



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

18TH APRIL 2021



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Although we were still living with restrictions, our celebration of Easter, was so very different this year, to last year. Even with limited numbers, how good it was to have a congregation. And that reminds us of a basic truth that the Church is made up of people. We are truly the Body of Christ when we gather together, and celebrate the Eucharist. Undoubtedly live-streaming has been a blessing, it has kept us connected, and for that we can be grateful. When all is said and done though, it is not the same as coming together and, most fundamentally of all, we do not receive the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life.

Since churches reopened it has been good to see that some parishioners have taken the opportunity to attend Mass, but a large percentage have not and, particularly, noticeable is the absence of many of the young families. This is not easy to understand, as children attend school, and most families go shopping. Many of those who come to Mass will say how safe they feel in church, safer than in the supermarkets! Usually, on a Sunday, there are spaces available and, if numbers indicated, we could return to the practise of having three Masses on Sunday mornings. If you haven't been to Mass, please think about it, come and see how safe the arrangements are and, most importantly, let us strive to be the Body of Christ, gathered together.

Since Easter, it has been good to hear the positive comments of those who participated in the different celebrations. Our thanks go to those who contributed to the liturgies in any way, to the Choir and musicians, the Readers and Altar Servers, as well as to the flower arrangers and church cleaners, and the live-streamers. And, of course, to the Stewards, who have done such great work, enabling us to open our church, and ensuring that it is a safe place to be.

MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 9am and 10.30am*

If you wish to attend one of the above Masses you can request up to two places via the parish website, for three or more places, please email, telephone, the parish office.

Monday, Tuesday*, Wednesday and Thursday* Mass this week at 9.15am.

No need to request a place in advance.

*These Masses are live-streamed, for details see below.

When you come to Mass:

Please follow the guidance of the stewards,
wear a mask, sanitise your hands when entering and leaving,
do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

If you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, do not come to church.



THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your generous Easter offerings. Thank you too for the other gifts, and the cards that I received. Your kindness, as always, is very much appreciated.

MONDAY MASS

In addition to the three weekday Masses, starting tomorrow, Mass will be celebrated on Mondays as well, at 9.15am. As with all the Masses, and other sacraments, this is dependent on the stewards who give their time to ensure your safety, and cleanliness in church.

FIRST COMMUNION

Details of this year's preparation, and First Communion celebrations, are almost finalised. We hope to be able to send parents the details very shortly. Thank you for your patience!



CONFIRMATION

Plans are almost complete for this year's Confirmation preparation, and we hope to be sending out the necessary information, to parents and candidates very shortly.



PARISH OFFICE

In line with current government advice, our office administrator, Melanie is working mainly from home. This means that the phone may not always be answered during parish office hours (9.30am-12.30pm), Monday to Thursday, and you may not get a response to a voicemail immediately. The best way for parishioners to contact the parish office at the moment is by emailing harpenden@rcdow.org.uk



PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 20 men studying for our own Diocese, 18 at Allen Hall, and two in Rome. Your donations help ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

LIVESTREAMING

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

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	813 4662 7845
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	897 0976 4306
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	860 9031 3471

PARISH NEWSLETTER

As the pandemic continues so, the weekly newsletter will only be available electronically. Parishioners on the newsletter distribution list or parish database will continue to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin each week. It is also available on our website and can be accessed here. For anyone who cannot access it electronically, it is possible to have a copy posted, if you request one from the Parish Office. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone without a computer, or internet access, you might think of printing off a copy for them.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The DWG has agreed to donate £4,000 to the Kyangala Trust (see <http://www.kyangala-trust.org.uk/education.html>).

Kyangala is home to some 15,000 people who depend entirely on subsistence agriculture and face a range of problems from erratic weather to severely limited



education and health provision. Our money, together with an equivalent amount from the Trust itself, will be used to renovate the boys' dormitory at the local secondary school which is in a dire state. It is anticipated that following the contract being awarded, the project will last close to 10 weeks. The necessary preparations (including tendering) have been delayed by the pandemic, but once they have been completed, we will transfer funds. We will then report back on progress as the project develops. This is the DWG's first project this year, after six last year (see 2020 Project Report at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/wp-content/uploads/sites/252/2021/01/2021-01-18-DWG-PROJECT-REPORT-EDITED-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>). Thank you all for your continued support, which has enabled us to help finance it.

FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to each, if we are not attending Mass, 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://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>
<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

LET US PRAY

For those throughout the world who are suffering from the impact of coronavirus.
May the Lord of Mercy bring them health and healing.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died recently especially Paul Tumbali, Luisa Perkins and James Ryan and also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time particularly Margaret Seaton and Richard Strommer. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

We place in God's hand our personal needs and prayers.

We pray together our parish prayer.

God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL
VIGIL MASS 5.00pm

Easter feria
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
People of the Parish

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

9.00am
10.30am

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
Margaret Seaton RIP Anniv & Luisa Perkins RIP
Julian Greenwood RIP
Zoom Code 813 4662 7845

MONDAY 19TH APRIL
9.15am

St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr
Katie Shephard (Spec Ints)

TUESDAY 20TH APRIL
9.15am

Easter feria
Sr Nora (Spec Ints)
Zoom Code 897 0976 4306

WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL
9.15am

Easter feria
James Ryan RIP (Recently deceased)

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL
9.15am

Easter feria
Richard Strommer RIP (Anniv)
Zoom Code 860 9031 3471

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL

St George, Martyr, Patron of England

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL

VIGIL MASS 5.00pm

Ss Erkenwald and Mellitus, Bishops
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
Valerie McGarry RIP (Anniv)

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

9.00am
10.30am

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
People of the Parish
Diana Newham RIP (Anniv)
Zoom Code 813 4662 7845

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