



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
5TH JULY 2020

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CELEBRATING MASS

For the first time in 15 weeks some of us are able to celebrate Mass together, and that is a great joy. I know how much many of you have missed being able to fully share in the celebration of the Eucharist, even if it was somewhat more comfortable watching from your own home! This weekend, and next, there will be just one Mass at 10.30am, but I hope that that will increase. While it's good that we can resume the celebration of Mass, we are not getting back to normal. You will see that the celebration of Mass is slightly different, we have been given permission to omit certain things, so that the time you are in church is less than usual. When you arrive at church, we will check that you have let us know you would be attending. There is a 'one-way' system in operation in church, arrangements for receiving Holy Communion, and leaving the church are different, and the toilet is not available. There will be stewards to guide you, we ask your cooperation, and your patience.

In order to fulfil the regulations from the Government and the Diocese, and to try and keep everyone safe in church, we need volunteers to supervise at Mass, and to clean the church after every Mass. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. More volunteers are needed, if there are to be more Masses, it is up to you.

If you want to attend Mass next Sunday, for up to two people, you can inform us/book a seat via the parish website. More details on this can be found on page 2.

Everything is so different at the moment, including when you come to Mass. There is not a lot we can do about it; so, I do ask your patience and cooperation with what is happening, it is in everyone's interest.

ATTENDING MASS NEXT SUNDAY

If you want to attend Mass next Sunday, for up to two people, you can inform us/book a seat via the parish website. Please go to www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/Harpenden and then click on **Events**. You will be asked for your name, contact details and number of tickets you want to book. Booking will be open from today 5th July and will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 8th July to allow time for seats to be allocated. If you need places for three or more people then please email, or telephone the parish office, and we will let you know if there is room, or not. **During this coming week Masses will also be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am, which you can attend if you let us know by email or telephone.** Now that regular Mass is resuming, the church will only be open, for limited periods, around the Mass times.

PARISH LIFE CONTINUES

How good it is that our churches are open again, albeit for short periods, and of course for some to be able to attend Mass. 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.



LIVESTREAMING

Mass will be live-streamed on Zoom, and You Tube this coming week: Please note the Times of Mass this week have been changed.

Day	Time	Zoom Code
Sunday 5 th July	10.30am	849-6412-0824
Tuesday 7 th July	9.15am	811 -7131 -0842
Thursday 9 th July	9.15am	826-6240-6032
Sunday 12 th July	10.30am	849-6412-0824

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

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.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

As a parish, let us unite ourselves in prayer each evening at 7.30pm. We pray for everyone affected by Coronavirus, Using whatever prayer is familiar to ourselves and our family.

SEEKING WORK

A parishioner is seeking work as a Carer, or carrying out domestic work. Very experienced and good references. For further information, please contact Canon Dwyer.

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 JULY editions of 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.

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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AREN'T WE FORTUNATE!

In our part of Hertfordshire, we have such an outstanding and historical building as St. Albans Abbey / Cathedral. It was founded in the 8th Century and is the Shrine of Britain's first saint and martyr, and is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in this country. The other very unusual aspect of the life of this Church of England Abbey is that



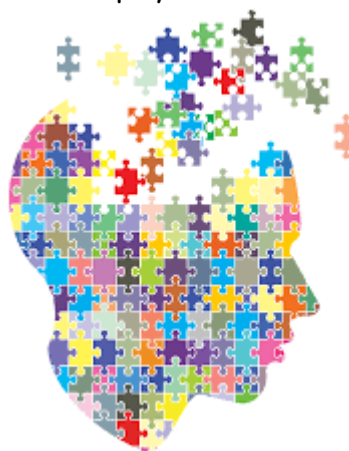
Catholic Mass is celebrated there every week. There is no other example of this anywhere in the UK. It has taken place ever since 1983.

Worship will resume again, in common with all the churches, and the next Catholic Mass will be celebrated on Friday 17th July at 12.00noon. Why not give it a try? The celebration is a very prayerful occasion. Because the Nave is so extensive there is no problem about distancing. Just enter by the Welcome Entrance. We look forward to seeing you.

Mgr. Harry Turner (R.C. Ecumenical Chaplain)

SAVE THE DATE - AND YOUR JIGSAWS!

Please could you hold onto to any jigsaws you have including those which have kept you busy in the lockdown. We will need as many as possible next year for a **Jigsaw Puzzle Festival on 4-5 June 2021** at High Street Methodist Church. The proceeds will go to charity including a Developing World Group project. We and our Methodist friends are working together to organise this festival where lots of completed jigsaws will be displayed for sale, along with refreshments.

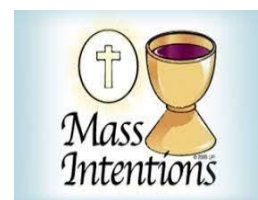


We will be seeking donations of jigsaws from parishioners and their friends, including jigsaws that are not finished which we will find jigsaw lovers - 'dissectologists' - to complete. All

kinds wanted, the more the merrier. Please email jonlcarr@gmail.com to let us know if you would like to get involved in any way, eg by donating jigsaws or by making those donated to us. Further details to follow in the Parish Newsletter/website. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass continues to be celebrated, sometimes in private, and on Sundays Tuesdays and Thursdays in church with a congregation, and 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: **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.godwhospeaks.uk/>

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

Although we are now beginning to celebrate Mass, with a congregation, for the time being at least, the newsletter will continue to be sent by email. Apart from being ecologically friendly, not handling paper reduces the possibility of passing on infection. If you are not presently receiving a copy, and would like to do so, please email 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. know someone who doesn't have a computer, please pass on a copy of the newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th July **feria**
Church is open for Private Prayer 10.00am - 11.30am & 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Sunday 5th July **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

10.30am People of the Parish
MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10.30AM ZOOM CODE 849-6412-0824

Monday 6th July **feria**
Nigel Newham RIP

Tuesday 7th July **feria**
9.15am Deceased Members of the Hines Family RIP

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 9.15AM ZOOM CODE 811-7131-0842

Wednesday 8th July **feria**
Ray Shufflebotham RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 9th July **feria**
9.15am Margaret Foulds RIP
MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 9.15AM ZOOM CODE 826-6240-6032

Friday 10th July **feria**

Saturday 11th July **St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe**

Sunday 12th July **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

10.30am People of the Parish
MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10.30AM ZOOM CODE 849-6412-0824

CONFESSIONS - There will be no Confessions