



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN**  
**Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden. AL5 2BD**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

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**CELEBRATING MASS**



Mass is now being celebrated four times a week: Saturday at 5.00pm, Sunday at 10.30am, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15am. If you wish to attend one or other of these Masses please let us know. If you wish to reserve seats for up to two people, please do so via the link on the parish website. Each week, seats that have been requested, are not taken up, so others who would have liked to attend are deprived of a place. If you do request a place, and then find you can't take it up, please be sure to let us know. When you come to Mass do keep to the guidance, and follow the Steward's instructions.

**FACE MASKS**

In addition to all the other guidelines, it is now a requirement that face masks are worn in places of worship. We ask your cooperation in this matter.



Thank you, to everyone, for your patience and cooperation in following the various guidelines.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Despite many requests for volunteers to assist with supervising, and cleaning, in church, the response has not been great, considering the numbers that

normally attend Mass here. As we anticipated, this is an increasing problem, now that holidays have begun. To be able to celebrate Mass, and the other sacraments, we need sufficient volunteers, to ensure that our church is safe for all who come here. If you haven't yet done so, do think about volunteering, and together we can share the responsibility of caring for each other at this time. Offers of help can be made to the parish office.

**CONFESSION**

It is a long time since it was possible to hear confessions in church. We have received permission to begin hearing confessions again, subject to certain guidelines. Anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, should contact Canon Dwyer, to make an arrangement.



**LIVESTREAMING**

Mass will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube



this coming week: Day	Time	Zoom Code
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	849-6412-0824
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	811 -7131 -0842
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.15am	826-6240-6032
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	10.30am	849-6412-0824

## BAPTISMS

We have permission, as well as guidelines, for the celebration of Baptisms. Those whose Baptisms were postponed, should already have had a message from Canon Dwyer. Anyone wanting to discuss the possibility of a Baptism, should contact the parish office.



## FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



Dates have now been set for the completion of First Communion preparation, and for the Celebrations, in late September, early October. Parents should have received an email message, giving dates and further information. **Please check your spam folders if you haven't received the email.**

We're still waiting to hear from the Diocese when we can go ahead with celebrating Confirmation, hopefully we'll have some news before too long. We look forward to celebrating both these sacraments, and keep our young people in our prayers.



## PRAYING TOGETHER

Let us be united in prayer, each evening at 7.30pm, in our homes; praying for everyone affected by Coronavirus. What prayer you use is your choice, whatever is familiar to you and your family.

## HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL

- how to get involved

We and High Street Methodist Church are already preparing for this event next June. The proceeds will go to Azalea in Luton and to a DWG project in the developing world. Further details will be

released later, but for now the organisers are looking for people to:

- Assemble their own puzzles and donate them.
- Donate unmade puzzles for others to assemble.



- Make up jigsaws donated by others.

If you are willing to help in any way, or require further information, please email

[harpendenjigsaws@gmail.com](mailto:harpendenjigsaws@gmail.com) or phone 01582 713056 or 0797 4540106. Thank you.



## NEWSLETTER

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. If you would like a newsletter sent to you electronically please send your email address to:

[harpenden@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpenden@rcdow.org.uk)



## SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

A very different bike 'n hike this year. The objective for participants is to still visit as many churches and chapels as they can and to obtain sponsorship for their efforts. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic it will be a little different. We are inviting participants to take selfies at the churches they visit and upload the best ones onto the Bike 'n Hike



facebook page. For more information please visit [www.b-n-h.co.uk](http://www.b-n-h.co.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

<b>SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b> 12.30PM	<b>FERIA</b> Baptism
<b>5.00PM</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Maisie Shaughnessy RIP (Months Mind)
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b> 10.30AM	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)</b> People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	<b>FERIA</b> Blessed Karl of Austria (Ints)
<b>TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b> 9.15AM	<b>FERIA</b> James Duffy RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b> 9.15AM	<b>ST BERNARD, ABBOT &amp; DOCTOR</b> OC Raphael RIP (1st Anniv)
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST</b>	<b>ST PIUS X, POPE</b>
<b>SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST</b> 11.30AM 12.30PM	<b>THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Baptism Baptism
<b>5.00PM</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Catenians of Province 14
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST</b> 10.30AM	<b>21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN PRDINARY TIME (A)</b> People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER**