



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

7TH JULY 2019

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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Earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve disciples to heal disease and to teach about God's Kingdom. Here he sends out a much larger group ahead of him, in pairs to every town and place where He himself intended to go. Being sent in pairs reminds us of the value of working with others. In order for communities to grow and flourish the gifts of many people are needed. Collaboration is needed. This happens when individual talents are harvested and aligned, as in the beauty of a choir singing in perfect harmony, or a sports team at the peak of their performance. Collaboration is like a power of the Spirit that rewards collective efforts. It is when we can dream and strive for the possibility of things before they happen. Collaboration promotes creative relationships, not competition or exclusion.

Jesus gathered around him, men and women, who were enthused by his vision. He sends his followers out in pairs so that they can support one another. In all our different roles, we too are sent out ahead of him, as parents, married couples and single people, individuals from a host of different backgrounds. In any team, or parish activity, we need a form of Collaboration. We are all responsible for our Church, not just a select few. We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. When we promote collaborative team work and strive together, we embrace each other's stories and work for the common good. Then, exciting things are possible!

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

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

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was the healing of the sick. That ministry the Church continues to exercise, reaching out to those in need of healing through the Sacrament of Anointing. This afternoon at 3.00pm, there will be an opportunity for those "whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age", to receive this Sacrament during Mass. Everyone is welcome, even if you are not in need of anointing. Refreshments will be served in the Undercroft after Mass and everyone is welcome. Please use the lift if you are unable to use the stairs.



MICHAEL TURNER RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Michael Turner who died last week. Michael's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 10th July at 10am. We ask that you remember Ann and the family in your prayers at this time. **Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday.**

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: BAPTISM

We welcomed the following children into God's family last weekend; Ziggy Rooney & Abbie Woodford May the Lord fill them with the light of his presence and welcome them into the joy of his kingdom.



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.

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.



FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

If you haven't yet picked up your Holy Communion Photographs, they are available to be collected from the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS ALTAR SERVERS

Well done to Evie Rose and Alexander Dunn who were enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen last weekend, and thanks for their hard work to date and to come! They will be proudly wearing the Guild of St Stephen medal when they serve from now on!

THANK YOU!!



The trustees, members and volunteers at Harpenden Child Contact Centre are extremely grateful to the Ladies' Group of

Our Lady of Lourdes in selecting the Centre as its chosen Charity for the receipt of the proceeds of this year's Strawberry Social, held on the 23rd June. It was as always, a lovely occasion and an amazing £375 was raised for the Centre's valuable work. The generosity and support of the Parish is very much appreciated by the Centre.

CARITAS IN THE COMMUNITY

Next Saturday 13th July, Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Waltham

Cross. The gathering is an opportunity for Hertfordshire-based parish groups and social action projects to learn about Caritas Westminster, network with other organisations and recruit volunteers. If you are an individual, it is an opportunity to learn about projects local to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese. We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course on the day. Please join us from 9am-12pm.

Contact francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk for more information. Visit tinyurl.com/caritascommunity to book your place.



NEWSLETTERS

In line with preserving the planet, if you would like to receive the weekly newsletter via email, please contact Melanie in the

Parish Office, also if you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and unable to attend Mass and they would like to receive the newsletter via email let us know and we can arrange this.

Alternatively, why not take an extra Newsletter home with you for them. The Newsletter is also available on the Parish Website in time for the weekend. parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden

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



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.

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.

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

NEWSPAPERS/BOOKLETS

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

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| 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 |



COFFEE MORNING

There will be no Tea and Coffee morning after 9.15am Mass on Tuesday.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th July

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10.00am Nolan Perry Trepanier RIP

1.30pm Wedding

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 7th July

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8.30am Hilary O'Sullivan RIP

9.45am Ray Shufflebotham RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Fr Robert Dudley O Cart RIP

3.00pm Anointing of the Sick

Monday 8th July

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9.15am

Tuesday 9th July

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9.15am Margaret Foulds

Wednesday 10th July

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9.15am No Mass

10.00am Requiem Mass for Michael Turner RIP

Thursday 11th July

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

11.00am Carmel Bull RIP

Friday 12th July

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9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

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

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8.30am Eamonn Hughes RIP

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Mary Schulte RIP

CONFESSIONS

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