



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

10TH NOVEMBER 2019
32ND 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 Church reminds us of the importance of hope anchored on Christ, and on our resurrection through Him. We are told that if we valiantly persevere despite the temptations, hardships and persecutions of this life, we shall achieve our hope in Christ. Hence, we should always be reassured because of the glorious future promised us by Christ, when we shall be filled with the vision of God's glory.

What keeps us going as Christians is the hope that one day our lives would be better. It is the hope that "we shall see God face to face". It is the hope that, the fullness of life does not reside here on earth, but in the eternal kingdom of God.

Today's Gospel focuses on Hope. That is, the hope in the resurrection of the dead! The Sadducees were only looking for a way to trap Christ. Also, they wanted to justify their belief that life ends here on earth. However, they were wrong. Through his discussion with them, Christ reassures us that life does not end here. Hence Paul reminds us that: "If our hope in Christ has been for his life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people". Our hope must not end here because we are on a journey toward eternal life in Christ.

Today, the Church beckons us to hold on to the hope we have in the joyful fulfilment of God's promises and in our resurrection in Christ. Hope strengthens our faith, and keeps us praying. Hope enables us to look beyond the limits of this life to what God had prepared for those who love him.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is Remembrance Sunday when we remember, and pray, for all those who died in the two world wars, and the more recent conflicts. At 10.45am, representatives of the various Harpenden churches, will gather on Church Green for a short service, and for the two minutes silence.



SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Today there is a retiring collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. Whatever you donate will help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given a lifetime of dedicated service. The fund is used to cover their essential needs at a time when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. If you wish to make a contribution please use the envelopes in church, particularly if you wish to 'Gift-Aid' your contribution.

HOLY SOULS

November, traditionally, we remember, and assist with our prayers, all the souls in Purgatory. There will be a number of extra Masses offered for this intention during the month. If you would like anyone included in these Masses please add their name to the November book.

PATHWAYS TO HOLINESS

Through Baptism we are called to be holy, and we can be inspired by the saints who have gone that way before us. Commencing on Tuesday November 12th we have a series of four talks on 'Pathways to Holiness'. We will be reflecting on the lives of three saints of comparatively recent times. The first two talks will be on the recently canonized St John Henry Newman; and that talk will be given by Fr Gerard Skinner, Parish Priest of Notting Hill, and author of 'Newman the Priest - Father of Souls'. The talks take place in the undercroft, starting at 7.30pm.



PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Planned Giving Renewal' in recent weeks; and thank you too to those who renewed, or indicated, their support for the parish. If you have yet to sign a promise card, and wish to support the parish through the weekly envelopes, or via a standing order (bankers order) or wish to **Gift Aid** your contribution, please collect a promise card, at the back of the Church today, and hand it in to the Parish Office, or post it through Presbytery letterbox. The parish depends on your support and is very much appreciated.

- Envelopes for the coming year will be found in the church porch, please take a moment to collect yours.



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week and will open on Thursday 13th from 9.30am - 12.30pm, usual deadlines for the newsletter please.

THINKING AHEAD

During November as we pray for the Holy Souls, so we are reminded of our own mortality. Apart from making a will, an important thing we can do is to make clear what our wishes are for our funeral. Some of us are fortunate enough to have family or friends who will know the sort of, Catholic, funeral we would like. Others are not so fortunate and, it is a matter of sadness, when a lifelong practicing Catholic, is denied the kind of funeral which reflects their faith. Some time ago the Diocese produced a form which enables individuals to indicate their wishes for their funeral. These forms are available from the Parish Office and, when complete can be left with a relative, the executor or the parish, or any combination of those three.



CONFIRMATION 2020

The Parents meeting will be on Sunday 17th November at 5.30pm

in the Undercroft. It is very important that your child is represented by at least one parent at this meeting.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The Parents meeting with Mary Crowley from the Diocese, for Understanding Reconciliation will be on Monday 25th November at 8pm in the Undercroft.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Begin the season of Advent and new liturgical year with fresh spiritual energy in the tranquil Niland Centre. We welcome Fr John Hemer for our annual reflection day on **Thursday, 28th November** (from 10am with Holy Mass at 2.30 pm). Refreshments provided (from 9.30am). Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £15. Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. Details and registrations: 07746 707 247 or events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The annual PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (Saturday 7th December from 10am -1pm at the Lourdes Hall) is fast approaching and we need your help. We would be grateful if you would bring in your unwanted gifts, bottles, toys, books, jewellery, red and white items, Christmas decorations, bric-a-brac, and nearer the time, cakes, all of which can be left in the box in the church porch or at the parish office. We will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses from today. We would also be grateful of offers to help set up on Friday the 6th or on a stall on Saturday morning and/or to clear up afterwards from 1pm. If you can help or would like anything collected, please contact marva@cpoauk.com/H 712364.



AN ENCHANTED EVENING OF SONG,

Just one week left....

To get your tickets for the evening of song to suit all tastes, listen to wonderful voices taking

us on a journey of opera. A varied programme that you will love, with interval bar and great company. Tickets just £15 and all profits go to the DWG project. The date is the 16th Nov, the time, 7-0 pm, the venue, Lourdes Hall. Get your tickets without delay 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



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Thank you again to all those parishioners who gave UHT milk for the St Albans & District Foodbank (70 litres). Research this week by the Trussell Trust shows that households who have been referred to a Foodbank have an average weekly income after housing costs of £50 - with 94% in real destitution. There is great need Laudato Si.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL Applications for places in Reception Class 2020-21

opened on Monday 4th November 2019 and closes on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Application forms for St Dominic are available from the school website at www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions. If you would like to visit the school, Open Mornings are being held on Thursday 21st November and Tuesday 10th December all at 9.15am. To book a place on one of these visit mornings, please call the school office on 01582 760047. To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Canon Dwyer will be available to sign forms in church on Wednesday 4th December from 6pm to 7pm and on Saturday 14th December between 3pm and 4pm. There is no



need to make an appointment, but please be aware that signing is only at these times. Please note that practising Catholic' means attending Mass every Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beautiful Christmas Cards will be on sale after Saturday evening/Sunday masses next weekend 16th/17th November. Each card is a hand-printed signed linocut designed by Teresa Newham. Cost £2 each or 3 for £5. All proceeds to the OLOL Building Fund.

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!

PARISH DIARIES 2020

Parish diaries, for the coming year, are now available. A voluntary contribution is welcome, and this can be placed in the Newspapers & Catholic Magazines box.

HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL

Could you spare an hour to help support a Catholic patient by popping in for a friendly chat on a Saturday or Sunday at Watford Hospital? If you're interested to find out more information without making a commitment - please contact: Deacon Anthony by leaving a message on 07876 526935 or emailing: anthonycurran@rcdow.org.uk

HARPENDEN EVENING FLORAL GROUP



Join us for a Floral Demonstration by Lee Berrill entitled 'Made for Christmas' on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm in Harpenden Public Halls Southdown Road. Tickets cost £12 and that includes a mince pie and a glass of wine/soft drink. For more information please call 01582 761277 and see the poster on the noticeboard in the porch.

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

"The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others." Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter Two, Paragraph 95

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 9th November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica


10.00am Duncan Martin (Spec Ints)
12.00 noon Baptism
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass

6.00pm Margaret Foulds RIP

Sunday 10th November

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8.30am Frank McConnachie RIP
9.45am People of the Parish - Holy Souls 
10.45am Meet at the War Memorial Church Green
11.30am Deceased members of the Choir RIP

Monday 11th November

St Martin of Tours, Bishop

9.15am

Tuesday 12th November

St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

9.15am Holy Souls

Refreshments after Mass today

Wednesday 13th November

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9.15am Graham Ebbs (Spec Ints)

Thursday 14th November

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11.00am Holy Souls

Friday 15th November

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9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 16th November

St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

10.00am
12.00 noon Baptism
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass
6.00pm Martin King RIP & Michael Holmes RIP (Anniv)

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8.30am People of the Parish - Holy Souls
9.45am Anthony Mileham RIP (Anniv)
11.30am Susann Byrne RIP

CONFESSIONS

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