



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

THE MOST BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A)

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

14TH JUNE 2020

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CHURCH REOPENING

We received the good news last Sunday that churches can reopen for private prayer, subject to certain strict conditions, from tomorrow, Monday 15th June. This is wonderful news that, although opening times are limited, there is still the opportunity to come and pray in church, or simply to come and find some peace and solace. Thank you to those generous people who have kindly agreed to act as stewards, and to clean the church after each opening. Given the number of volunteers we have, we plan to open:

Sunday: 8.30am to 10.30am.
Monday: 9.00am to 10.30am
Tuesday: 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am to 10.30am
Thursday: 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10.00am to 11.30am & 5.30pm to 6.30pm

If you are thinking of visiting the church, please note:

- ❖ You must not enter if you, or a member of your household, have displayed any of the symptoms related to CO-VID19.
- ❖ It is strongly advised that you do not enter if you fall within an 'at risk' group (over 70, asthmatic or have underlying medical conditions).

When you come to church, please:

- ❖ On arriving, cleanse your hands with the sanitiser provided.
- ❖ Maintain social distancing.
- ❖ No physical contact with others, no handshakes or hugs!
- ❖ Follow the 'one way' system.
- ❖ Only sit in the seats that are marked, by a green tick.
- ❖ Leave the church following the 'one way' system.
- ❖ As you leave, cleanse your hands with the sanitiser provided.

Please note that, as instructed, the toilets are not available

I know the above guidelines sound very prescriptive, but as we all know they are there for everyone's safety and health. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit the church, where you can feel at home and welcome.

PARISH LIFE CONTINUES

How good that we can open our church again, albeit for short periods, and of course Mass continues to be celebrated. The church, to some degree, being used what it is there for. The life of the parish continues in, albeit, different ways. Some groups are meeting virtually, and others are giving support to some of those who are confined to their homes. Canon Dwyer continues to be available to parishioners, via telephone or email, or to meet virtually, and is happy to be in contact with anyone who wishes to be in touch.

UPDATING

The task of updating our parish records continues. Thank you to everyone who has completed a data base update. We have had a good response but suspect

that there are still quite a number who have still to complete a parish data base update. It really is a great help if we have up to date contact information on our parishioners. So, if you haven't yet completed a form, please do so. If you would like a form, you can download one from the parish website and, when complete, return it to the Parish Office. If you are aware of someone who doesn't have an email address, it would be helpful if you would give them a copy.



LIVESTREAMING

Mass will be live-streamed on Zoom, and You Tube this coming week:

Tuesday 16th June 10.00am

Thursday 18th June 10.00am

Sunday 21st June 11.30am

The best way of using YouTube is via your internet browser of choice, navigate to www.youtube.com and search 'Our lady of Lourdes Harpenden' or use this link https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=our+lady+of+lourdes+harpenden

Day	Time	Zoom Code
Sunday 14 th June	11.30am	837-6594-4659
Tuesday 16 th June	10.00am	868-6582-6377
Thursday 18 th June	10.00am	852-3125-3608
Sunday 21 st June	11.30am	837-6594-4659

HAPPY TO HELP

With the 'lockdown' reducing, it is still the case that there are many people still in isolation, and that will

not be a very easy, time. If you are in this situation and would appreciate a little help, or just a phone call, from time to time, do please let us know. If we don't know we can't help, and we do have willing volunteers, happy to make contact. Just telephone, or email, your details.

WE CAN PRAY TOGETHER

Although small steps are being taken to ease the lockdown, it's still important that we pray for everyone affected by Coronavirus. We can't pray in our church, but we can pray together. So, each evening at 7.30pm it would be good if everyone in the parish could pause to pray, maybe to use a prayer that all the family knows, or perhaps a decade, or more, of the Rosary. In that way we can be united in a prayer for ourselves and our country, and all who are affected by Coronavirus.



DWG PLANT SALE SAT 6TH JUNE

Very many thanks to all those who supported this event in any way. Despite the less than beautiful weather, the amount raised so far is £780. We are amazed and delighted by the great generosity shown by those who attended and those who have sent donations if unable to attend. As mentioned previously, this money will swell the coffers for our

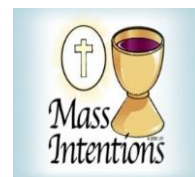


support of women in Kenya trying to set up their own small businesses and so become self-sufficient. Thanks, and prayers to all.

WHILE MASSES ARE SUSPENDED AND THE CHURCH CLOSED, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass continues to be celebrated, sometimes in private, and at others times, this will be livestreamed. As far as possible Masses already requested will be celebrated on the date requested, but some may have to be moved to other dates. If you would like to move a Mass Intention, or arrange for Mass to be celebrated, please contact the parish office by email.



MASS READINGS

If you would like to have the readings for Mass, you will find them at:

<https://www.universalis.com/mass.htm> and
<https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In the present circumstances, we cannot receive Holy Communion but we can make a **Spiritual Communion**. Set aside some time either alone, or better with your family. Turn off the tv or radio.

Firstly: Make the sign of the Cross.

Then: Make an act of Contrition.

Then say: *My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Finish by making the **Sign of The Cross**



'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'

In this time of pandemic when we can't reach out to the Sacraments, we can always reach out to the word; and indeed it is through the word that the Word is always reaching out to us, even in the darkest and most challenging of situations. **'The God Who Speaks'** website continues to provide a range of information, ideas and resources encouraging a greater exploration of Holy Scripture, including: **The Gospel according to Matthew** - a four-part audio series featuring voices of Catholics living and working in England & Wales.

Word at Home - ideas to help you create a prayerful, scriptural and reflective time at home.

'Top Tens' - from parables to paintings, from animals to films, the 'Top Tens' features creative ways to help us engage with Scripture.

Home Alone with St Jerome - A What'sApp-style conversation with St Jerome and friends, and his faithful lion, on how to cope with being at home during the pandemic.

Bible Basics & Scripture Seekers - facts and reflections for those new to the Bible, or who would like to explore the Bible further.

Word 3600 - Prayers, thoughts and resources for Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word in today's world.

To view these and other resources provided by CBCEW in partnership with the Bible Society, see the regularly updated **'The God Who Speaks'** website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

Family Examen - a prayerful way for a family to look back together on their day:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/prayer%20tools/anexamenforthefamily>

Marriage Encounter - A short reflection on nurturing good communication in this time of confinement: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/news/how-to-grow-your-relationship-under-lockdown/>

NEWSPAPERS & DAY BY DAY BOOKS

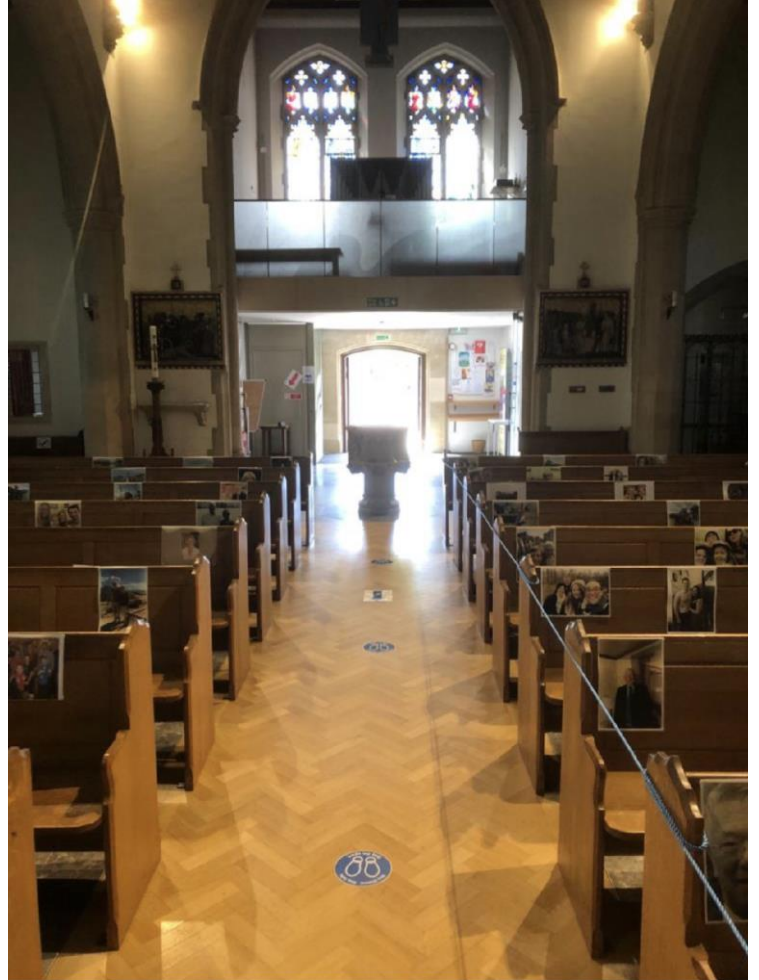
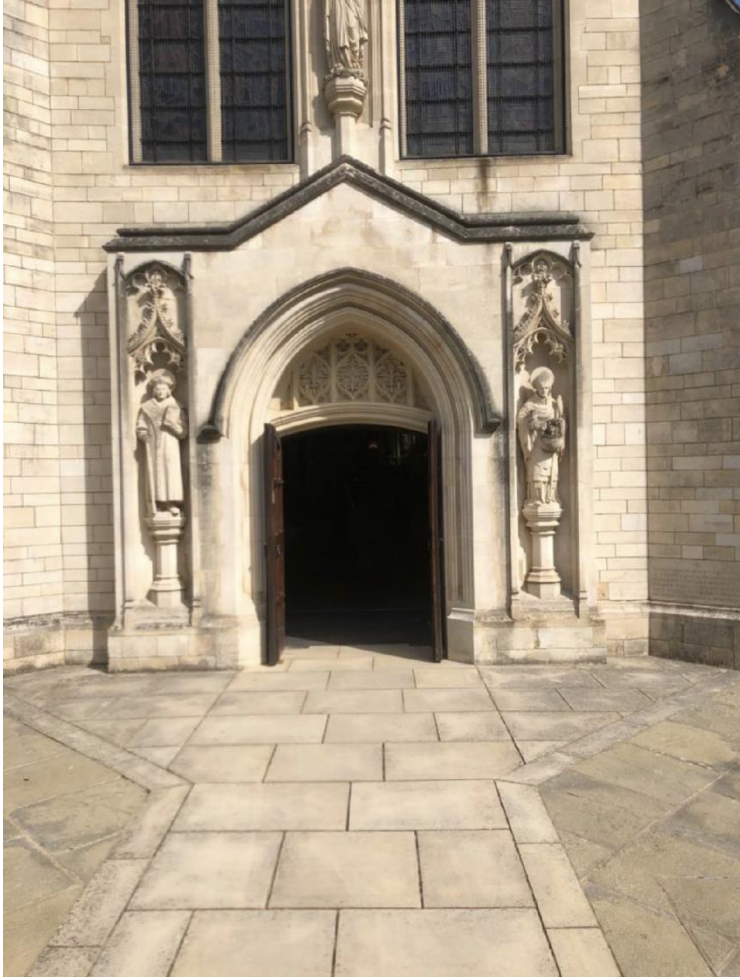
The Universe Newspaper is available from the Presbytery Front Garden. The newspaper costs £1.50 and there is an honesty box for you to use.

The **JUNE** editions of **Bible Alive** and **Day by Day** have arrived and are in the box, please come and help yourselves.

The booklets and papers are stored in a clear plastic box on the right-hand side in the presbytery front garden behind the gate.



The Church Doors are open once again on **Monday 15th June**. For all opening time details see page 1 of the Newsletter.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th June **St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor**
Jane Hillier (Spec Ints)

Sunday 14th June **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A)**
(CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)
11.30am People of the Parish

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 11.30AM ZOOM CODE 837-6594-4659

Monday 15th June **feria**
Isidoro Alfonso Arevalo RIP (Anniv)

Tuesday 16th June **feria**
10.00am Joe Bearpark RIP (Anniv)

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Wednesday 17th June **feria**
Sr Diana RIP

Thursday 18th June **feria**
10.00am Beryl Vasquez RIP (Anniv)

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10.00AM ZOOM CODE 852-3125-3608

Friday 19th June **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Saturday 20th June **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Jim O'Brien RIP

Sunday 21st June **12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
11.30am People of the Parish

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CONFESSIONS - There will be no Confessions