



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

28TH JULY 2019
17TH 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

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, they might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite. In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, the emphasis is on both the need to persevere in prayer, because we have faith in the person we are praying to; and as well the motivation to keep praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves.

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Lord
Teach
us to
Pray
Luke 11:1

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Don't forget that an important Holyday of Obligation, a day when we are required to attend Mass, occurs during the holiday period. Thursday August 15th is the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.00pm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



With many people now away on holiday this is the last newsletter until the weekend of 7th/8th September. Hopefully those who are going away have a peaceful and enjoyable time, and those staying at home will have the opportunity for some rest and relaxation.

EXPOSITION

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during August. Exposition will resume on Saturday 7th September.

PHOTOGRAPHS

If you haven't yet picked up your Holy Communion or Confirmation Photographs, they are available to be collected from the back of the Church, next to the repository.

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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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

NEWSLETTER

This weekend's newsletter will be the last one until September. If you have any activities in September, that you would like to give notice about, please email Melanie in the Parish office, towards the end of August.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 5th August and will re - open on Monday 19th August.

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LIVESIMPLY

The next Gathering meeting of the LiveSimply Interest groups is tomorrow 29th July at 7.30pm in the Undercroft. Come and find out how we are continuing our LiveSimply journey after gaining the CAFOD Award. Everyone is welcome. Laudato Si!

Next Sunday 4th August is UHT milk collection day. Please remember to bring a litre carton and place in the crate in the porch.



WALK IN THE PARK

Do join us to take part in the Big Butterfly Count on Wednesday 7th August. Coloured charts will be available and as Rothamsted Park has a wild meadow; we should be lucky! Meet 10am outside our Church for an hour walk and then coffee in a nearby cafe. All ages welcome. If weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Make a note of Wednesday 4th September for our following outing - they are every first Wednesday of the month.



PARISH RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has completed a volunteer form, if you have yet to do this and you are volunteering in whatever capacity e.g. flower arranging, reading, church cleaning, singing in the choir, counting the collection, etc. Please collect a copy of the form from the back of the church. Once completed please hand in/post to Melanie. Many thanks both for completing the form and, more importantly, for the valuable work you do in the parish.



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.



NCS

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE HARPENDEN



A very Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the cake sale last Sunday after Mass, the

Harpenden NCS group raised £300 and this will be donated to a local

Harpenden Hygiene charity project helping disadvantaged families. The group of 12 young people have been very busy this week with their volunteer work at St Matthews Care Home in Redbourn and they even had time to come and stain/paint the Presbytery garden fences and sheds.



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.

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

DWG QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Everyone is welcome at this parish social event in Lourdes Hall featuring an entertaining



quiz led by Ginny St John Glew. Tickets will cost £12.50 including a light fish and chip supper from Godfrey's. Come and meet new

friends on the open tables, or let us know if you want to make up a group table. In either case, please do email Sheila Greenwood (sagreenwood@btinternet.com) as soon as possible to book your place.

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

COFFEE MORNING

The Tuesday Tea and Coffee morning will resume in September after the summer holidays.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th July

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10.00am

1.00pm Marriage

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 28th July

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8.30am Michael Turner RIP

9.45am Eleanor McCabe RIP

11.30am Anne Donaldson RIP

Monday 29th July

St Martha

9.15am Jeanine Wright & Family (Spec Ints)

Tuesday 30th July

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9.15am

Wednesday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9.15am

Thursday 1st August

St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

11.00am

Friday 2nd August

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9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd August

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10.00am

Vigil Mass

6.00pm Fintan Doran RIP

Sunday 4th August

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

8.30am Saliot Family (Spec Ints)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Matthew Nugent RIP

CONFESSIONS

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