

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

23RD JUNE 2019 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C)

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The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is an opportunity to celebrate again the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. This reality is also celebrated on Maundy Thursday, a more sombre time preceding Good Friday. Today's feast was established to focus solely on the Holy Eucharist emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Each time we come to Mass we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, generously given to us - given to nourish us on our journey of faith, given so that we may truly be in communion with each other, and with the Pope as the earthly leader of the Church.

At Mass we worship this precious gift, but we also have another opportunity to worship Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. We do that at Benediction, when the sacred host, consecrated at Mass, is set before us on the altar, and in silence, prayerfully, we can adore this precious gift. Benediction is a lovely moment when we can be with the Lord, present in his Body and Blood. We can gather simply to be in his presence, or come with our prayers and intentions.

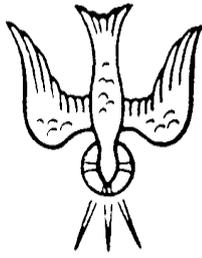
Most Saturday evenings, between 5.00pm and 5.45pm, there is silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, when we have an opportunity to ponder the goodness of Lord, and indeed just to enjoy the silence and peace. We don't have to be present for the whole time. Why not make some time for the Lord, who gives us so much, even if just for a few minutes?

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

CONFIRMATION

This weekend 41 of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Confirmation is one of those special moments in the parish year, and we rejoice with, and congratulate, those who were confirmed. Thank you too to those who have supported them on their journey so far, especially their parents, but also the catechists who give their time so generously to prepare them for this special day. And thank you too to all who assisted with the liturgy, particularly the choir and servers, as well as the flower arrangers.



FEAST SS PETER & PAUL

The feast of SS Peter & Paul is usually celebrated on June 29th. This year as it occurs on a Saturday the celebration will take place on Sunday 30th.

LENT GROUPS FOLLOW UP

There is another meeting for members of the Lent Groups, to talk about the next steps, following their reading of Divine Renovation. This will take place in the undercroft next Sunday, June 30th, at 5.00pm.

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.



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed for one day on Wednesday 26th June and will re-open on Thursday 27th June.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy, is an important ministry in our parish. It runs during term time in the Undercroft at the 9.45am Mass. It aims to explain the Gospel teaching to our younger parishioners in a way which is meaningful to them. The lesson is suitable for Reception age children and above. We are looking for new recruits to support running the sessions. More team members are needed if we are to be able to continue to run it weekly. We are committed to safeguarding children therefore you will be required to complete a DBS check. Training is provided and you would be part of a team who take turns every 6-8 weeks. If you would like to know more please contact Michelle Lynch. martinmichelle74@gmail.com



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL TODAY

In case of bad weather, the Strawberry Social will be in the Undercroft.

SUMMER CONCERT THIS EVENING

This evening 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 Tickets are now on sale £10 and £5 children - after each Mass.

CULTIVATE ARTS FESTIVAL

23rd - 30th June 2019

Harpenden Churches Together Arts events at Churches throughout the town on the theme of "Generosity". Today at Our Lady of Lourdes this will include: Summer concert, live music from the Bella Mamas and a poetry reading on Thursday 27th; saxophone and ukulele performances on Saturday 29th. On Friday 28th June at 7pm in the High Street Methodist Church there will be a concert 'Voice of the Nations'. Free Tickets are available from the Parish Office. 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.



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ACTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

Climate change affects our health, our homes and our beautiful landscapes and things are getting urgent now. It's time to tell our leaders that enough is enough. This is not the legacy that we want to leave for our grandchildren; this is not the future we want. As people of faith, we're determined to speak up for our common home, and on Wednesday 26th June we'll come together with over 100 like-minded organisations - members of The Climate Coalition - to speak to our politicians and make our voices heard. Pope Francis never tires of reminding us of our need for 'ecological conversion' to avoid environmental catastrophe. If you would like to join us at Westminster, please contact Graham on graham-ryan@sky.com

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 :

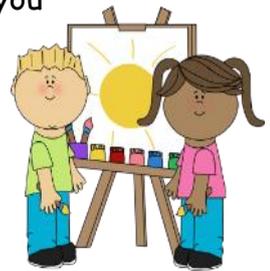


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ST DOMINIC NURSERY 2019-20

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. 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.



ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL 80'S AND 90'S PARENTS VINTAGE TEA AFTERNOON

A big thank you to all those who came and those who donated cakes to make this event such an enjoyable success! £235 was raised for the Polycystic Kidney Disease Charity. Look out for another date in the future!



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.



WALK IN THE PARK

The rose garden in full bloom was a delight for the walkers last month as were the wildflowers in the meadow! You are most welcome to join us on Wednesday 3rd July at 10am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an hour's walk with good company in nearby Rothamsted Park. It's coffee after in a nearby cafe or straight to coffee if the weather is bad. Look out for further walks on the first Wednesday of every month.



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 next 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.

NEWSPAPERS/BOOKLETS

Just a reminder of the prices of papers and booklets on sale each week/month

Catholic Times	£1.50
Catholic Universe	£1.50
The Catholic Herald	£2.50
Westminster Record -	donation 20p
Day by Day	£1.00
Bible Alive	£2.50
Goodnews Magazine	£2.95



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

9.15am Anna-Maria Martinelli (Sick)

Tuesday 25th June feria

9.15am Siobhan Mythen RIP (Months Mind)

Wednesday 26th June feria

9.15am Mary Schulte (Special Intention)

Thursday 27th June

St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr

11.00am Rita & John Vincent (Ints)

Friday 28th June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 29th June

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am

12.00pm Baptisms

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm Thomas & Edith Dare RIP

Sunday 30th June

SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES (C)

ST PETER, PRINCE OF APOSTLES,

PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Cynthia Gallagher RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Margaret Dennehy RIP (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am-11.00am and
at 5pm - 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass