



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

ALL SAINTS (A)
1ST NOVEMBER 2020

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Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints. The saints are those who have gone before us, and who have lived exemplary lives. We look to them for guidance and for prayerful help; they are like guides holding a torch for us to show us the way. We are all called to be saints, called to be 'holy' like them; every Baptised person is called to be a saint. We might, though, be tempted to say that such a thought is hardly possible! Nonetheless, we might have a favourite saint who we pray to and who we feel intercedes for us when we need it the most. So today is a very special feast as we remember those very special people who have shown us how to be better followers of Christ, and whom we know we can call upon.

Today is also about celebrating those saints who are with us on our life journeys, those saints we know personally and love. Saints have to work against the grain and be counter-cultural. Saints are all around us, pointing the way for us, teaching us something about God through their lives. They are quietly working in our communities and our families; some may be well known public figures, shining examples of the love of God in our world. We might pray today especially for those who are living saints in our own lives, and for the grace to be more like those saints who point us towards Christ through their lives.

As St Francis reminds us, being a saint is not just about what we say, it also involves what we do: 'Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.'

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Today, as we begin this month of November, we do so on a note of hope as we celebrate the feast of All Saints. Tomorrow, Monday, and for the rest of the month, we look back, remember, and pray for all the faithful departed.

- Tomorrow, Monday, All Souls Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am

During the month of November 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Those who support the parish, via the Planned Giving envelopes, will be aware that they are down to their last envelope! The new envelopes begin next Sunday, November 8th. The envelopes will be available for collection before, and after, the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday, and on Sunday, between 8.45am and 11.15am, from the church. Please take a moment to come and collect your envelopes. As the new envelopes are distributed, so sincere thanks once again to everyone who has given, and is continuing, to support the parish.



SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help to ensure that those no longer in active ministry, are properly cared for.

This collection is an opportunity to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. If you are at Mass this weekend, you will find a donation envelope at the back of the church. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. If you are unable to attend Mass at the moment, you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with

a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember, and pray for all who died in the two World Wars, and other more recent conflicts. Due to the current pandemic, the service at the war memorial on Church Green, will be a very brief, simple, service, with just six people attending; and Harpenden churches represented by one of the church leaders.



PRAYING TOGETHER

It has been good to hear from parishioners that they have taken up the invitation to pray together as a family and, so for those unable to attend Mass, to still be united. It has been suggested that Canon Dwyer, and others, might lead this prayer once a week. This week it will be on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Please think about participating, it will last no longer than 10 minutes. The Zoom link is: 869 6387 2084

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Now that we have had our First Communion and Confirmation celebrations, we will start to think about the arrangements for preparation for those sacraments next year. As you are aware the situation is still very unpredictable, but as soon as we have some definite information, we will let you know.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

St Dominic RC Primary school is currently recruiting Foundation Governors, and would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining our team. Governors give their service voluntarily and no formal qualifications are necessary, although there are eligibility criteria - specifically Foundation Governors must be a practising and committed Catholic. Governors are ordinary

people, aged over 18, with a special commitment to the education and well being of children. If you are interested in the role, then please do look at our school website and specifically [this link](#) for further information about both the role that Governors play in supporting Catholic education, and also the other Governors with whom you would be working.

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.



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.

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.

LIVESTREAMING

Mass will be live-streamed on Zoom, and You Tube this coming week: **PLEASE NOTE FROM THIS SUNDAY THE CODES HAVE CHANGED!**



DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday	10.30am	860 9226 9193
Tuesday	9.15am	880 6396 4591
Thursday	9.15am	830 9683 2001

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

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.

ST DOMINIC'S ADMISSION POLICY

The Governors are consulting on a proposed change to the Admission Policy for September 2022. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday 26 October 2020 to Sunday 6 December 2020. Any responses should be sent to the Governing Body by the closing date. Please see the school website for further details -

<https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions/>

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL - ENTRY TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021

The application process begins on 2nd November. Due to constraints during the pandemic open mornings will not be possible this year. Virtual meetings with the Headteacher will be held on 11th November at 1.30pm and 19th November at 10 am - please see the school website for details about how to book onto one of the sessions, and for further information about making an application

<https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions/>

TOILETRIES REQUEST

Please would you consider making donations of toiletries to The Hygiene Bank, Harpenden, St Albans and Luton. We support the foodbank and many children via the school's partnership and other charities locally ensuring that those in need can have access to toiletries but are finding that we need more donations every day as there are more and more calls on our services. We collect in toiletries from our yellow donation points (in Harpenden these are at Emmaus, Boots in the High Street, and Manor Pharmacies in Leyton Road and Southdown). We also have a just giving page and an amazon wish list so that people can help us without going into a shop. Details of all the drop offs etc are here:

<https://linktr.ee/Thbharpendenandstalbens>



GOOD NEWS FOR THE FOODBANK

Please remember to bring a carton of UHT milk and or orange juice this weekend a crate will be placed outside



the Church doors before all Masses this weekend, and following guidelines, will be taken to the Food Bank. Thank you for supporting those in need in Harpenden.

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 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>

LINOCUT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hand printed linocut Christmas cards by Teresa Newham are now available at a cost of £2 each or three for £5.

All proceeds to Our Lady of Lourdes Building Fund.

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Six designs to choose from.

For further details please call Teresa on (01582) 766403 or email

marbretherese@googlemail.com.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS:
DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP
SELLING FAST !**



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

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Grateful thanks as always for your continuing support.



LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

"We need to develop the awareness that nowadays we are either all saved together or no one is saved. Poverty, decadence and suffering in one part of the earth are a silent breeding ground for problems that will end up affecting the entire planet." (*Fratelli Tutti* 137)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 11.30AM</p> <p>5.00PM</p>	<p>Feria Baptism</p> <p>VIGIL MASS Jimmy & Anne Brophy RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 9.00AM 10.30AM</p>	<p>ALL SAINTS (A) People of the Parish Susanne Byrne RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 860 9226 9193 (NEW CODES FROM TODAY)</p>
<p>MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS) Holy Souls</p>
<p>TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>Feria Terry Hamilton RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 880 6396 4591</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop Brian Armitage RIP</p>
<p>THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>Feria Holy Souls Zoom Code 830 9683 2001</p>
<p>FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER</p>	<p>Feria</p>
<p>SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 5.00PM</p>	<p>Feria</p> <p>VIGIL MASS Ronnie Wielgut RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 9.00AM 10.30AM</p>	<p>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) People of the Parish & Holy Souls Deceased Members of the Choir RIP Zoom Code 860 9226 9193</p>

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