



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



© Chloe Le Tissier

## Parish Priest Canon Anthony Dwyer

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

Email: [anthonydwyer@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anthonydwyer@rcdow.org.uk)

## Parish Administrator Mrs Melanie Armitage

The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Telephone: 01582 712245 or email: [harpenden@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpenden@rcdow.org.uk)

Website: [parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden)

twitter: [https://twitter.com/rc\\_olol?lang=en](https://twitter.com/rc_olol?lang=en)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OLoLHarpenden>

## Parish Safeguarding Representative Mrs Brigid Brennan

Email: [harpensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Tel: 07881 785 299

If we are honest, perhaps being realistic, most of us would admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we won't be able to deal with the responses we receive. We may often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power.

More focussed on personal recognition and status, the "twelve" engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside "the house" in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion they had "on the way". They still have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy, or status, or power or adulation. It has everything to do with learning to be last, with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being "servant of all".

Jesus, identifies with a defenceless child, a child who, in their simplicity, is open, and receptive. As disciples it is for us to be open to the example of Jesus, and to hear the call of our sisters and brothers, who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God's people.



© Chloe Le Tissier

## MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 9am and 10.30am\*

**Monday, Tuesday\*, Wednesday and Thursday\***

**Mass this week at 9.15am.**

There is 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.

**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.**

## FIRST COMMUNION

Next month we shall be having our two First Communion Celebrations, lovely occasions for the children and their families. In preparation for this there is a meeting for the parents involved, tomorrow, Monday, evening, at 8.00pm in church. Attendance by all parents is essential.



## MOVING ON

It's been good in recent weeks to see the numbers attending Mass increasing. With just three Masses, instead of the regular four, the church is getting quite full. During October, the plan is to increase the number of Masses, as well as having regular times for confessions, and, hopefully, restarting Children's Liturgy. Alongside these little steps we have to continue to do what we can to ensure everyone is safe, and that means cleaning the church after each Mass, which requires volunteers, and depends on your readiness to respond.

## CHURCH TOILETS



The toilets in church are now open again. Anyone using them is asked to **use the wipes provided to clean any surfaces that are touched. If children use**

**the toilets, parents must accompany them,** and ensure that anything touched, is wiped after use.

## LIVE-STREAMING

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

| DAY             | TIME    | ZOOM CODE     |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Sunday - Mass   | 10.30am | 836 6789 4285 |
| Tuesday - Mass  | 9.15am  | 882 6349 6596 |
| Thursday - Mass | 9.15am  | 852 5159 5807 |



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating, as tens of thousands more Afghans flee their homes, compounding an existing crisis following decades of conflict and drought.

Afghan families displaced inside the country and those who have reached neighbouring countries need humanitarian assistance - the basics of life: food, water and shelter.

Please help us to help them with a donation, your prayers or by speaking out:

[Cafod Afghanistan-crisis-appeal](#)

## 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.



## CAFOD THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4<sup>th</sup> October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year, when we give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. As well as prayer, one action we can all take is to sign CAFOD's petition card on climate change to the Prime Minister ahead of the COP 26 Conference in November. There are cards available in the church porch. Please sign one and return it to CAFOD, or you can find out more and sign on-line at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign> Laudato Si

## THE ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **pray** this Bill is defeated, **write** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **share** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media.

Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here:

[parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/](https://parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/) Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

## HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE WATFORD HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY.

If you would be willing to consider offering an hour or two a week to visit our patients in hospital and would like more information please email:

[westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net](mailto:westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net)



## FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to us, 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>



## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAY FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

There will be a pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 led by Bishop Mark Davies

A coach will be leaving Harpenden at 7.30am and tickets cost £17.50 for an adult and £8 for a child (Includes Priory entrance) please contact Geraldine Ward on 07971028415 if you would like to book a place. For more details visit

[www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

## ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT - OPEN DAY

Is this for you OR for someone you know?

St Scholastica's Retreat - Open Day - Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September The Retreat offers sheltered housing to Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £562pcm - more information on the poster in the porch and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy - Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email:

[info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/> <b>11.30am &amp; 12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</b></p> | <p><b>feria</b><br/>                 Baptisms Taylor &amp; Rodbourn Families<br/> <b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b><br/>                 Tom Carey RIP</p>             |
| <p><b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/> <b>9.00am</b><br/> <b>10.30am</b></p>                              | <p><b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b><br/>                 People of the Parish<br/>                 Elizabeth Wang RIP (Anniv)<br/> <b>Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</b></p> |
| <p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/> <b>9.15am</b></p>  | <p><b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs</b><br/>                 Ethel MacCullie RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>                                    |
| <p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b><br/> <b>9.15am</b></p>   | <p><b>ST MATTHEW, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b></p> <p><b>Zoom Code 882 6349 6596</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b><br/> <b>9.15am</b></p>   | <p><b>feria</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br/> <b>9.15am</b></p>  | <p><b>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b></p> <p><b>Zoom Code 852 5159 5807</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>   | <p><b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/> <b>11.30am &amp; 12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</b></p> | <p><b>feria</b><br/>                 Baptisms Dix &amp; Paley Families<br/> <b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b><br/>                 Duncan Gallagher RIP (Anniv)</p>    |
| <p><b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/> <b>9.00am</b><br/> <b>10.30am</b></p>                              | <p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b><br/>                 People of the Parish<br/> <b>Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</b></p>   |

**CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER**