



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
4TH OCTOBER 2020

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Today's parable is linked to last Sunday's about the two sons sent to work in their father's vineyard. One promised to go and work there but he did not actually go. The other at first refused but later relented and went. The message of Jesus is clear. God's people had disappointed their God.

Today we have a parable saying more or less the same thing. The message clearly is that God's people have been poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Both the First Reading and the Gospel focus on the Lord's vineyard, that is, the place where God's people are to be found. God chose the Israelites to be his own people. He was with them on their wanderings in the desert on the way to "a land flowing with milk and honey". "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?" the Lord asks in the First Reading.

In Jesus' story the owner sends his servants to collect the harvest. Instead, the tenants seized, beat, stoned and even killed the owner's messengers. This happened again and again; one by one, God's messengers were rejected. Even, the owner's own son was sent. He also was seized, thrown out of the vineyard and killed. They could now take over the vineyard for themselves.

Today, we are God's people. We are the tenants in the vineyard. Now he expects us to produce fruit, fruit that will endure. Each week we are invited to gather together to hear the Gospel message and to make it part of our lives. We are all called to be members, active members of the Body of Christ, the Christian community, the Church.

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.

LET US KNOW

If you request a place at Mass, and receive confirmation that there is a space, please let us know if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. Last Sunday, at just one Mass, 11 people did not take up their places. This is a shame as, often, there is someone else hoping to attend Mass.

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



FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend, at two extra Masses, the remainder of the children will, at last, make their First Holy Communion. We had three happy First Communion Mass last weekend, and look forward to this weekends celebrations, with the parents and children, who have had to wait so long. We rejoice with all the children and their families at this special time, and ask you to keep all involved in your prayers.



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 post the form, with a note of your name, the name of your child and your address, through the Prebytery 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.

KATHLEEN MOONEY RIP

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

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.

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 JIGSAW FESTIVAL

We continue to work with High Street Methodist Church to prepare for this event next year, the proceeds of which will be split between two charities Azalea and Workaid (chosen by DWG).

While we now have over a hundred completed jigsaws, which is a very good start, we need to make a great deal more over the autumn and winter months. We would welcome any help you can provide, in particular

by donating jigsaws to us (whether already assembled or not); making up those we have received without being assembled; and by spreading the word amongst your friends so that others

can help us too. To help, please contact the festival organisers by email

at harpندنjigsaws@gmail.com or on 01582

713068. To find out more, visit our

website <http://harpندنjigsawfestival.co.uk> or

follow us on our Facebook page - Harpenden Jigsaw Festival. Thank you.



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.



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The 'Season of Creation' 2020 ends tomorrow, having run from 1 September, and the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi occurs today, 4 October. Pope Francis took his name from St Francis of Assisi who also inspired his Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si'. In 2016, following the Lenten groups reflections on Laudato Si, the parish LiveSimply group was formed. Then in February 2019 the parish was awarded the

CAFOD LiveSimply Award, as witnessed by the acer tree and plaque in the garden in front of the church. Last Saturday 26 September, to celebrate the Season of Creation 2020, John Paul de Quay of the Arundel and Brighton Diocese 'Ecological Conversion Group' gave an inspiring and very relevant Zoom presentation to the LiveSimply group on 'Ecological conversion: The Journey to 2030'. If you would like to know more about the meeting or about the LiveSimply group, please contact graham-ryan@sky.com, the parish LiveSimply co-ordinator.

ST ALBANS FOODBANK

Amidst the worry and stress of Coronavirus it has



been good to hear of the different good works taking place, as people support each other. The present situation means that we can't do the

usual collections of long-life UHT milk on the 1st Sunday of each month, for the St Albans and District Foodbank. The Foodbank is still in need of our support. Donations can be made in person at the branches of Sainsburys and Waitrose in Harpenden. Anything you wish to donate will be much appreciated. For more information please visit: <http://www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk> for up to date information of what is needed most.

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 3RD OCTOBER 11.00AM 2.00PM 5.00PM</p>	<p>FERIA FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (1) Group D FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (2) Group E</p> <p>VIGIL MASS Deceased Catenians RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 9.00AM 10.30AM</p>	<p>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Georgina Brennan RIP People of the Parish Zoom Code 872-9131-5005</p>
<p>MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER</p>	<p>ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, Virgin David Jukes (Spec Ints)</p>
<p>TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>FERIA Veronica Manning RIP Zoom Code 892-0506-4664</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Luton Circle Catenians (Spec Ints)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 9.15AM</p>	<p>FERIA John Sheehy RIP Zoom Code 868-8669-7097</p>
<p>FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER</p>	<p>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest</p>
<p>SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 11.00AM 2.00PM 5.00PM</p>	<p>FERIA CONFIRMATION MASS (1) CONFIRMATION MASS (2)</p> <p>VIGIL MASS Margaret Foulds RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 9.00AM 10.30AM</p>	<p>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) People of the Parish Peter Blessing RIP (Months Mind) Zoom Code 872-9131-5005</p>
<p>CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER</p>	