



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

5TH JANUARY 2020
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A)

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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, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, so we keep what is regarded as the last day of Christmas. Today's feast recalls how the Magi brought gifts to the infant king. Hopefully, for most of us, we too will be able to recall the gifts, the goodness, we have received during this Christmas season. In our parish celebrations too, that goodness has been so evident. The goodness revealing itself as so many people share their gifts and talents, and give of their time so generously, so that we could celebrate Christmas joyfully, and with great reverence and dignity.

We are so very fortunate to have so many willing volunteers, those who clean the church, create the beautiful flower arrangements, act as welcomers, serve at Mass, read, assist with Holy Communion, sing in the choir, or play a musical instrument, and the list could go on. But to all who assist in any way, a big 'thank you', and know that what you do is greatly appreciated.

Thank you too for your generous offerings on Christmas Day, as well as for the other gifts and cards. We look forward to the coming year, as together we share our gifts, and live our faith as missionary disciples!

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

ALTAR SERVERS

It was good to be able to celebrate the patron saint of altar servers on St Stephen's Day. During Mass five servers, who have been serving for a year or more, were enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen; while three, who have been serving for over three years received 'blue' medals, and one who had been serving for over five years received 'gold' medal. Our thanks to all our servers for their contribution to the liturgy throughout the year.



CRIB OFFERINGS

As is customary, offerings made at the crib will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society. The Society provides mental health services for children struggling with issues such as abuse, neglect and family breakdown. Contributions can still be placed in the 'Crib Offering' box on the wall close to the crib.



TUESDAY TEA/COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Tea and Coffee morning in the Undercroft on Tuesday 7th January after Mass.



BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER

This event will be on Saturday 25th January in the Lourdes Hall (£15 for a 3-course meal) and tickets will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Book a table or join us on our Parish table.



ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

The closing date for applications for places in the Reception Class 2020-21 is 15th January 2020. We are aware that some parents may not have had the opportunity to see the school as yet and therefore a further visit date has been arranged for the Wednesday 8th January 2020

at 9.15am. If you would like to make an appointment for this visit, please telephone the school office on 01582 760047 to make a booking. Due to the nature of the visit, we request that you do not bring children with you on this occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The next session for our First Holy Communion Children will be next Sunday 12th January.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The Confirmation Retreat will be on Friday 17th January to Sunday 19th January. Parents please check your email from Anna Painter for more details.



LIVESIMPLY

Today (the first Sunday of the month) there is a UHT milk collection for the St Albans and District Foodbank, presently based at Highfield Oval.



HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA

Every day we provide 2 school meals to 1000 children and this is the only source of food for many children.

£100 = provides 1250 school meals or provides

three children school meals for a year

£50 = provides 625 school meals

£30 = provides a child school meal for a year

There is still time to donate so please consider supporting Harpenden Spotlight on Africa's feeding programme in Uganda.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Christmas2019>

HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA QUIZ EVENING

What a way to have something to look forward to in the New Year - our annual fun Quiz night for Saturday 1st February 2020 in Lourdes Hall,

Southdown Road. 7 for 7.30 pm prompt start. Up to tables of 8 but you can also come and join a table. Tickets are £15 each to include a tasty Godfrey's Fish and Chip Supper (veg option too). Your ticket will pay towards a school lunch for a 1000 needy children. Raffle and cash bar. This is a popular event so contact Wendy Howson, wendyhowson@hsoa.org or 07917 621059.

JOURNEYS IN HOPE ART EXHIBITION & CHARITY ART AUCTION

6th - 30th January 2020 at the Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street London W1K 3AH. Exhibition opens 6pm Monday 6th January, then weekdays 9.30 am - 8.30 pm, Saturdays 9.30 am - 3 pm Charity Art Auction Thursday 30th January from 6 pm in aid of the Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage, Aid to the Church in Need and Safe Passage.

For further details email Teresa Newham marbretherese@googlemail.com



NEWSLETTERS

In line with preserving the planet, if you would like to receive the weekly newsletter via email, please contact Melanie in the Parish Office, also if you know of anyone who

is sick or housebound and unable to attend Mass and they would like to receive the newsletter via email let us know and we can arrange this.

Alternatively, why not take an extra Newsletter home with you for them. The Newsletter is also available on the Parish Website in time for the weekend. parish@rcdow.org.uk/harpenden

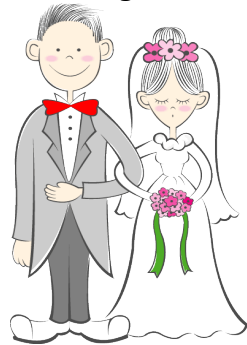
SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

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 Melanie in the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

GETTING MARRIED

For some years in our Diocese it has been the policy that at least six months' notice of the date on which you hope to marry, must be given to the priest of the parish. The reason for this is to allow sufficient time for all the formalities and preparations that are required. It is highly advisable to delay setting the date for any other arrangements until you have agreed the date for the ceremony in the church where you hope to marry. If you are thinking about getting married, here at Our Lady of Lourdes please contact Melanie to arrange an appointment with Canon Dwyer. If you know someone getting married, please draw their attention to this notice.



PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

Please pop in to the Sacristy if you still need to collect your envelopes.



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	£3.50



HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

January 11th 2020

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

The Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra is one of Hertfordshire's premier music ensembles. They perform just one annual concert in Harpenden with all proceeds supporting the A-T Society, a national charity founded by a local family.

This year's concert under conductor James Southall presents a programme with an eastern European flavour. Talented young soloists Benjamin Nabarro and Gemma Rosefield will be performing Brahms' glorious Double Concerto for violin and cello, dedicated to the great Hungarian violinist Joachim. The concert also features two Czech works, Dvorak's 7th Symphony, considered by many to be his greatest, and Janacek's darkly lyrical Adagio for Orchestra. Tickets are available from our website www.atsociety.org.uk/events/hco, by calling the A-T Society on 01582 760733 or from Parker and Vine on Leyton Road, opposite Waitrose. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

LIVESIMPLY

It would be mistaken to view other living beings as mere objects subjected to arbitrary human domination. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity, and peace as proposed by Jesus.

Laudato Si 82

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th January 2020

Christmas feria

10.00am Mary Adams RIP

12.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

VIGIL MASS

6.00pm Peter & Sheila Doran RIP

Sunday 5th January

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8.30am Michael Turner RIP

9.45am John Fraser RIP

11.30am Gerry Maureen & Geraldine Martin RIP

Monday 6th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Michael Brennan RIP (Anniv)

Tuesday 7th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Seamus McConville RIP (Anniv)

Tea/Coffee served in The Undercroft

Wednesday 8th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Martin Newham (Spec Ints)

Thursday 9th January

Christmas feria

11.00am Margaret Foulds RIP

Friday 10th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 11th January

Christmas feria

10.00am Veronica Lee RIP (Anniv)

5.00pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

VIGIL MASS

6.00pm Margaret Carey RIP

Sunday 12th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Mary Adams RIP

11.30am Dympna & Pat Murtagh RIP

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after the 10am Mass &
from 5pm - 5.30pm