

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

6TH OCTOBER 2019
27TH 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

As we hear the apostles asking Jesus: 'Lord, increase our faith' - we are reminded of the importance of faith. It is the foundation of our Christian life. Faith gives us a new vision and version of life. Without faith, we remain helpless and slaves to despair and hopelessness. Faith liberates us and helps us to see the power and love of God at work in our lives.

In the first reading from the book of Habakkuk, we heard: "...the upright shall live by his faithfulness." There are times in life we find ourselves in the shoes of the prophet Habakkuk. We feel simply helpless, and everything goes dark and hope appears hopeless to us. It is part of the process of Christian growth and maturity.

The good news is that God will not fail us if we remain faithful during such moments. He will definitely break his silence at his own, and appropriate time in order to reassure us that he is there for us. Through these words that, "the upright shall live by his faithfulness, God simply encourages us to remain faithful in good deeds and actions. This faith in question is a saving faith. The upright here is the one who still perseveres in good deeds. He is the one who continues to trust in the saving power of God. He is the one who still prays to God.

We need faith in order to persevere in good works. We need it in order to remain steadfast during difficult moments in life. We need more faith in order to trust in God's will and judgement. So, each day, with humility, we continue to pray: "Lord, increase our faith."

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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



WEDNESDAY MASS

Next Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 8.30am.

A NEW SAINT

Next Sunday Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman, the first Englishman to be canonised since the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970. Cardinal Newman is a native of our Diocese, having been born in Ealing. To mark this event there are a number of events taking place in the Diocese:



The London Oratory will celebrate the canonisation with the following Masses: On **Sunday 13th October** at 11am will be a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, with *Te Deum*. On **Thursday 17th October** at 6.30pm there will be Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Nichols. On **Saturday 19th October**, at 3.30pm, there will be Solemn 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

Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. This is an opportunity to consider how we share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. Today, please take an appeal newsletter. In the coming weeks more will be said about the financial situation of the parish. Please give prayerful consideration

to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. As always, I thank you for your continuing generosity.

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 REGISTERS

Congratulations to Louise Crabtree and Stephen Mears 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.



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 as soon as possible as the deadline is 8th October. 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. 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.

FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation and contribute to the second collection which will take place at all Masses.



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 to sign forms for secondary schools: this Tuesday 8th October, 5.30pm to 6.30pm & 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.

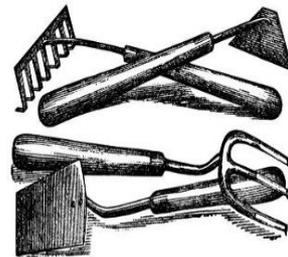


RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT.

DROP-OFF DAY NEXT 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, next Sunday 13th October between 12.30pm and 5pm.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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



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.



This weekend we are collecting UHT milk for the St Albans and District Foodbank. Please leave your cartons in the boxes/crates provided in the porch. The need is still as great as ever. and do please add your signature to the CAFOD petition

asking the Prime Minister to commit the Government to zero carbon emissions.'

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

VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a Justice and Peace co-ordinator based in London please see <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/justice-peace-coordinator/> for more details.

Also Please visit the Diocesan website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view all vacancies. New vacancies will continue to be added to the website as and when they arise, so please check the website regularly for updates.

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.

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 5th October

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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

Monday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

9.15am Daniel Stobie RIP

Tuesday 8th October

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9.15am

No refreshments after Mass today

Wednesday 9th October

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8.30am Ian McGregor RIP

Thursday 10th October

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11.00am Margaret Foulds RIP

Friday 11th October

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9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

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

CONFESSIONS

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