



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

20TH JUNE 2021



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'Let us go across to the other side' is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.



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.

AT MASS

Please note:

- Holy Communion is now being given at the usual time.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you in your places.
- At the end of Mass, please remain in your places, until the stewards direct to leave. This enables everyone to leave safely, and for the stewards to begin cleaning, in readiness for the next Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, with all the guidelines. Your patience is much appreciated.

STEWARDS FOR MASS

Thank you to those who responded to the recent request to assist with stewarding at Mass, particularly on weekday mornings. A few parishioners have kindly volunteered, and I am very grateful to them. At the moment, under the current guidelines, churches are required to have stewards to ensure

safety and cleanliness. If anyone else feels they can help in this way, please contact the parish office.

LET US KNOW

It's good to see that, slowly, the numbers attending Mass are increasing. In recent weeks we have been unable to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass. So, it's quite disappointing to see that quite a number, who request a place, don't always take them up, or let us know. If you are unable to use the place/s you have requested, please let us know. It does matter because you could be depriving someone else of the opportunity to attend Mass.

UP TO DATE? For a number of reasons it's very important that parish records are kept up to date. If you are new to the parish, and haven't yet completed a new parishioner form, please contact the Parish Office for one. If you are already registered, and any of your details have changed eg. address, telephone number, email, or an addition to the family, please let the



Update your contact info!

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone, who has continued to support the Parish, financially, since the first lockdown in March 2020. For some, circumstances will have changed, and it will not have been possible to offer any support, which is understandable. You can give your support by Standing order, or by using planned giving envelopes. For details please contact the parish office. It's also possible to make a contribution, using the 'Contactless' machine in church and to register your offering for Gift Aid following the simple instructions on the screen or via Virgin Money giving through the Parish Website.



Parish Office know. Alternatively please click the link below to download a Registration form or Database Update form and once completed please email/post to the Parish Office.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/parish-data-forms/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Most of the children preparing for First Communion, later in the year, made their First Reconciliation yesterday. This is an important moment for the children, and their parents. Please remember a prayer for all involved.



FROM THE BAPTISM REGISTERS

We welcomed Leo & Emmy Donaghey into God's family on 5th June

HELP YOURSELF

In the porch, are books authored by the late Elizabeth Wang, on the priesthood and the Trinity, as well as cards designed by her. If you would like either, or both books, or some cards, they are free to take. Last few copies remaining.

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

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-liturg>
- <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturg/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

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.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 11am</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria First Reconciliation</p> <p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 20TH JUNE</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>
<p>MONDAY 21ST JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Margaret Dennehy RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>TUESDAY 22ND JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs Marion Feeney RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Zoom Code 872 7923 9813</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Michael Turner RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 837 5376 6231</p>
<p>FRIDAY 25TH JUNE</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>SATURDAY 26TH JUNE</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 27TH JUNE</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish PJ Lynch-Kelly RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>

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