



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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Two sons were asked to work in the vineyard of their father. One said he would do so, but he didn't. The other said he wouldn't, but he did. It was this second son who did what the father wanted.

God, our Father, invites us all to work in the vineyard, preparing the world for the coming of the kingdom. Some of us talk about the work that needs to be done, calling attention to the social ills that divide us: the poverty and hunger, the discrimination and oppression, the militarism and war.

Others of us do something about these problems: challenging the systems that produce poverty and hunger, struggling to overcome discrimination and oppression, agitating for peace and an end to militarism.

The challenge of Jesus Christ is to look to others' interests rather than only to one's own. It is to look beyond one's small world, which may be filled with satisfaction and fulfilment, to look out into that world where people suffer and die. And it is to go beyond talk and become involved in action for the transformation of the world.

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MASSES

Masses are now being celebrated 6 times a week: **Saturday**, the Vigil Mass at 5.00pm, and on **Sundays** at 9.00am and 10.30am. On **weekdays** Masses are celebrated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.15am. The issue we have is that every time the church is open, and after every Mass, the pews, and other parts of the church have to be sanitised. **If more of you would volunteer to help, that would be so helpful, please contact the parish office with your name and telephone number.** If you are unsure about attending please be reassured that social distancing is strictly observed, that face masks **must be worn** and that the distribution of Holy Communion is carefully organised. If you would like to attend Mass, you can request places for up to two people via the parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden, and for three or more please contact the parish office.

'TEST & TRACE'

Places of worship and halls are now expected to display a QR code which people can use to 'check in' and which will be used by Test & Trace. Below is the government link to download the app <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

If you have a smart phone please use the NHS app to scan the QR code and check in as you enter the church.



QUIET PRAYER

If you wish to visit the church, other than for Mass, please note that it opens for 30 minutes before the beginning of each Mass. Anyone who wishes, is welcome for some quiet time.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office Administrator is continuing to work from home, coming into the office, each week, from time to time so, for the time being, the office remains closed. Please note that calls and emails will be responded to during the regular office



hours: Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm. **If you wish to request places at Mass please do so no later than Thursday 3.00pm.**

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend, at three additional Masses, and next weekend at two extra Masses, over 60 children will, at last, make their First Holy Communion. First Communion Day is always a special day, and all the more so this year, having had to wait so long. We rejoice with the children and their families at this special time, and ask you to keep all involved in your prayers.



SCHOOL FORMS

This is the time of year when applications are being made for secondary schools, and priest's references are being sought. As with so many aspects of our lives we won't be able to follow our normal practice this year. Presently, we are working out what is the safest way to proceed, for all involved. Once a decision has been made, and schools consulted, we will let you know.



YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute to the support of the parish, whether donating by standing order, internet banking, or dropping your envelope through the presbytery door. If you wish to contribute via the bank, or would like planned giving envelopes, please contact the parish office.



LIVESTREAMING

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



DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Tues 29 th Sept	9.15am	892-0506-4664
Thurs 1 st Oct	9.15am	868-8669-7097
Sun 4 th Oct	10.30am	872-9131-5005

CONFIRMATION

Good news! By now all our Confirmation Candidate's Parents should have received an email from Anna Painter our Catechist informing you of the Confirmation Mass Dates. If you have not received the email, please do check your junk folder /email Anna or the Parish Office and we can make sure you have all the details. We look forward to celebrating this sacrament, and ask that you keep our young people in your prayers.



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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS GROUP

Mothers Prayers was formed to help those mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren (www.mothersprayers.org). A Mothers Prayers group will be meeting on Zoom on Friday mornings. For details please email Mary Figg at: mothersprayersharpندن@gmail.com



CELEBRATE BACK TO BASICS 21ST SEPT - 14TH DECEMBER

The Catholic Charismatic Community CELEBRATE will be hosting five "CELEBRATE Together evenings" via Zoom where everybody is invited. Participants will be joining local Regional team to pray, worship and be inspired by a short presentation from a keynote speaker on one of the following topics.

Save the dates!

Monday 5th October: Baptism in the Holy Spirit;

The Power of a Personal Encounter

Monday 19th October: Family; How can we receive the Kingdom of God more like a child?

Monday 2nd November: Unity; The Importance of Unity for the Kingdom

Monday 16th November: Formation; The Call to Ever Deeper Discipleship

Monday 30th November: Mission; Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission

The sessions will run from 7:30-8:30pm.

Please find below the link to register.

<https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020>

HARPENDEN CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

Is a local Charity providing support to families by facilitating contact between children and their parents or other adults from whom they are separated often following a family breakdown. Usually the Centre opens on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month providing facilities for up to 18 children, in the hall attached to All Saints Church in Station Road, Harpenden. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, regrettably we have not been able to operate since the end of February. In August and



early September 2020, we enabled the handover of children to their father who had not seen them for 5 months: and we hope to hold sessions within the hall again, starting on Saturday the 26th September at 1.00pm. We have undertaken a detailed Risk Assessment, as has the church, to provide for the safety of our families and volunteers so that whilst we shall have different procedures in place, we hope to retain the friendly and relaxed atmosphere that characterised the sessions previously.

We are asking for your help in two areas. The first is to publicise the work of the Centre to families who might need us. Our contact details are below - do please pass them to anyone who might be experiencing difficulties in making contact arrangements. The second is to recruit more



volunteers to support the sessions. We have a pool of dedicated volunteers who usually attend the centre once every 4 sessions so once every 2 months: but

of course, if they fall into a vulnerable category they cannot help at present. The task is not onerous but is very rewarding. A DBS check will be required and references taken up; there is an induction process and then training is provided. If you are interested in learning more then do please contact us. We should love to hear from you.

Our website is

www.harpendenchildcontactcentre.org.uk; our two Co-Ordinators who run the Centre are Ken Brennan and Sam Cooper who can be contacted at the email address of harpendenccc@gmail.co, or by phone at 07842 167767; or please contact the Chairman, Brigid Brennan, at 07881 785299 or by email at brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com.
<https://celebration.cafod.org.uk/celebrations?p=fd&v=a2S4H000001HCP8UAO>

ST DOMINIC CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you shop at The Co-op?

Would you like to help raise money for St Dominic Catholic primary school?

We are building a running path to enable the children run a Daily Mile, benefitting both physical & mental health. Please help us raise funds by getting a Co-op card, selecting St Dominic's as your chosen local cause & buying Co-op branded products.

see www.coop.co.uk/membership for more details.

By selecting St Dominic's as your local cause, the Co-op will donate 1% of all Co-op branded product you buy to our school.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>11.00AM</p> <p>2.00PM</p> <p>5.00PM</p>	<p>FERIA</p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (1) Group A</p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (2) Group B</p> <p>VIGIL MASS</p> <p>Tom McNicholas RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>9.00AM</p> <p>10.30AM</p> <p>2.00PM</p>	<p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Sarah Cullinane RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Zoom Code 872-9131-5005</p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (3) Group C</p>
<p>MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>FERIA</p>
<p>TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>9.15AM</p>	<p>SS MICHAEL GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels</p> <p>Diane Clark RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 892-0506-4664</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>9.15AM</p>	<p>ST JEROME, Priest & Doctor</p> <p>Zofia Tadeusz Trusz (Spec Ints Wedding Anniv)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER</p> <p>9.15AM</p>	<p>ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, Virgin & Doctor</p> <p>Thomas & Rosy Jose RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 868-8669-7097</p>
<p>FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER</p>	<p>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</p>
<p>SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER</p> <p>11.00AM</p> <p>2.00PM</p> <p>5.00PM</p>	<p>FERIA</p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (1) Group D</p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (2) Group E</p> <p>VIGIL MASS</p> <p>Deceased Catenians RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER</p> <p>9.00AM</p> <p>10.30AM</p>	<p>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Georgina Brennan RIP</p> <p>Zoom Code 872-9131-5005</p>
<p>CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER</p>	