



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019  
33<sup>RD</sup> 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

We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited, having seen how magnificent the Temple is, but the time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings.' These things do not last. At some point, we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is asking people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

If we are to keep going and to stay focused, then we need to trust Jesus, we have to truly know Jesus, and if we know him, we will depend on him. To build such a relationship we have to seek Jesus, not when there is a crisis, but when life is good and peaceful. At such times we put down good foundations, enabling us to endure no matter what, knowing that our 'endurance will win us our lives'.

## PATHWAYS TO HOLINESS

Next Tuesday there is the second talk in our series: 'Pathways to Holiness', with a further talk on the newly-canonised St John Henry Newman. This week the talk will be given by Fr Dermot Mansfield sj, who both gives, and teaches, Spiritual Direction. He has also published a book on Cardinal Newman: 'Heart speaks to Heart'. We had a good number at the first talk, but more would be welcome. These talks are an opportunity to familiarize ourselves with our Catholic heritage, so do think of coming along, even if it is just for one talk. The talks take place on Tuesdays in the undercroft at 7.30pm.



## THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund last weekend, £2,386.28 was donated. This Fund ensures that those, currently 80, priests who have given years of dedicated service in the Diocese, are properly cared for. If you didn't donate last week, it's not too late to do so. Envelopes are still available in the porch, please use one 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.

## PLANNED GIVING

A big 'thank you' to everyone who has indicated their, financial, support for the parish in recent weeks, by either requesting the weekly envelopes, or setting up a Bankers Order. This committed giving is a great help, as it enables us to plan accordingly for the various needs of the parish. If you have yet to sign a promise card,

please collect one from the porch and, when complete, please return it to the Parish Office.

- There are still quite a number of boxes of envelopes to be collected, if you haven't yet done so please collect them today.



## 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 today, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:marva@cpoauk.com/H) 712364.



### DWG - Thank You

Parishioners' donations along with the monies raised from the Garden Party/Plant sale, Golf Day back in the Summer and the Quiz Night in September have recently enabled the DWG to purchase a baby incubator at a cost of £3,775 for St Therese Hospital in Nzara, South Sudan. Many thanks to you all for your ongoing generosity and support for the projects of the Developing World Group.



LiveSimply

LiveSimply: With the Elections looming there will be an opportunity to ask prospective candidates what their Party's position is on (among other things) climate catastrophe and pledging net zero carbon emissions by 2035. Laudato Si

### ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

#### Applications for places in Reception Class

2020-21 opened on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

November 2019 and closes on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

2020. Application forms for St Dominic are available from the school website at

[www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions](http://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions) .

If you would like to visit the school, Open Mornings are being held this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm to 7pm and on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 this 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.

## MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR OF HARPENDEN

Christmas Carol Concert In Aid Of Harpenden Mencap Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm We shall be joined by the choir of Aldwickbury School. Choral music to include Bach's Christmas Oratorio part 1, Palestrina's Hodie Christus Natus Est, Bob Chilcott's On Christmas Night, Vaughan Williams' Wassail Song, and Rutter's Dormi Jesu, plus popular audience carols too. Help us raise funds for HARPENDEN MENCAP, on their 60th anniversary! Join us for mince pies and refreshments at Wesleys afterwards. At High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden at 3.00 pm. Tickets £10, £5 children (under 5s free) from Maria 07947 800153 or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicmakers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicmakers)

## CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

You are warmly invited to the annual CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at 11am on **Wednesday 20 November** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. If you would like someone to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please send us their name by calling CAFOD Westminster on 020 8449 6970 or emailing [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

## VACANCIES WITHIN WESTMINSTER DIOCESE

'For details of all our diocesan job vacancies, please visit our website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

## HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden AL5 2QJ. Door and bar open at 7 for 7.30pm Tickets £15 in advance, £17 on the door. Under 16's £5.

Available from [www.atsociety.org.uk/events/hco](http://www.atsociety.org.uk/events/hco) For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard.

### LIVESIMPLY IDEA

Save water by not letting taps run unnecessarily and by having quick showers.



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

#### St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

10.00am Annie Ryan (Spec Ints)

12.00 noon Baptism

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Vigil Mass

6.00pm Martin King RIP & Michael Holmes RIP (Anniv)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

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8.30am People of the Parish - Holy Souls

9.45am Anthony Mileham RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Susann Byrne RIP

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

#### feria

9.15am Ignatius Nathan RIP (Anniv)

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

#### feria

9.15am Holy Souls

#### Refreshments after Mass today

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

#### feria

9.15am Patrick Hickey RIP (Anniv)

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

#### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am Holy Souls

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

#### St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

#### feria

10.00am Patrick Ryan RIP

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Vigil Mass

6.00pm Paul Murphy RIP (Anniv)

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8.30am Margaret Foulds RIP

9.45am People of the Parish - Holy Souls

11.30am Joan Gaire RIP

## CONFESSIONS

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