



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
25TH OCTOBER 2020

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The Sacraments mark out significant moments, in the life of the Church, and in our life of faith. Since the lockdown the life of the Church, as with so many other aspects of life, has been drastically curtailed. We have been deprived of these special moments, not least our participation, in the celebration of the Eucharist. It has been good since July to be able to celebrate Mass again, albeit with limited numbers. And it has also been good, to celebrate Baptisms and marriages, again in limited ways.

The last four weeks have been very busy, and that has been good, it brings a certain feeling of normality, doing what we are here to do. Over these weeks there have been five Masses, during which 66 children made their First Holy Communion, and three Masses with 40 of our young people being Confirmed. The fact that the celebrations had to be delayed added to the specialness of the celebrations, even though we were limited in what could be done. It has been good since then to hear the positive comments from some of those who attended. Thanks are due to all our Catechists, as well as members of the choir, and those who did the live-streaming, and the flowers.

We are fortunate to have been able to live-stream Masses, as well as some of those recent special occasions, and weddings and funerals, but, I'm sure we would agree that this is no substitute for being present together, and receiving the Lord's Body and Blood. How the future will evolve, we don't know, but we can look forward with faith, and with our First Communicants, and Confirmandi, may we all grow in our love of Jesus in the Eucharist, and be open the power, and presence, of the Holy Spirit.

ALL SAINTS

Next Sunday, November 1st, is the feast of All Saints.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Those who support the parish, via the Planned Giving envelopes, will be aware that they are almost down to their last envelope! The new envelopes begin in two weeks, on Sunday November 8th. The envelopes will be available for collection this Saturday and Sunday, and next Saturday and Sunday, Saturday before and after 5pm Mass and on Sundays between 9.45am and 10.30, 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.



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.



THANK YOU

I am sure I speak on behalf of many parishioners when I express gratitude to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to attend Mass in church. Despite the mask-wearing and being like little islands dotted around the church it is a joy every time we can be physically present. You make it one of the safest places to be in Harpenden in these perilous and challenging times. Thank you and God bless you.

Sr. Regina



HOLY SOULS

- Monday 2nd November, is the 'Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed'. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am.

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.



'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

GOOD NEWS FOR THE FOODBANK

Having taken advice from the diocese, it has been agreed that we can resume our collection of UHT milk and long-life fruit juice for the St Albans and District Foodbank.

So, please remember to bring a carton of milk to Mass next Sunday, 1 November, and subsequent



Sundays. A crate will be placed outside the church doors before Masses, and following guidelines, 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 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

Jubilee for the Earth

'Jubilee for the Earth' is a podcast mini-series about bio-diversity produced by the Missionary Society of St Columban for the Season of Creation. It explores biodiversity and related issues like economic justice, peace, migration, and other topics related to Catholic Social Teaching.

You can watch it

at <http://www.columbancenter.org/jubileepodcast>

Laudato Si



'Thank you so much for your generous support of my Virtual London Marathon. Thanks to you, we can give an astounding **£1,545** directly to CAFOD's water projects. This is enough to fund two boreholes, bringing clean water to two communities. You've given a life changing gift and I'm so happy to have been part of this with you. Genevieve Cox.'



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 Julia Roche 01582 760295 / juliaandnigel057@gmail.com
Grateful thanks as always for your continuing support.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5.00PM</p>	<p>Feria</p> <p>VIGIL MASS Joe Dunne RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.00AM 10.30AM</p>	<p>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) People of the Parish Rita Cuffy RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 872-9131-5005</p>
<p>MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER</p>	<p>Feria Brendan O'Boyle (Spec Ints)</p>
<p>TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15AM</p>	<p>Feria Special Intention (MH) Zoom Code 892-0506-4664</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15AM</p>	<p>Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles Kathy Mooney RIP</p>
<p>THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15AM</p>	<p>Blessed Martyrs of Douai College Helen Neville RIP Zoom Code 868-8669-7097</p>
<p>FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER</p>	<p>Feria</p>
<p>SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11.30AM 5.00PM</p>	<p>Feria Baptism</p> <p>VIGIL MASS Jimmy & Anne Brophy RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.00AM 10.30AM</p>	<p>ALL SAINTS (A) People of the Parish Susanne Byrne RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 872-9131-5005</p>

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