



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

16TH MAY 2021



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These days between the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost are special days. Days of waiting, days when we call on the Holy Spirit to come anew on the Church, and to deepen us in faith, and in living that faith in love.

In today's Gospel we hear that wonderful prayer of Jesus: 'keep those you have given me true to you name so that they may be one like us.' How amazing to hear what Jesus is praying for! What an incredible prayer for us! That we may be one! So truly one that we are one just as the Father and His Son are one! Beyond anything that we could imagine. This is the gift of unity that we must pray for, the gift we must seek.

The Church is what unites us because the Church is Christ present in our world. We so often see only the blemishes, the sinfulness, the scandals, the brokenness. So many saints have been able see all of that and still recognize that the Church is Christ present in our world. That is a grace of the Holy Spirit for which we can pray. The Church is you and me, every Baptised person. The Church is all of us united with the Pope and with the bishops in communion with Him. The Church is you and me, striving to live out the Good News of the Gospel that has been faithfully handed down to us through the ages. The Church is Christ incarnated in our world today.

May these days leading to Pentecost, renew the gift of the Spirit, in us and in our world, so that we are truly united, just as Jesus and his Father are one.

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.



PARISH SURVEY

Early in 2020 many of you completed the Parish Survey. 2020 though, took a very unexpected, disruptive, turn. So many things, the survey included, did not progress as we might have expected. However, the survey has been analysed, and your comments drawn together. Hopefully, many of you will have received the details of how to listen to the recording of the outcomes, or where to find the transcript on the parish website. To listen to the recording go to: <https://youtu.be/pPLuShNvPqs>, for the transcript visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/parish-survey-2020-outcome-seeking-christ-together/>

PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for the Priest Training Fund. The fund remains open, so if you haven't yet done so, and can do so, it is not too late to make a donation. You can do so by dropping your contribution at the presbytery; or you can donate online through the Diocese's website. To date £1,371.00 has been donated, via the parish. The formation of priests is of top priority, and this fund provides for the training of those preparing to serve as priests in our diocese.

FIRST COMMUNION

At last preparation for First Communion has begun. With the children and parents, we look



forward to the First Communion days in the autumn. As well as the sessions, which the Catechist are leading, the other important aspect of preparation is attending Sunday Mass, coming to know and love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We look forward to seeing the children, and their parents, attending Mass on Sunday.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Confirmation preparation will begin immediately after the summer holidays. Parents, who have registered their children, should have received an email giving further information. If you haven't done so, please contact the parish office.



CELEBRATING MASS TOGETHER

Over the past year, especially when it was not possible to celebrate Mass together, it was very good that we could participate via the live-streaming. Now though, as we begin to return to some sort of normality, it's very important that, unless we're prevented from doing so for health reasons, that we begin to gather together again for the celebration of Mass.

The Bishop's of England and Wales have written about the need to celebrate Mass together, included in their reflection:

"It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist."

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence.

"At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters.

"We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as 'a weekly gift from God to his people', and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed."

- For the full message please click here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

LIVESTREAMING

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

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	894 6908 9284
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	872 7923 9813
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	837 5376 6231

CAFOD - CRISIS IN INDIA

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. **You can donate online here:** cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

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

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.

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>

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

As a parish contribution to #SustFest21, the LiveSimply Environment Group are organising an online quiz night at 7:30 pm on Friday 28th May on the theme of "Climate and the Environment". The quiz will be conducted via Zoom and Kahoot, so participants will need to have one PC or tablet to connect to Zoom and one mobile phone with the Kahoot app. The quiz should last about an hour and is free to join. The questions will vary from easy to hard so anyone can join, either individually or as a family group. It should be a fun event for all! If you are interested in participating in the quiz or have any questions, please email Hugh Kelliher at hugh.m.kelliher@gmail.com.



HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL - PLEASE DIARISE!

This will now take place between 8am-8pm, on Friday 9 July and Saturday 10 July at High Street Methodist Church, along with refreshments. There will be more than 1000 completed jigsaws on display over the two days. The proceeds will be split between two charities - Workaid (a Chesham-based charity that our parish has supported before); and Azalea. We and our Methodist counterparts will be organising a rota of volunteers to run the festival, once we have decided the jobs that



need to be done. We hope very much that our fellow parishioners can help us by doing short stints over the two days, and will be grateful for any home-made cakes you can provide too! Thank you for all your support so far, including

by helping to make such a huge number of jigsaws. For more information, please see our website harpendenjigsawfestival.co.uk, our Facebook page (Harpenden Jigsaw Festival) or email harpendenjigsaws@gmail.com

LIVESIMPLY:

SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL 2021 - 23 MAY - 6 JUNE

Here is another chance to help protect the planet and think about living more sustainably. We are fortunate to have a wide range of activities and events right on our doorstep. You could simply take part in a [Climate Survey](#), check out the [Science-trail](#) at Rothamsted, or learn about hedgehogs, go to a foodie event or try out a [Food Box](#) of locally sourced fruit, veg and even honey. There is more information here: <https://sustfest.org/>. Laudato si' (Praise Be to You).

A STRING QUARTET IN CHURCH 30TH MAY

A string quartet, formed of graduates from the Royal Academy of Music, will be performing a varied hour of music at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 30th May at 5.30pm

The programme will include:

Caroline Shaw - Entr'acte

"Classical Quartet in D Major

Mozart K499 "Hoffmeister" - Allegretto

Beethoven Op.18 No.3 - Andante con moto

Tchaikovsky Op.11 - Scherzo

Haydn - Op.50 No.6 "The Frog" - Allegro con spirito. Alex Casson, violin, performed with our choir for the Haydn Nelson Mass and beautiful quartet folk-inspired music. He is returning now with the following ensemble:

Alexander Casson, violin, Kath Roberts violin, Abby Bowen viola and Saran Davies' cello.

As for Mass each week there will be capacity for a socially distanced audience.

To book up to 2 places please click on the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/events/page/2/>

For 3 or more places please email Melanie in the Parish Office.

The concert will also be streamed on zoom and on YouTube - where it will remain on the parish YouTube channel.

There will be a suggested donation of £10 per adult attending, a donations plate will be in the church. Alex will also host a funding page online - a proportion of the proceeds are to go to Musicians UK. Their work to support musicians can be seen on their website.

The screenshot shows the Musicians UK website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the date '17:11 Sun 9 May' and the website name 'musicians.org.uk'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Coronavirus Advice and Hardship Funding**: A yellow banner with a white heart icon.
- MUSIC MINDS MATTER**: A yellow banner with a white heart icon and the phone number '0808 802 8008'.
- HELP MUSICIANS LATEST**: A section with a yellow background and white text, featuring a quote from saxophonist Emma Johnson: "I feel more confident in my own decisions and believe in what I'm doing." dated 29th April 2021.
- ESSENTIAL and enduring support for professional musicians**: A large yellow banner with a white silhouette of a hand holding a musical instrument.
- SUPPORT OUR WORK**: A section with a yellow background and white text, featuring a photo of a musician playing a saxophone.
- FUNDING WIZARD**: A section with a purple background and white text, featuring a photo of a person using a computer.

LAUDATO SI' SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Laudato Si' Week 2021, Sunday 16 - Monday 24 May
To celebrate the end of the 'Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year, Pope Francis personally invites the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to joyfully participate in **Laudato Si' Week**. You can see and hear the Holy Father online at

<https://laudatosiweek.org/what-is-laudato-si-week/>

**OPEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY 17 JULY -
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

You are warmly invited to this year's open garden



which will take place between 10am and 3pm on 17th July. It will provide a great opportunity to relax with friends in a lovely setting after what has been such a difficult year. There will be plants

for sale and ample refreshments including coffee, tea and delicious cakes. Any donations of plants for the sale would be most welcome so do get those seed trays going!

All proceeds will go to the DWG's current project.

Further information to follow.



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 Margaret (Peggy) Collins and also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time particularly Vincent Nathan and Frances Jubb. 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 15TH MAY

Easter feria

VIGIL MASS 5.00pm

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
People of the Parish

SUNDAY 16TH MAY

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

9.00am

Vincent Nathan RIP (Anniv)

10.30am

Tom Carey RIP

Zoom Code 894 6908 9284

MONDAY 17TH MAY

Easter feria

9.15am

Margaret Fitzpatrick RIP

TUESDAY 18TH MAY

Easter feria

9.15am

Julian Greenwood RIP

Zoom Code 872 7923 9813

WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY

Easter feria

9.15am

Bridget Staunton RIP

THURSDAY 20TH MAY

Easter feria

9.15am

Frances Jubb RIP (3rd Anniv)

Zoom Code 837 5376 6231

FRIDAY 21ST MAY

Easter feria

SATURDAY 22ND MAY

Easter feria

VIGIL MASS 5.00pm

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

Anthony Rodricks RIP (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 23RD MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)



9.00am

People of the Parish

10.30am

Rosemary Chapman RIP

Zoom Code 894 6908 9284

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