



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8TH NOVEMBER 2020

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Once again, we find ourselves in lockdown, and it's not the easiest of experiences. And a sad consequence of this is that Public Worship has again been suspended. It is a great sadness that we cannot gather as a community, to celebrate Mass together. Many people find the live-streaming helpful, and it has been good that we are able to do so. But of course, it is not the same as gathering as a community, and receiving the Body of Christ.

Since the churches reopened, at the beginning of July, parishioners have generously volunteered to steward, and to clean the church, so, ensuring that it is a safe place to be. So, it is disappointing, when the churches have been so responsible, that the Government has forbidden public worship. What is their decision based on? What evidence is there, that churches are unsafe places? Churches, it seems, come under the heading of non-essential services, what a lack of understanding that demonstrates! Churches, and faith, are lifelines for many people.

In a message, at the weekend, the Cardinal suggests we write to our MP's, so that they know our opinions on this matter. I know a number of you have done so, and it would be good if others were to do so.

Once again then, we are without the Eucharist, but we are not without our faith. We can live and celebrate our faith, in our homes, as families and as individuals; and we can still keep Sunday special, not least by following the Mass on live-streaming. And we can deepen our faith by making time to pray together, perhaps to read the scriptures, maybe to make contact with someone who is lonely, or in need. In these lockdown days, we are still the Church, at the moment, the domestic Church, the Church of the Home.

MASS AND PRAYER

With public worship banned it is, sadly, not possible to celebrate Mass with a congregation. However, Mass will be live-streamed on Sundays at 10.30am, and on Tuesdays and Thursday at 9.15am. We are permitted to open the church for private prayer. The church will be open Wednesday's between 10.00am and 11.00am; and it will also be open on Saturdays, from Saturday 14th, between 5.00pm and 6.00pm, when the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, and this will be live-streamed, see 'Livestreaming' for details.

LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week:

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	860 9226 9193
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	880 6396 4591
Tuesday Praying Together	7.30pm	845 3209 5805
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	830 9683 2001
Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	5pm- 6pm	YouTube Only

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving envelopes, have started. Quite a number were uncollected, so if you would like to collect them, please advise the parish office. As the new envelopes begin, so sincere thanks, once again, to everyone who has given, and is continuing, to support the parish.



SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

This weekend we were due to make the annual collection, for the Sick and Retired Priests fund. However, that will be very difficult with no Masses being celebrated at the moment. Given the importance of this fund, to provide care and support, for our sick and retired priests, it would be helpful, if those that can, would make a contribution. If you were at Mass last weekend, and took home a donation envelope, that can be



returned to the presbytery. Otherwise, probably the easiest way to contribute is online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

PARISH OFFICE

Since the first lockdown, the Office Administrator has been working from home. For the next two weeks, however, Melanie will be on holiday. Messages can still be sent to harpenden@rcdow.org.uk, or telephone 01582 712245.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass continues to be celebrated, sometimes in private, and at others times, this will be livestreamed. As far as possible Masses already requested will be celebrated on the date requested but, because of the reduction in the number of Masses, some may have to be moved to other dates. If you would like to move a Mass Intention please contact the parish office by email or telephone.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Thought is still being given to preparation for First Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year. With the unpredictable situation, it is hard, at the moment, to be definite about what the arrangements might be. Once, we have some definite information, we will let you know.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today 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. You might to participate, it will last no longer

than 10 minutes.

The Zoom link is: 845 3209 5805

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. The closing date for applications is 15th November.



FOR THE CHILDREN

With the suspension of public Mass, it falls to each of us to do what we can, to nourish our faith.

Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with the children, particularly on Sundays:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://ncdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>



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.

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>



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 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.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP CHRISTMAS CARDS:

SOLD OUT!

Grateful thanks to all who supported the DWG 's sale of Christmas cards.

The wonderful response of £530 will be donated to our latest pledge to Workaid.

If you have cards reserved, please contact Julia Roche. 01582 760295. / juliandnigel105@gmail.com as soon as you can to arrange collection.

The DWG really appreciate the continuing generous support of our fellow parishioners.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER	Feria Ronnie Wielgut RIP
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Tony Mileham RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 860 9226 9193
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Margaret Foulds RIP
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 9.15AM 7.30PM	St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor Holy Souls Zoom Code 880 6396 4591 PRAYING TOGETHER WITH CANON ANTHONY Zoom Code 845 3209 5805
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 10.00AM - 11.00AM	St Martin of Tours, Bishop Gordon & Martin McCarthy Spec Ints CHURCH IS OPENED FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 9.15AM	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr Peter Truland RIP (1 st Anniv) Zoom Code 830 9683 2001
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	Feria
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 5.00PM - 6.00PM	Feria Frank McConnachie RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Live Streamed Via YouTube
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Paul Murphy RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 860 9226 9193

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