

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

29TH SEPTEMBER 2019
26TH 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

The rich man - who is not given a name, notice - wants Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers that they must change their way of life. Yet, Jesus says, there is no point - they already have all the warning they need. Why should a great miracle make a difference?

There's an important and very broad point being made here, one which we hear several times in the teaching of Jesus and elsewhere in the New Testament, and it is this: all this has been foretold, all this is plainly to be seen in the teaching of Moses and the prophets, what we call 'the Old Testament', no one should be surprised, or caught unawares.

Yet they are. Frequently, Jesus chides his disciples for their failure to understand. After the Crucifixion, the disciples on the road to Emmaus need the prophecies explained to them by the risen Christ. From the day of Pentecost onwards, Peter and other apostles must explain in their preaching how the coming, suffering and resurrection of Jesus perfectly fulfil what was promised. And St Paul, again and again, argues and explains the old scriptures to show how they point to the new, the Christ, the one who suffered and is risen.

And the point, perhaps is this. People ask for proof. Prove God exists Prove God is love Prove prayer is not a waste of time.....

Yet the proof is already there. We can't show it to them - because they are already ignoring it. They see, and refuse to believe their own eyes. It is not the evidence that is lacking, but the eyes that are closed, and ears that refuse to hear.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This Gospel prayer will be prayed in church, Monday to Saturday, after the morning Masses.



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.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for parishioners to join the team of catechists preparing our young people for Confirmation. This is a very fulfilling role and there is no experience needed as training will be given. If you are able to give up a small amount of time on around eight to ten Sunday evenings throughout the year, and you relish the opportunity to work with the wonderful teenagers in our parish, then do get in touch. Probably the most important qualities you need to have are enthusiasm, a friendly smile and a desire to help our young people explore their faith, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please do consider this important role and if you have any questions, or would like to offer your help, then please speak to Canon Anthony or contact Anna Painter on 07940 500648 or annapainter09@aol.com



As with any role involving our young people in the parish you will need to undergo the Safer Recruitment process involving a DBS check and our Parish Safeguarding Representative Brigid will guide you through this.

ALPHA AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

Food, Chatter & Talks that make you think Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. If you signed up last week, we look forward to seeing you on either:



Monday 30th September, 7:30pm - 9:30pm in the Undercroft Or
Thursday 3rd October, 12pm - 2pm at Adrian's home. Dinner or lunch is provided!

WALK IN THE PARK

Do join us to enjoy the glorious autumn colours now beginning to appear on the trees in Rothamsted Park. Walkers will meet as usual outside our Church at 10am on the first Wednesday of the month, 2nd October. An hour's walk is followed by coffee in a nearby cafe. All ages welcome. If the weather is bad, it's straight for coffee!



COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY

The Ladies Group will be holding this annual event in the Undercroft this 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.



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

FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano who had to trek miles just to fetch clean water before water pumps were installed. Please give generously to help us to do more so that others can have enough. Envelopes will be available for you after all Masses and the collection will be taken up next weekend.



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.



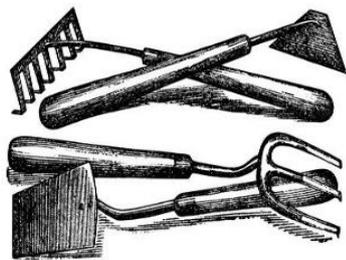
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RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT.

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.



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Thank you to all who last month contributed UHT milk for the St Albans and District Foodbank. The need is still as great as ever. The next collection is next weekend 6th October.



Climate change petition: last week young people throughout the world showed us their great desire to persuade governments to act now to mitigate catastrophic climate change. Sea levels are rising, arctic ice is being lost, extreme weather patterns are increasing. So CAFOD is organising a petition to send to the Prime Minister to achieve net zero emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by 2045 (or earlier). You can add your voice by signing the petition after all Masses next weekend.

This Friday 4th October is the feast day of St Francis, Patron Saint of LiveSimply, and the

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

last day of this year's Season of Creation. Please take some time that day to include God's creation in your prayers and to consider what additional steps you might take to help protect. The environment.

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 - next 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

**HERTS YOUNG HOMELESS
ST ALBANS SLEEPOUT OAKLANDS COLLEGE
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 9PM - 7AM**

Please join us with family and friends for a truly unique event, raising awareness and funds for local homeless people. Please see our website for full details. www.hyh.org.uk/sponsoredsleepout or email events@hyh.org.uk

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 28th September	
feria	
10.00am	Diane Clark RIP (Anniv)
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)
Monday 30th September	
St Jerome, Priest & Doctor	
9.15am	Victor Keogh RIP
Tuesday 1st October	
St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	
9.15am	Teresa Lawson RIP
<i>Coffee morning & bring & buy after Mass</i>	
Wednesday 2nd October	
The Holy Guardian Angels	
9.15am	
Thursday 3rd October feria	
11.00am	
Friday 4th October	
St Francis of Assisi	
9.15am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 5th October feria	
10.00am	Special Ints (CB)
12.00pm	Baptism
5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass	
6.00pm	Monica Currigan RIP
Sunday 6th October	
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8.30am	Michael Turner RIP
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Georgina Brennan RIP
CONFESSIONS	
Saturday 10.30am-11.00am and at 5pm - 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass	