's)	
Tuesday	9am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	1.30pm	Funeral Service	St. Bonaventure
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
Friday	9am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	12noon	Funeral Mass	Our Lady's
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's
Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure

**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