



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

20TH OCTOBER 2019
29TH 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 the Gospel presents us with two contrasting figures. The judge who was a powerful person, and who could be influenced by those who were wealthy enough to do so. While the widow, is a symbol of all who were poor and defenceless. She would have had little chance of success being totally unable to bribe the judge. But she had one weapon which finally proved very effective - her persistence. She wore down the resistance of the judge. So, her perseverance, her refusal to give up paid off.

The widow asked the unjust judge for justice against her enemy. Human justice is not always the best example of fair play and honesty available to us. If God were simply to apply the principles of human justice to each of us, who would stand a chance? It is only in the light of divine mercy that we can hope to be vindicated and forgiven.

We can only persevere if we have faith. That is why Jesus asks the question at the end of the parable. "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" Jesus in asking this question was wondering if people's faith would stand up to the long delay before the Son of Man would come again in his glory.

'Will there be any faith on earth?' We need to recall that faith is not automatic, nor is it given forever if it is not nourished. Faith grows and matures through prayer and the sacraments as well as through the practice of kindness, love, compassion, forgiveness etc. We persevere because we have faith, and faith we express in both words and actions.

A TIME TO REFLECT

Over the last couple of weeks, you have heard about the Planned Giving Renewal, as we ask that everyone prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having first taken into consideration their own personal circumstances, alongside the needs of our parish. This weekend we invite you to complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself. Finally, thank you for your constant generosity, and for you do in supporting the spiritual and pastoral life of our parish.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

The last envelope in the weekly boxed sets of Offertory envelopes is next weekend, when new boxes will be available for collection and use from 3rd November.



NOURISHING OUR FAITH

If we are to grow in our faith then we have to feed it, to nourish it. One way of doing that is by reflecting on the lives of those who have shown great dedication to

God. Starting on Tuesday November 12th we shall have the opportunity to reflect on the lives of two men and a woman, outstanding in faith. On November 12th and 19th, there will be talks on our newest saint, John Henry Newman, on November 26th we will hear about Edith Stein, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and on December 3rd we will learn of St Oscar Romero. All talks take place in the Undercroft, and start at 7.30pm.



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION 2020

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those young people in Year 9 or above, will commence in November. Please make sure you check your spam/junk folder so you do not miss out on important emails from the Confirmation team. Please make a note of the Confirmation Retreat dates from 17th to 19th January 2020.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

There is still time to contribute to the CAFOD Family Fast Day, please return your envelope to the collection during Mass this weekend. So far, we have raised £3,039.22 thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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



VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Diocesan Vocation Team is inviting you to join them at the Sacred Heart Parish in Ruislip. The evening is for anyone and everyone who wants to discover the call of the Lord. We especially invite those men who might be

considering the call to Priesthood and those men and women who might be experienced the call to Religious life. As we celebrate the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry



Newman we share his holy words: 'God has created me to do him some definite service.' Our next Vocations Promotion Evening is at The Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip, HA4 8NN (Tube: Ruislip Manor).

Come and join us for Mass at 6pm on Saturday 26TH October 2019. Come and listen to the stories of those being called to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Come along and share your experience of what the Lord is doing in your life. For more information have a word with your Parish Priests or visit:
www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations

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

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS GRADE 3+!

Do you play a brass, wind or string instrument? Would you like to share your talents and join the 9.45am band? No regular rehearsals - turn up and play - your sight reading will improve no end! We welcome any musician Grade 3+, adult or child (age 10 and above). Please contact caroline.swanson@me.com



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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



TONY WHITTAKER RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Whittaker who recently died. Tony's Requiem Mass will be in Tuesday 5th November

at 10.30am. We remember Tony's family in our prayers at this time.

WESTMINSTER EDUCATION SERVICE

Following the success of last year, the Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting another evening to engage with Catholic teachers and leaders currently working outside of Catholic education. This occasion is designed to inform, encourage and accompany those who are interested in working within our Catholic schools.



The event will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 6.30pm in Vaughan House. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

This Thursday 24th October in Church, the Choir will be performing some of the hymns/songs that they will be singing whilst on tour in Leeds next weekend. Doors open at 7.45pm to start at 8pm. This will be a 45-minute performance, free of charge and everyone is welcome.



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.



FROM THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

Congratulations to Peter Bortoli & Stephanie Hennessy who were married here last Saturday. May their love grow deeper each day and may that love strengthen and comfort them on their journey through life together.



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!

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

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 the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

Support us, Lord all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last.
(Prayer of St John Henry Newman)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 (Spec Ints)
(Golden Wedding Anniversary)

11.30am Frank Flanagan RIP (Anniv)

6.30pm Mass at St George's Chapel

Monday 21st October

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9.15am Sr. Maelisa Coffee RIP

Tuesday 22nd October

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9.15am Joan Gardner RIP

Refreshments after Mass today

Wednesday 23rd October

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9.15am Laura McNamara RIP

Thursday 24th October

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11.00am Jean Eldred RIP (Anniv)

8.00pm Choir Performance

Friday 25th October

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9.15am Service of the Word with
Holy Communion

Saturday 26th October

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10.00am Jeanine Wright RIP

12.00noon Baptism

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm Jean Eldred RIP

Sunday 27th October

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8.30am Special Intentions (MH)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Teresa Lawson RIP

CONFESSIONS

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