

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

16TH JUNE 2019
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

Today we celebrate this great feast of the Holy Trinity, which is often referred to as a mystery. Today, though, is not the time to try and explain how three goes into one! The Trinity is not something that we can understand and figure out with our reasoning, intellect or with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by 'googling' it!

The Trinity is a *mystery* that we are to experience with our hearts not with our heads. It is not a puzzle or a riddle that we are expected to answer or solve. When we use the word 'mystery' to talk about and describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. The more we contemplate and pray about the reality and presence of the Trinity in our lives, the more of itself will be revealed to us. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us. The Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of, share, and in.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, whether as individuals or a community, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray *glory be...*, we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of prayer and our daily life. Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers slower and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.

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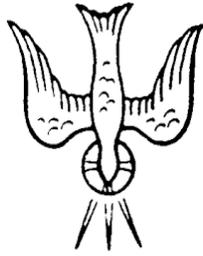
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The Church is usually open each day
from 7.00am until 6.30pm (approx.)
for quiet prayer and contemplation,
everyone is welcome

CONFIRMATION

Next Saturday Bishop Paul McAleenan will be coming to confirm 41 young people, at two Masses, most of whom are from our parish; the others being from Wheathampstead, Redbourn and St Albans parishes. Let us keep these young people in our prayers, as they take this important step on their journey of faith, that they may grow in their love, and practice, of our faith.



NEXT SATURDAY

- Due to the Confirmations there will be no Mass at 10.00am.
- Neither will there be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, or Confessions.

ALTAR SERVERS

Next Saturday we have 2 Confirmation Masses, but so far, no Altar Servers have signed up to assist. In order to celebrate well we need at least six servers at each Mass. Altar Servers please let Melanie in the Parish Office know which Mass you can assist at, or sign the list today in the Sacristy.



FIRST COMMUNION 2020

Preparation for First Holy Communion, for children who will be in year 3 in September, will be commencing after the summer.

Parents who wish to register their children for this Sacrament should collect a form from Canon Anthony after Mass today. Forms need to be returned to the Parish Office by 18th July.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Sunday July 7th, there will be an additional Mass at 3pm, during which the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be celebrated. This sacrament is



not just for those who may be close to death, but is for those "whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age". It is a Sacrament that can be received more than once. Anyone who would like to be anointed, and needs transport should contact Melanie in the Parish Office. Also, if you can offer a lift to someone please let Melanie know.

GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the tax back that you have paid on your donations in the year ended 5th April 2019. So, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and no longer pay Income Tax, please would you contact Melanie in the Parish Office, so that we don't ask for tax if you haven't paid it. We also need to know if you have changed your address. Therefore, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and have moved house in the last 12 months please inform Melanie in the Parish Office.



PARISH STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend for the ever-popular Strawberry Social. This will be held in the Presbytery garden on next Sunday 23rd June from 4pm. Tickets cost £5 (family ticket £15). Proceeds will go to the Child Contact Centre.



SUMMER CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY

This year the choir are performing Haydn's Nelson Mass and Monteverdi's Beatus Vir next Sunday 23rd June at 6.30pm. Our choir will be joined with singers from other churches in Harpenden as part of the Cultivate Arts Festival 2019. Soloists include Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray and a string ensemble from the Royal Academy of Music. It will be a wonderful occasion so please save the date and get your tickets! Tickets are now on sale £10



and £5 children - after each Mass or contact Katie Metcalfe. katiemmusic@yahoo.co.uk

CULTIVATE ARTS FESTIVAL

23rd - 30th June 2019

Harpenden Churches Together

Arts events at Churches

throughout the town on the theme of "Generosity". At Our Lady of Lourdes this will include: Summer concert on Sunday 23rd June; live music from the Bella Mamas and a poetry reading on Thursday 27th; saxophone and ukulele performances on Saturday 29th. Free Tickets are available from the Parish Office for Voice of the Nations which will be held on Friday 28th June at 7pm at High Street Methodist Church. You are invited to take part in a 'bring and share supper' which will be held after the Concert. See the flyers in the porch or visit www.cultivate.me.uk for more details.



COFFEE MORNING

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Undercroft after Mass on Tuesday morning, everyone is welcome.



MARGARET OLIVER RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Oliver who died recently. Margaret's requiem Mass will be on 19th June at 12 Noon. **Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday.**

MISSIO RED BOXES

If you have a Red Mission box, please bring it to mass and either leave it with one of the ushers or take it to the Sacristy. The boxes will be emptied and then placed in the church porch. Thank you.



DWG PARISH GOLF DAY

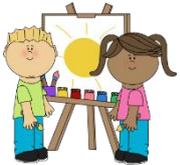
Parish Dinner & Golf Day in support of the DWG project on 5th July, Mid Herts Golf

Club. Sign-up sheets are now on the noticeboard. Don't miss this lovely day either playing golf or just joining in the evening dinner. The golf day and dinner have been running for more than fifteen years, it's a splendid parish family occasion so do put your name (s) on the list in the porch. Your support is crucial. For more information email John O'Brien : JOHN.J.OBRIEN@BTINTERNET.COM



ST DOMINIC NURSERY 2019-20

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016? Are you still considering nursery provision for him or her? If so, you may be interested to know that there are still a few places available in the Nursery class at St. Dominic Catholic Primary in Harpenden. St Dominic Nursery offers provision in a happy, secure and caring setting. Our Early Years provision enables parents to access 30 hours free childcare with Nursery morning sessions running Monday-Friday, 8.45-11.45am and an optional Lunch Club and afternoon Pre-School run by *Friends Together* running until 3.30pm. Wrap around care offered by *Friends Together* also means that care is available for children between 7.50am and 6pm, should this be required. For further information please visit our website www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk. If you are interested in finding out more information about the Nursery, please ring us on 01582 760047 or email admissions@stdominic.herts.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



SAFER RECRUITMENT PROCESS - DBS

As many of you will know, a number of applications for our volunteers had to be completed and sent to Westminster for processing. There are at the moment just a few still to be sent off. Although the process is slow happily, a number have now been completed. This is a reminder of what you need to do once you have received the new certificate:

Applicants have 30 calendar days from the certificate issue date to register for the DBS update service (<https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service>). The service is free for volunteers. This allows present and future employers to check your DBS online and, in the eventuality, you wish to take up a similar volunteering role for a different Organisation you might not need to go through the DBS process again eventually, so we strongly recommend you register your DBS certificate online as soon as you receive it. Could you also let Brigid know when you have received the new certificate and the date of the check. If you have not yet heard, we are really sorry for the delay and we continue to chase. Hopefully new volunteers will find the process is completed more quickly. If you have had an email from Brigid with all the forms and /or an enquiry about your role and have not got back to her to start the process, could you please do so as soon as you can. Your co-operation is much appreciated as of course is all the time and effort you give as volunteers.

LORETO COLLEGE PAST PUPILS REUNION SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

Did you attend Loreto College St Albans? If you did why not come along to the past pupils' reunion on Saturday 29th June 2019 from 2.30pm - 4.30pm. Please see poster on the noticeboard or email loretoreunion@outlook.com for more information or to let us know you are coming.

SAVE THE DATE- Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life - Sunday 6th October. Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information: www.prolifepilgrimage.org. To book contact Geraldine: 07971 028415/ mgeraldine_ward@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
Saturday 15th June feria	
10.00am	Mary Collins RIP
12.00pm	Baptisms
5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass	
6.00pm	Joe Bearpark RIP (1st Anniv)
Sunday 16th June	
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)	
8.30am	Colm Murray RIP
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Mary & Bill Hammond (Golden Wedding)
Monday 17th June feria	
9.15am	Joe Bearpark RIP (1 st Anniv)
Tuesday 18th June feria	
9.15am	John Rawcliffe RIP
Wednesday 19th June feria	
9.15am	NO MASS
12.00pm	Requiem Mass for Margaret Oliver RIP
Thursday 20th June St Alban, Protomartyr	
11.00am	Rita & John Vincent (Ints)
6.00pm	Confirmation Rehearsals
Friday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
9.15am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
6.00pm	Confirmation Rehearsals
Saturday 22nd June	
Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs	
10.00am	NO MASS
11.00am	Confirmation Mass
3.00pm	Confirmation Mass
Vigil Mass	
6.00pm	Frank McConnachie RIP
Sunday 23rd June	
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C)	
8.30am	Bridget Iommi RIP
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Margaret Nichols RIP
6.30pm	Choir Summer Concert
CONFESSIONS	
Saturday 10.30am-11.00am and at 5pm - 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass	