

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

14TH JULY 2019
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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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

Jesus was the Teacher. He had that great capacity to communicate profound truths that spoke to the everyday experience of his listeners; parables too he frequently used in his teaching. Parables, it is said, are never what they seem. They have a clever way of enticing us to figure out what is really going on beneath the surface. One of the real questions in this parable is: Who offers correct worship to God? Jesus spoke about a God who was not concerned with the constraints of the Temple, but who was on the streets.

Look at what the Samaritan did for the man on the road: he bound his wounds, he poured oil on them, he took him to an inn. These are all action words. The emphasis in this parable is on action and compassion. The Samaritan is considered to be an outcast, yet Jesus makes him the hero of this story, no doubt causing outrage to those who were listening to Him.

The priest and Levite were most likely carrying oil and wine on their person; in the case of the priest, these items were needed for making sacrifices in the Temple. Coincidentally these items were also a vital part of a first century first aid kit, needed for cleaning the wounds of the injured man.

The lawyer is concerned with the limits to 'love of neighbour.' But there are no limits, no boundaries, no outsiders in God's Kingdom. Holiness is not separation from the marginalised, but proximity to them.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

It was good last Sunday to have a small number of parishioners coming together for Mass, and to receive the Anointing of the Sick. A lovely moment for the sick to experience the Lord's closeness to them in their frailty and anxiety and, hopefully to bring them some comfort and peace. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, either at mass or in providing refreshments.

TOTAL GIVING

The most important event we participate in is the Eucharist, Jesus giving himself completely to us, in his Body and Blood. As he totally gives himself to us, let us try to do the same, by arriving on time and not leaving until after the blessing, or the final hymn has been sung.

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.**



FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

If you haven't yet picked up your Holy Communion Photographs, they are available to be collected from the Parish Office. (Mon-Thu 9.30am - 12.30pm).

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

FROM THE REGISTERS: MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Stephen & Charlotte who were married here last Saturday. May their love grow deeper each day and may that love strengthen and comfort them on their journey through life together.



GETTING MARRIED

It is now a general rule across the country that at least six months' notice of the date on which you hope to marry, must be given to the priest of the parish. The reason for this is to allow sufficient time for all the formalities and preparations that are required. It is highly advisable to delay setting the date for any other arrangements until you have agreed the date for the ceremony in the church where you hope to marry. If you are thinking about getting married, here at Our Lady of Lourdes please contact Melanie to arrange an appointment with Canon Dwyer. If you know someone getting married, please draw their attention to this notice.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

For those who are sick or housebound the Parish Priest is always happy to bring Holy Communion and, or, to arrange for one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do so. If you are unable to attend Mass, or know of someone in that situation, please contact Melanie in the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

The professional photographs taken at the Confirmation Masses are now available to be collected. They can be found at the back of the Church next to the Repository.





CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have recently moved house/changed your phone number please can you let Melanie know so we can keep our records up to date.

PARISH GOLF DAY 5TH JULY

On a lovely summer's day 13 golfers and 28 diners in total enjoyed this splendid annual parish occasion. The winners: First, Graham Ryan 31 points of h/c 17, second John O'Brien 27 points of h/c 18 and third on count back from forth Andrew Clark, 26 points of 24 h/c. The team prize was won by John O'Brien, Gerry Greenland and John Williams, with John O'Brien also winning the longest drive and Anthony Wills nearest the pin. Thanks to all those who supported the event and donated raffle prizes. £320 was raised for the DWG project. Proceeds will go towards buying a new incubator for premature and other sick babies in a hospital run by the renowned Comboni Sisters in Nzara, South Sudan. NB, We have promised to fund the entire cost of around £3,700



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

By next Friday most of the schools will have closed for the summer break. Hopefully all of the staff, the pupils and their families will have a happy restful break. As the schools close after another year it is an opportunity to thank the staff for all that they do for our children.



AUTUMN PET BLESSING SERVICE - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

All children pet owners are warmly invited to attend a Pet Blessing Service on Saturday 21st September at 3.00 pm, in the presbytery garden. This Service will be led by Father Michael

Mannion and we look forward to meeting all the many dogs, cats, rabbits, birds etc owned by our children. Please bring a parent with you and a suitable hutch, cage or (short) lead for your pet. Do also bring a prayer you have written for your animal. If you would like to attend, please register by contacting Caroline Roberts, of the Live Simply Environment Group, Tel. 01582 768169 or by email caroline46@supanet.com.



OASIS

Is a small group which grew out of a Lent Group 2 or 3 years ago. Members meet on the second Thursday morning of each month to reflect on the scripture readings for the following weekend and pray together.

We welcome new members and would love to see you next Thursday 11th July.

For details of time and place please email: juliaandnigel057@gmail.com



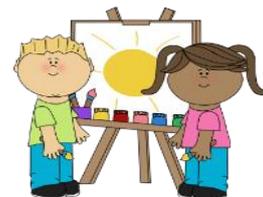
Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

BIKE 'N HIKE 2019 A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Are you a cyclist or a walker and would you like to raise money for your church? The annual Sponsored *Bike 'n Hike* organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will this year be held on Saturday 14th September. More details nearer the time.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL NURSERY 2019-20

Due to some spaces still available in Nursery for the 2019-20 academic year, there is the opportunity for children born between 1 September and 31 December 2016 to start Nursery in January 2020, and remain for 5 terms until the normal Reception admissions entry in September 2021. Please see the school website for further details and application



forms. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE -

21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

The Parish quiz will take place at Lourdes Hall on Saturday 21st September. Please pencil it in your diaries and look forward to a great night. Details to follow.



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

LIVESIMPLY

There is an opportunity in July to join many others in reducing the use of plastic that is choking the planet and its creatures. Go to:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

COFFEE MORNING

Tea and Coffee will be served after the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th July

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10.00am Special Intentions (TB)
12.00pm Baptism
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm Kathleen Burr RIP

Sunday 14th July

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8.30am Eamonn Hughes RIP
9.45am People of the Parish
11.30am Mary Schulte RIP

Monday 15th July

St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

9.15am

Tuesday 16th July

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9.15am Michael Turner RIP

Wednesday 17th July

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9.15am

Thursday 18th July

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11.00am

Friday 19th July

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9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 20th July

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10.00am
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm Margaret Carey RIP

Sunday 21st July

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

8.30am Michael Turner RIP
9.45am People of the Parish
11.30am Jimmy & Anne Brophy RIP

CONFESSIONS

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