



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
18TH OCTOBER 2020

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As we continue to read from the Gospel of Matthew, we hear that the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus' teachings and decide to 'entrap' him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?'

The response is brilliant: 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. God's vision for this world.

The way that the world looks at things, and the 'Christ-view' of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, climate action... are usually very different. The pharisees, we are told, 'were amazed, left him and went away'.

MASSES

Our current Mass times are: **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. If you wish to attend Mass, for up to two people, you can book via the parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden, for three, or more, please email or telephone the parish office. In recent weeks the Masses have been more or less full, so it would be good to have a further Mass, for that to happen, further volunteers are needed.

STILL A NEED

Every time the church is used we have a responsibility to clean it, before it is used again. A number of parishioners have been helping with this important task, and their help is much appreciated. But, the need remains for more helpers. Please do think if you could give a



little time to do this, it is not onerous or time consuming. If you can help please contact the parish office. This need reminds us of a basic truth about the celebration of Mass, that, while the priest has a particular role, there are other roles to be filled also, it is about what we do together. Keeping our church safe and clean, is similar, it is a responsibility many of us can share together.



CONFIRMATION

This weekend we have our third Confirmation celebration, when 13 of our young people will be Confirmed. Our young people are truly special, the future of the Church.. So let us keep them in our prayers, that they will be open to the power of the Holy Spirit, and live their lives accordingly.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Normally registration for First Communion and Confirmation next year, would have taken place but, as you will appreciate, given the unpredictable situation we find ourselves in, it is difficult to plan

ahead at the moment. Once Confirmation has been completed, we hope to look at what might be possible, and will keep you informed.

HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this time there will be a number of Masses for this intention. If you would like anyone remembered in these Masses, it would be best if names were emailed to the parish office. If this isn't possible lists can be put through the presbytery letter box.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Terry Guy, the caretaker at Lourdes Hall, for many years, has decided to retire. So we are looking for someone to replace him. This is a part-time position. Responsibilities will Include maintenance of the Parish hall, and other duties. An ability to work alone is essential For further information Please contact the parish office.

WRAP UP!

Since the churches reopened the advice received has been that it is kept well ventilated. So, although the heating is on, the doors must remain open, even as it gets colder. Extra layers, may be a good idea when attending Mass.



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. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8.45am, you are welcome for some quiet time.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary. Normally, during this month, the Rosary is prayed after the weekday Masses. Unfortunately, this year, with having to clean the church immediately after Mass, this is not



possible. Perhaps you might think of praying, some or all of, this Gospel prayer with family and friends, at home or

virtually.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office Administrator is continuing to work from home, coming into the office, each week, from time to time so, while 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 12.30pm.

If you wish to request places at Mass please do so no later than Thursday 3.00pm.



SECONDARY TRANSFER

Parents seeking to have the Certificate of Catholic Practice, or the St George's church form, completed, in connection with applications for secondary transfer are asked to drop the form, with the child's name and address, included at the top of the form, through the Presbytery Letterbox (1 Kirkwick Ave) along with a stamped Addressed envelope, so the signed form can be returned to you. Canon Dwyer will contact you, if necessary, by telephone or virtually.



- **All of the forms received at the presbytery, have now been completed, and returned by post.**

KATHLEEN MOONEY RIP

The Funeral of the late Catherine, Cathy, Mooney takes place tomorrow, 19th October. Due to the current restrictions, this Mass is only for those invited by the family.

'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.



LIVESTREAMING

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



DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Tuesday	9.15am	892-0506-4664
Thursday	9.15am	868-8669-7097
Sunday	10.30am	872-9131-5005

AN EXTRA HOUR

Don't forget, next Sunday morning at 2am the clocks go back an hour!



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 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>

LIVESIMPLY

Living Laudato Si

To celebrate the recent fifth anniversary of Laudato Si Sr Margaret Atkins has written a splendid pamphlet "Caring for the Planet in a Time of Crisis".

For more details go to link

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/40656>

CHRISTMAS CARDS: DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP



A picture of our beautiful crib (2019) features on the DWG 's Christmas card.

Proceeds support projects which promote sustainability in areas overseas where the need is acute. The Group has recently agreed to pledge funds to Workaid with local partners in Zambia, to train young people in using donated equipment so that they can develop small businesses. As funds will be sent in December, purchase of the cards will enable us to help Workaid further. Due to current restrictions, they cannot be sold in church; however, should you wish to buy some cards, a Pack of 10 cards for £5, please contact Julia Roche 01582 760295 /

juliaandnigel057@gmail.com

Grateful thanks as always for your continuing support.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

11.30AM

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop & Martyr
Baptism

2.30PM

CONFIRMATION MASS (3)

5.00PM

VIGIL MASS
Maggie Mary Quinn RIP

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

9.00AM

10.30AM

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People of the Parish
Frank Flanagan RIP (Anniv)
[Zoom Code 872-9131-5005](#)

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

12.00 Noon

Feria
Funeral of Kathleen Mooney

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

9.15AM

Feria
Albert Neville RIP
[Zoom Code 892-0506-4664](#)

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

9.15AM

Feria
Julian Stracey RIP (Months Mind)

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

9.15AM

Feria
Joan Gardner RIP
[Zoom Code 868-8669-7097](#)

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

1.00PM

Feria
Marriage

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

5.00PM

Feria
VIGIL MASS
Joe Dunne RIP

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

9.00AM

10.30AM

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

People of the Parish
Rita Cuffy RIP (Anniv)
[Zoom Code 872-9131-5005](#)

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