



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

4TH JULY 2021



VirginMoneyGivin

Parish Priest Canon Anthony Dwyer

Presbytery: 1, Kirkwick Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2QH Tel: 01582 712245

Email: anthonydwyer@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Administrator Mrs Melanie Armitage

The office is presently closed, but the Parish Priest and Administrator can be contacted by telephone: 01582 712245 or email: harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

Website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden twitter: [@RC_OLOL](https://twitter.com/RC_OLOL)

Facebook: [Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofLourdesHarpenden)

Parish Safeguarding Representative Mrs Brigid Brennan

Email: harpendensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Tel: 07881 785 299

Shortly after He began His public ministry, Jesus went back to his hometown of Nazareth. What happened there was very sad. All of the familiar things and people were there — but it was far from being a happy homecoming. Because he was one of their own, someone they were too familiar with, they chose not to listen, and then tried to throw Him over a cliff. This is a strange episode; how could an entire town treat him that way? They were not mean spirited. St. Mark didn't give us this account in order to vilify the people of Nazareth. His reason for recording this event was probably to show us that they were not so very different from ourselves.

Here was God offering himself in His only-begotten Son to people just like us. They were amazed at Jesus' knowledge and his skilful teaching. But having heard what He had to say, the people of His own home town simply walked away, and dismissed what he had to offer them, because they disagreed with his message. He was telling them that God's favour rested on people they despised, an idea they couldn't stomach.

Isn't that true with many of us, with so very many people we know? They, and we, have heard what Jesus has to say. We've listened to His parables and even admired them. Many join us for Christmas and Easter Masses and then disappear from our midst. We stand before God's truth, we stand before God's expression of Himself in our own human terms, and we fail to comprehend His message. Could there be similarities between us and the people of Nazareth, Jesus' own home town?



© Chloe Le Tissier

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.

FUNERAL

The funeral of the late John Horne takes place this Tuesday at 11.00am. With restrictions still in place, attendance is by invitation of the family.

- **There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday morning.**

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.

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.



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!

LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week: **NEW CODES THIS WEEKEND.**

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	813 4550 5928
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	NO MASS This Week
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>

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 this week for the St Albans & District Foodbank 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.

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for every person now or even for the survival of humanity. Fratelli Tutti. chapter three. paragraph 107.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 3RD JULY 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>
<p>MONDAY 5TH JULY 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>TUESDAY 6TH JULY</p> <p>9.15am 11.00am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>No Mass</p> <p>Requiem Mass for John Horne</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Ray Shufflebotham RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 8TH JULY 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Frances Keating (Spec Int) Zoom Code 844 0450 5303 (New Code)</p>
<p>FRIDAY 9TH JULY</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>SATURDAY 10TH JULY</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>John Moran RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 11TH JULY</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Eileen Janetha Yarde RIP (recently deceased) Zoom Code 813 4550 5928 (New Code)</p>

CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER