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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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In today's Gospel we hear two healing stories: Jairus' daughter and the woman with a haemorrhage. At first glance these stories might not seem to have a lot in common. The woman is a complete social outcast because of her condition, yet Jesus calls her 'daughter'. He does not let social convention dictate who can be called a child of God. The synagogue official surprises us, pleasantly, with his faith in Jesus and his message. What these two characters have in common is faith against all the odds as they reach out to Jesus in faith-filled action. There are those in the story who laugh when Jesus says he can bring back Jairus' daughter. They are sent away. Jesus' healing breaks down the barriers that isolate us from one another and from God.

We can all recall times when we were struggling. We needed something to move us, to help us forgive, to help us walk away or to relieve us of physical pain. In the end it can be the simple gestures that save us: a kind word, someone praying for us, a gentle touch or we reach out to someone and like the woman with the haemorrhage we suddenly feel within ourselves that we are healing. These accounts show us something of how God's grace can enter our lives and transform situations.

Mark leaves untranslated Jesus', native language when he restores the young girl to life: 'Talitha cum' - a beautiful phrase meaning: 'Little girl, get up!'. Jairus' daughter has been given new life; the woman has also been given new life. Both have overcome barriers that were keeping them from being free. We know what those barriers are for each of us. God's grace is gentle yet can bring life to situations of death.



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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.

FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL

Next Tuesday is the feast of Saints Peter & Paul, two great saints, who take us back to the early days of the Church.

Normally, we are obliged to attend Mass on this day, but the obligation is, of course, suspended this year.

Nonetheless, it is a good feast to celebrate, so there will be two Masses at 9.15am and 6.00pm. If you wish to attend either Mass, please request a place via the website, or emailing the Parish Office.



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.

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.

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

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.



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 or email, or an addition to the family, please let the 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/>



Update your contact info!



FROM THE BAPTISM REGISTERS

Last weekend we welcomed Myra Andongabo into God's family.

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	844 0450 5303

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>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

St Dominic RC primary school is currently recruiting a Foundation Governor. We are particularly looking for someone who has premises/building experience.

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. For applications and further information please contact Niamh Macaskill (Chair of Governors) nmacaskill@stdominic.herts.sch.uk. School website

- <https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/>



ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

The pandemic has created more homeless and more families in need of basic necessities. Please bring some UHT milk or Long-life fruit juice to church next week for the St Albans & District Foodbank next Sunday 4 July or contribute at the Supermarket.
Laudato Si



CHANGE OF DATE FOR HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL - SAVE THE NEW DATE

In light of the delay in lockdown easing, the Harpenden Jigsaw Festival will now take place between 9am and 6pm on Friday 27 August, Saturday 28 August and Monday 30 August, rather than on 9-10 July as previously advertised. It will be held at High Street Methodist Church, with last entry at 5.30pm. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused, but hope you will fully understand the reasons. We hope too that many of you will be able to come and that some of you will volunteer to help us run the event, which the Developing World Group are organising with our Methodist friends. All the proceeds will go to two locally based charities, Azalea and Workaid.



PARISH OPEN GARDEN DAY POSTPONED

In the light of the delay to lockdown easing, we are also reluctantly postponing this event, which we had planned to hold on 17 July but will instead hold later. We will inform you of the new date immediately it has been decided.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<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) Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>
<p>MONDAY 28TH JUNE</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr Thomas Jose RIP</p>
<p>TUESDAY 29TH JUNE</p> <p>9.15am 6.00pm</p>	<p>SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES ST PETER, PRINCE OF APOSTLES, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE</p> <p>Zoom Code 872 7923 9813</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>feria Cindy Gallagher RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 1ST JULY</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>Dedication of the Cathedral (1910)</p> <p>Zoom Code 844 0450 5303 (New Code)</p>
<p>FRIDAY 2ND JULY</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>SATURDAY 3RD JULY</p> <p>11.30am & 12.30pm</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>ST THOMAS, Apostle Baptisms O'Reilly & Quinn Families 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>Brian Armitage RIP (1st Anniv)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4TH JULY</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Nigel Newham RIP Zoom Code 813 4550 5928 (New Code)</p>

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