



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden. AL5 2BD

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 6TH SEPTEMBER 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 Events 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.

WILL YOU HELP?

As the Coronavirus continues, so too does our responsibility to ensure that our church is a safe place for everyone. This is not a small task, even

though at the moment it is being left to a, disappointingly, small number of parishioners. We are all a part of the same parish, and it would



be good, if those who could, would share the load for stewarding and cleaning. Now that the 'holiday' season is at an end it would a great help if more parishioners could see their way to assisting with this essential task. If you are willing to help, please notify the parish office.

HEALTH & SAFETY

As the Coronavirus continues so, increasingly, various demands are placed upon the parish, in regard to ensuring that the church, and parish halls are safe places. It would be very helpful to have the assistance of someone who has a Health and Safety background. If you have such experience, please contact Canon Dwyer.



LIVESTREAMING

Mass will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week



Day	Time	Zoom Code
Tuesday 8 th Sept	9.15am	892-0506-4664
Thursday 10 th Sept	9.15am	868-8669-7097
Sunday 13 th Sept	10.30am	872-9131-5005

BAPTISMS

It is now possible to book a Baptism again. Anyone wanting to discuss the possibility of a Baptism, should contact the parish office.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

CONFIRMATION



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 this sacrament, and ask that you 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.

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 Sunday evenings. For details please email Mary Figg at: mothersprayersharpندن@gmail.com

HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL



We and High Street Methodist Church (HSMC) are working together to organise this festival on 4-5 June 2021. Half of the proceeds will go to Workaid, a charity in Chesham, which collects unwanted tools, refurbishes them and then ships them to training centres, prisons and self-help organisations in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

(In October 2019 the DWG and Live Simply organised a successful tool collection for Workaid.) The other half will be directed to Azalea, a Luton-based charity which reaches out to those trapped in sexual exploitation, helping them to build new lives away from violence and poverty.

Please help us prepare for the festival now by donating puzzles, whether assembled already or not, and by assembling those donated by others. For more information, see harpندنjigsawfestival.co.uk, email harpندنjigsaws@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The DWG has pledged £900 to Workaid. It will be used to supply starter tool kits to trainees at Youth Resource Centres in Zambia. It will thus provide them with the equipment to start their own businesses when they graduate, as carpenters, metal



fabricators, tailors, builders etc. We will receive feedback on how it has been deployed next year.



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



LIVESIMPLY

Environmental issues have slipped under the radar recently, because of our concentration on coronavirus, so, as part of the 'Season of Creation' celebration this year, the parish LiveSimply group are organising a Zoom mtg on "Ecological Conversion: The Journey to 2030". It will be Zoomed at 11.00am on Saturday 26 Sept. in four weeks' time. You can enjoy it from the comfort of your own homes. But it would help us greatly if you would let us know, if you would like to join us, so that we can see the numbers involved. It will be presented by John Paul de Quay of the Arundel & Brighton Diocese and a founder member of the 'Ecological Conversion Group'. Please contact graham-ryan@sky.com. Laudato Si

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

5.00PM

FERIA

VIGIL MASS

Philip Porter RIP (Anniv)

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

10.30AM

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[Zoom Code 872-9131-5005](#)

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

FERIA

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

9.15AM

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Elizabeth Wang RIP (Anniv)

[Zoom Code 892-0506-4664](#)

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

FERIA

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

9.15AM

FERIA

Margaret Foulds RIP

[Zoom Code 868-8669-7097](#)

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

FERIA

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

5.00PM

FERIA

VIGIL MASS

Brian Armitage RIP

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

10.30AM

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