



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

21ST JUNE 2020

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We are living in a changing world, there is great uncertainty, even fear for the future. The world pandemic has left us frightened and confused. We are mourning the loss of many things: employment, health and, for some, loved ones. But we never lose hope; our hope is rooted in God. Hence, this time can be a blessing in disguise, as it makes us less reliant on ourselves and more on the power of God.

The Word of God this Sunday speaks of adversity and how to respond as Christians. Jeremiah reflects on the cost of being God's faithful witness. He speaks of the hurt and pain he experiences as a result of being a prophet. 'I hear so many disparaging me... All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall.' The prophet Jeremiah shows us that authentic faith makes us fearless in the face of suffering and persecution. It gives us the power to live more generously, more trustfully and more bravely.

Jesus in the Gospel, tells us: 'Do not be afraid' this is the message that can resonate in the hearts of us all. We have no need to be afraid because of our unique value before God. Although it's not easy to understand, each one of us is known individually to God, and each one of us is of great value to him. God is aware of all creation, even the tiny sparrows, but as Jesus reassures us: 'you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. What the future holds, what will happen in our lives, we don't know. With our faith we can accept with trust, whatever happens in our lives, knowing that God will bring us through even the darkest days.

SS PETER & PAUL

The feast of SS Peter and Paul is usually celebrated on June 29th. This year, as the 29th is a Monday, the feast is transferred to the Sunday, the day before.



CHURCH OPEN

It was a great joy to be able to open the church, albeit for short periods, earlier this week. While we



didn't have vast numbers taking advantage of this opportunity, nonetheless it was good that some came to pray, and for some peace and solace. I hope, very much, that particularly while we cannot celebrate Mass

together, this opportunity will be taken up to come and pray in church, and particularly on Sundays. **You'll find the opening times with the Mass details at the bottom of this newsletter.** When you do come to church, do please, follow the guidelines which are there for your benefit, and so that our church is a safe place.

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.

TUESDAY MASS

Please note that the Mass on Tuesday morning this week, will be live-streamed at the earlier time of 9.30am.



LIVESTREAMING

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

Day	Time	Zoom Code
Sunday 21 st June	11.30am	837-6594-4659
Tuesday 23 rd June	9.30am	811 -7131 -0842
Thursday 25 th June	10.00am	826-6240-6032
Sunday 28 th June	11.30am	849-6412-0824

Please note that Zoom codes from Tuesday are new codes.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ZOOM LESSON

We are hoping to hold a short Zoom lesson with all of the First Holy Communion candidates from this year. The lesson will be held next **SATURDAY 27th JUNE**



at 9.30am, and we are aiming for it to last no more than 30 minutes. To prepare for the lesson can you read through Chapter 10 with your children.

The Zoom code you will need to log in is: 848-1950-3905, there will also be a password and that will be emailed to all parents next week. Please make sure you check your spam/junk folders if you haven't received an email from us by Wednesday. Looking forward to "seeing" you all on Saturday 27th June, at 9.30am.

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. 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.

GET INVOLVED - JOIN THE PARISH VIRTUAL COLLABORATION!

If you follow the parish on Facebook



([facebook.com/OLoLHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/OLoLHarpenden)) you may have seen videos posted by the music group of some virtual collaborations they have recorded during lockdown.

Now everyone is invited to sing in a parish-wide collaboration of "Shine, Jesus Shine". You don't need to be a singer and you don't need any fancy equipment. Just a phone/tablet or laptop with a camera and we will provide the backing track, words and instructions. You can join in as an individual, a family group or if just the children want to do it that's fine too. Musicians are welcome to play and parts can be provided for strings, woodwind, brass, piano and guitar. This is a great way to bring the parish together at this time, so to get involved

email

lolmusicgroup@gmail.com.

Don't be shy - the more the merrier!

Please note: The final video will only be posted on the parish Facebook page. It is posted via

YouTube, but will not be visible or searchable on YouTube itself.

CATENIAN MEETING

University of the 3rd Age. Why was it formed.

Eric Midwinter, OBE, co-founder of the University of the 3rd Age, was due to give an after-dinner talk to the Luton Circle of the Catenians, on Wednesday 8th of July he will now give this by Zoom. Our usual circle meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by Eric's talk (15 to 20 minutes followed by discussion) If any parishioners wish to join us, please contact Jon Newham who will forward Zooming details nearer the time.

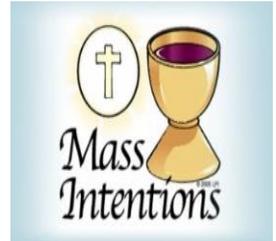


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WHILE MASSES ARE SUSPENDED AND THE CHURCH CLOSED, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

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 Sunday Mass Intentions 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>.

NEWSPAPERS & DAY BY DAY BOOKS

Over the last few weeks we have placed the Catholic Newspapers, Day by Day books & Bible Alive Books in a storage box in the Presbytery Garden. Due to very low very sales we need to re-think our ordering so we are not left with lots of unsold items. If you would like Melanie to order you a copy of The Universe Newspaper or a copy of either Day by Day, or Bible Alive please contact her via email or telephone the Parish Office. Then your surname will be written on the chosen periodical ready for you to collect from the Presbytery Garden. The newspaper costs £1.50, Day By Day books are £1 on a monthly basis and the Bible Alive booklet is £3.50 per month.



The JUNE editions of Bible Alive and Day by Day 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 and there is an honesty box for your payment.



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: **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.

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/>

FOR THE CHILDREN

For families with children of primary school age Top Ten Resources has been created to help enable Sunday prayer and worship during the period of church closures.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/dailyprayers-for-home> Other resources include 'Wednesday Word', and offers activities that families can do at home: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>

CAFOD also offer suggestions for marking Sundays: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

NEWSLETTER

If you would like the newsletter sent to you electronically please send your email address to harpenden@rcdow.org.uk. If you know someone who doesn't have a computer, please pass on a copy of the newsletter. We are also happy, if you let us have their details, to post out a copy.

The Church Doors are open once again this week **for opening times see page 5** of the Newsletter.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th June **THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Jim O'Brien RIP

Church is open for Private Prayer 10.00am - 11.30am & 5.30pm - 6.30pm

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

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

Church is open for Private Prayer 8.30am - 10.30am

Monday 22nd June **SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS**
Anthony Weld RIP

Church is open for Private Prayer 9.00am - 10.30am

Tuesday 23rd June **feria**
9.30am Margaret Dennehy RIP (Anniv)

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10.00AM **ZOOM CODE 811-7131-0842**

Church is open for Private Prayer 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 24th June **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Georgia Paul & Family (Ints)

Church is open for Private Prayer 9.00am - 10.30am

Thursday 25th June **feria**
10.00am Eileen Wills (Spec Ints)

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10.00AM **ZOOM CODE 826-6240-6032**

Church is open for Private Prayer 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 26th June **feria**

Saturday 27th June **St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr**

Church is open for Private Prayer 10.00am - 11.30am & 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Sunday 28th June **SS PETER & PAUL APOSTLES** (A)
St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese

11.30am People of the Parish

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 11.30AM **ZOOM CODE 849-6412-0824**

Church is open for Private Prayer 8.30am - 10.30am

CONFESSIONS - There will be no Confessions