



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

22ND SEPTEMBER 2019
25TH 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

We hear Jesus speaking to a situation that we can understand: those who cheat will find ways to make their cheating profitable. This goes on every day in our own society. The Gospel gives us the story of the steward who was cheating. When his master fires him from his job, he gets together with others who are also willing to cheat his master and they all take advantage of their employer. Then the steward is able to go and work with these other cheaters. Of course, we know that they could never trust one another, but they now have a bond because they have conspired together in their cheating.

This illustrates what we often experience: if I tell one lie, then I have to begin to tell a whole string of lies because of the first one that I told. Cheating is the same kind of reality. It begins to create its own way of living and it is not good for anyone. Yet it brings a momentary gain.

So often we are invited by Jesus to have wisdom in the way we live. Wisdom is about recognising the effects of the choices that we make and the actions that we perform each day. Jesus can see in the steward how he is cunning about living. That cunning will help the steward in the short run. Jesus wants us to have that same cunning with regard to spiritual reality: we need to recognise what will help us to truly live and then have the courage to do it. Wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy spirit, let ask the Spirit for the gift of spiritual wisdom.

Confirmation

CONFIRMATION 2020

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those young people in Year 9 or above, will commence in November. Application forms are available after all Masses throughout September. Completed forms and copies of the Baptismal Certificate must be returned to Melanie in the parish office by Monday 8th October please. Please make a note of the Confirmation Retreat dates from 17th to 19th January 2020.

TERESA LAWSON RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Lawson who died recently. Teresa's Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday at 11am. We remember Teresa's family in our prayers at this time.

ALPHA COMING SOON!!

As part of our on-going renewal, we are starting to explore new options for adult formation in the parish. One of these is piloting Alpha in a Catholic Context. This is a great opportunity for members of our community to meet together to share a meal and to discuss common Christian teachings in a friendly environment. In the context of our parish, similar to the Lent Group experience, Alpha can provide a springboard for exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ in the modern world. For more information please contact Genevieve Cox via email genevieve.cox@hotmail.com



FROM THE REGISTERS: BAPTISM

We welcomed the following children into God's family last weekend. Jack O'Connell and Alessia Pichardo.



COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY

The Ladies Group will be holding this annual event in the Undercroft on Tuesday October 1st from 10am (or following the 9.15 Mass). Proceeds will go to Spotlight on Africa, a charity supported by a number of parishioners. **EVERYONE** is welcome.



Please make a note for your diary that the **Parish Christmas Bazaar** will be on **Saturday 7th December** in Lourdes Hall.

ALTAR SERVERS PANTO INVITATION



The Catenians are delighted to invite all altar servers who will have their St Stephen's medal by Dec 2019, to join them for FREE to see Beauty and the Beast pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage at 5pm on Sunday 12th January 2020. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend, but free tickets only apply to current altar servers. Ice creams will be provided during the interval for ALL children attending :-). To accept this invitation please email Adrian by **30th September** at fernandez.acp@gmail.com.



NEW PARISHIONERS

We are always happy to welcome new arrivals to our parish. If you haven't yet registered with us please complete a New Parishioner Form which can be found in the porch of the Church and pop it into Melanie in the Parish Office or post it through the Presbytery letterbox.

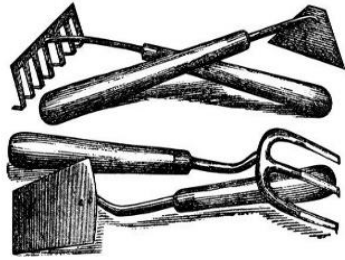


lives simply

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT. DROP-OFF DAY SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER FROM 12.30 TILL 5PM

The 'Developing World' and 'Live Simply' Groups at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harpenden,

are gathering unwanted tools, haberdashery items and gardening equipment for WORKAID.



This charity will refurbish the items to help disadvantaged people in Africa and UK learn new trade skills. See the leaflet in the church entrance for full details of the tools and equipment needed. Please look in your sheds, lofts, attics or garages! All items to be left at the entrance to the Undercroft, Our Lady of Lourdes, on Sunday 13th October between 12.30pm and 5pm.

SCHOOL FORMS

It's that time of year again when applications are being made for secondary school places next September. Canon Dwyer will be available in the church on these dates: Tuesday 8th October, 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Saturday 19th October 11.30am to 12.30pm, to sign forms for secondary schools. Please make sure you bring the priest's/ministers reference form with you; Certificates of Catholic Practice, where needed, will be provided.

ADVANCE NOTICE: ST DOMINIC SCHOOL - ADMISSION TO RECEPTION ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 - VISIT MORNING DATES

The process for admission to Reception September 2020 will begin on Monday 4th November 2019.

Further information will be made available nearer the



time, but parents may be interested to know that the dates for visit mornings will be as follows: Wednesday 6 November, Thursday 21st November and Tuesday 10th December - all at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to telephone the school office on 01582 760047 to make an appointment for one of these dates.

NILAND CONFERENCE CENTRE

Scripture from Scratch with

Sister Anne Walsh OP - *Living as if we believed in God*, looking at God's plan for Creation and Begins Thursday,

26th September (fortnightly until 21st November) **7.30pm-9.00pm** (suggested donation £5) **Venue:** Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE

Contact 07746 707 247 or

events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The Harpenden Music Makers Choir is holding a



'Come & Sing' day at St George's School on Saturday 12th October and singers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

The music will be John

Rutter's "Feel the Spirit", which includes several well-known spirituals such as "Joshua fit the battle of Jericho", "Steal away", "When the Saints go marching in". Rehearsal 1.15pm-5.30pm and concert at 6pm. Singers - £12 for adults, £6 for students. Call Maria on 07947 800153 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

**WATFORD, ST. ALBANS & HEMEL
HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY.**

Mass will be offered in the hospital once a month on third Tuesday of the month in the oratory on level 4 and everyone is welcome to attend for more details please contact the head of chaplaincy. **There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany of Lourdes** in the hospital oratory on level 4 at Watford Hospital every Monday at 2pm all are welcome to join us for this time of prayer for our hospitals. **If you have a relative in hospital** who has requested to see a Catholic chaplain please do let us know by calling 01923 217994. **Would you consider giving an hour** a week to join our chaplaincy support team? - Please contact us for details. For more information about any of the above please email the head of chaplaincy:

anthony.curran@nhs.net

**THE LARDER LOUTS - SIMPLE, FUN
COOKERY CLASSES FOR SENIOR MEN IN
HARPENDEN THIS AUTUMN.**

Following the success of our previous cookery classes, and with support from The Harpenden Trust Community Grant and St Nicholas Church, we are holding further cooking classes in Cornelia's Coffee Shop, St Nicholas Church Halls, Church Green, Harpenden on 25th September, 2nd October, 9th October, 16th October and 23rd October 2.00 - 4.00pm. To book onto one or more of the classes, or if you have any questions, please call Sarah Cripps or Jane Todd at The Kitchen Front on 07899 751211 or 07973 383607 and leave your phone number or your email address or email us on hello@thekitchenfrontcookery.co.uk.

LIVESIMPLY IDEA

Buy energy saving bulbs and switch off lights when not in use.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st September

St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

10.00am O. C. Raphael RIP
3.00pm Pet Blessing (Garden)
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass
6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 22nd September

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8.30am Liz Reilly RIP
9.45am Duncan Gallagher RIP (Anniv)
11.30am Nick & Deirdre Morris
(30th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

9.15am

Tuesday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

9.15am Jean Eldred RIP (Anniv)
Refreshments served after Mass

Wednesday 25th September feria

9.15am

Thursday 26th September feria

11.00am Requiem Mass for Teresa Lawson

Friday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul, Priest

9.15am Service of the Word with
Holy Communion

Saturday 28th September

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10.00am
1.00pm Wedding
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass
6.00pm Margaret Carey RIP

Sunday 29th September

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8.30am Annie Ryan (Spec Ints)
9.45am People of the Parish
11.30am Philip Porter RIP (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

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