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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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One of two phrases might come to mind, as we hear about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people.

It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too. It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.



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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.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD

It was good to hear of the lifting of restrictions, even though some will have their reservations, and concerns. Quite what this will mean for us, we don't yet know. A government minister meets with church leaders, after such announcements, and then the updated guidance gets filtered down to us. We look

forward to hearing, and letting you know, what will be possible.

LIFT TO MASS?

A parishioner, who lives near St Albans, is in need of a lift to the 9.00am Mass. If anyone, from that area, could help, please contact the Parish Office.



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



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.



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/>

LIVESTREAMING

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

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	813 4550 5928
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	812 5152 5354
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-liturgy>

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

FAMILY PRAYER RESOURCES FOR SUMMER -

CAFOD will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. They will be available from mid-July at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. You can follow the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccronline@hope.ac.uk

0151 291 3055

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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 10TH JULY VIGIL MASS 5.00pm	feria 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) John Moran RIP
SUNDAY 11TH JULY 9.00am 10.30am	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) People of the Parish Eileen Janetha Yarde RIP (recently deceased) Zoom Code 813 4550 5928
MONDAY 12TH JULY 9.15am	feria Angela Ryan RIP
TUESDAY 13TH JULY 9.15am	feria Stephanie Moynagh RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 812 5152 5354
WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 9.15am	feria
THURSDAY 15TH JULY 9.15am	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor Ouida Jayasuriya RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 844 0450 5303
FRIDAY 16TH JULY	feria
SATURDAY 17TH JULY 11.30am & 12.30pm VIGIL MASS 5.00pm	feria Baptisms Ponikowski & Russell Families 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Tom Carey RIP
SUNDAY 18TH JULY 9.00am 10.30am	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) People of the Parish Kathleen Moran RIP Zoom Code 813 4550 5928

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