



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

13TH OCTOBER 2019
28TH 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

Today in Rome Pope Francis will Canonise a native of our Diocese, and the first Englishman to be canonised since the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970.

John Henry Newman was born in Ealing on February 21, 1801. His father was a banker of Evangelical religious beliefs. At the age of 15 Newman experienced a religious "conversion" that was the foundation of his lifelong intense faith in God. He studied in Oxford, and graduated in 1821. He was ordained in the Church of England in 1824, became a curate in Oxford, and tutor at Oriel. He was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1845. In 1846 Newman went to Rome and was ordained a priest. He joined the Oratorian order, and returned to England to found the Oratory in Birmingham, and later the London Oratory.

One of the most important aspects of his life is the long and difficult journey he made into the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. It cost him dearly. Yet it is an essential part of his witness. His search for truth led him to examine in detail the foundations of the Catholic faith in the history of the Church. It also drove him to look closely at his own experiences, and feelings, sensing in them the call and promptings of God. This sense made him a wonderful witness to the nature, importance, and experience of the Catholic faith.

Although a great teacher of the faith Cardinal Newman had a great concern for the poor. Thousands lined the streets of Birmingham to demonstrate their love and respect to him when he died. Today we rejoice at a new English saint, and we pray that we may be inspired by him, to know and love our faith.

St John Henry Newman, pray for us.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During October the Rosary will be prayed, Monday to Saturday, after the morning Masses.



MASSES THIS WEEK

There is no Mass at 9.15am on **Monday**, as the funeral of Christopher Healy will be taking place at 10.15am.

Once again, next **Wednesday** Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 8.30am.

Apologies for any inconvenience, this is not going to be a regular occurrence!

A NEW SAINT

To mark the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman, there are a number of events taking place in the Diocese:

The London Oratory will celebrate the canonisation on **Thursday 17th**



October at 6.30pm with Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Nichols. On **Saturday 19th October**, at 3.30pm, there will be Solemn Ecumenical Vespers in Westminster Cathedral, with the Archbishop of Canterbury preaching. No tickets are necessary for this event, the cathedral will remain open while seats are available.

A TIME TO REFLECT

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal, the first in 15, or so, years. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. We hope everyone will feel able to give some support, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear something about Planned Giving and our parish finances, including why it has been decided to have a Planned Giving Renewal at this time. Please take an appeal newsletter.

In the light of what you have heard over these two weeks, next weekend there will be an opportunity to complete a promise card, if you wish, to indicate how you wish to support the parish - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

FOR THE DIARY

Beginning on November 12th, we shall be having four talks, on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, in the undercroft. Two talks will be on St John Henry Newman, and one each on Edith Stein (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), and St Oscar Romero. More details to follow.

FROM THE BAPTISM REGISTER

We welcomed the Emeka Reuben Achike into God's family last Saturday.



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION 2020

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those young people in Year 9 or above, will commence in November. The deadline for applications was last Monday if you still need to return your forms and baptism certificates please post/email your form to Melanie in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please make a note of the Confirmation Retreat dates from 17th to 19th January 2020.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are still 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. 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

There is still time to contribute to the CAFOD Family Fast Day, please return your envelope to the second collection after all Masses this weekend. So far, we have raised £1,979.22, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

DOMINICAN ASSOCIATES MEETING

The next meeting (one of 4) will take place at The Convent on Saturday 19th October 10.30-12.00. We invite you to join us if you are interested in seeing what is involved in becoming a Dominican Associate *Julia Roche & Sr. Eileen*

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 next Saturday 19th October 11.30am to 12.30pm. Please make sure you bring the priest's/ministers reference form with you; Certificates of Catholic Practice, where needed, will be provided.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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



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RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT.

DROP-OFF DAY SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER from 12.30pm till 5pm

The 'Developing World' and 'Live Simply' Groups, 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, this week-end, on Sunday 13th October between 12.30pm and 5pm.

CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY



Christmas stock has arrived in the Repository we have Christmas cards, Advent Calendars for children, contemporary cribs and candles and lots more. Come and have a look!

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A big thank you to all those who contributed UHT milk again last week (we had over 50 litres); it is much needed. Thank you also to all those (188) parishioners who signed the CAFOD petition urging the government to take action on climate change. Recently the Bishops of England and Wales said the ecological crisis we face today "is a summons to a profound interior conversion whereby the effects of our relationship with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us". Laudato Si.

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.

AN ENCHANTED EVENING OF SONG, Lourdes



Hall, 16th November
6-45pm for 7-30pm
In support of DWG projects, you, your family & friends are invited to an evening of song. Performers from

the Felici Opera Company will take you on a magical journey of music and song to suit all tastes. Whether a fan or new to opera you will love it. Last year's opera was a sell out so don't leave it too late. Tickets are priced at just £15 pp are available from dennis29@virginmedia.com

HARPENDEN CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

The Harpenden Child Contact Centre is looking to recruit a new Co-ordinator. There is an advert on the noticeboard with lots more information and contact details.

ST ALBANS CELEBRATE CONFERENCE

19th - 20th October at Loreto College Hatfield Road St Albans. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan on 19th. Please see the flyers in the porch for more details.

ST ALBANS CHORAL SOCIETY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Tickets are now on sale for the St Albans Choral Society's 75th Anniversary concert in St Albans Abbey on Saturday 23rd November.

www.stalbanscathedral.org/event/st-alban-the-martyrs

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 12th October

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10.00am No Mass
1.00pm Wedding
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 13th October

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8.30am Teresa & Seamus Sweeney (Sp Ints)
9.45am Rene O'Gorman RIP
11.30am Murad Ghorbal RIP

Monday 14th October

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9.15am No Mass
10.15am Requiem Mass for Christopher Healy

Tuesday 15th October

St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

9.15am Sarah Cullinane RIP (Anniv)

Refreshments after Mass today

Wednesday 16th October

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8.30am Frances Barrett RIP

Thursday 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

11.00am Peter Diggina RIP

Friday 18th October

St Luke, Evangelist

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 19th October

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10.00am Margaret Marshall (Sp Ints)
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 20th October

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8.30am Michael Turner RIP
9.45am John & Rosie Saliot (Sp Ints)
(Golden Wedding Anniversary)
11.30am Frank Flanagan RIP (Anniv)
6.30pm Mass at St George's Chapel

CONFESSIONS

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