



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



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It's surely encouraging as we keep taking, albeit, small steps towards 'normality'. As we do so, hoping that all will continue to be well, and that we can live with as few restrictions as possible. In the parish it's good to have First Communions and Confirmations on the horizon over the next couple of months.

Now that many of the restrictions at Mass have been lifted, and with numbers attending slowly increasing, it is time to return, more or less, to our regular Sunday schedule.

From next weekend Mass will be celebrated at these times:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am*, 9.45am and 11.30am

*We are still asked to sanitise the church after each Mass, that is why it is necessary to have the first, Sunday, Mass, earlier at 8.00am, to allow time for cleaning afterwards.

The Bishop's also ask that everyone attending Mass, unless exempt, wears a mask in church.

Hand gel will continue to be distributed on arrival and departure.

We are also asked to record the names of everyone attending Mass. You can record your presence by using the NHS 'track and trace' app, using your phone. Alternatively, you can do so by signing one of the sheets in the porch.

For the time-being, we will continue to live-stream the 11.30am Mass.

This is an important step forward, and hopefully those who have yet to return to Sunday Mass will now start to do so.



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MASS TIMES

From next weekend Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm

Sunday 8am, 9.45am and 11.30am*

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.

HARVEST FAST DAY



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home.

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day Friday 1st October, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/privacy

SINGING IN CHURCH

It's now permitted for the congregation to join in the singing at Mass, but to wear a mask when doing so. From next weekend, 2nd/3rd October, you are invited, encouraged, to join in the hymns and Mass parts. If we were revert to the previous practice of printing the hymns, that would require an individual leaflet,

for those attending the three Masses, where there is singing. In view of this, and to continue to reduce the amount of printed paper used, the words of the hymns will be included on the sheet, with the readings, that is sent out each week. From next weekend if you are coming to one of the Masses at which there is singing, please remember to bring the leaflet with you.



SCHOOL FORMS

Parents whose children are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2022, are invited to meet the Parish Priest next month. Canon Dwyer will be available in the undercroft, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, on Monday 11th October, and Thursday 21st October.

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.



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.



THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE

This is happening online from the 29th September. There are 8 sessions, every Wednesday for 8 weeks, starting at 7pm. A number of parishioners participated in the course a few months ago, and it helped immensely with an understanding of the Bible. To register, visit comeandsee.org

MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER - FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A special Mass will be celebrated in our Church at 7 pm, to pray that world leaders at COP26 will commit to taking the urgent needed action to save our planet for future generations. Children from St. Dominic's school have produced some lovely artwork for our Mass. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend.



SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS

During the Lenten groups, many of us were struck by Pope Francis's call to us to get out and make a practical difference - often it's hard to know how. Two of our parishioners are very involved in just that - James O'Grady with Keystage Housing and Peter Ward with NOAH, two very different organisations, but both based in Luton and helping the homeless in practical and inspiring ways. It would be good to set up a support group in the Parish to support their work if enough people were interested - to provide volunteers, raise funds and organise donations of e.g. clothes etc. To provide more information, James and Peter will be talking briefly at every Mass on the weekend of 16th & 17th October. There will then be the opportunity to learn more at a presentation of the work of both organisations in the Undercroft on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm with a view to spreading the word and establishing a support group and details of those prepared to volunteer and/or provide some support. Both Keystage and NOAH would love to know they are in our prayers and if our support can be by our actions as well, we might in some small way be following the call of Pope Francis.

WALK IN THE PARK MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Do join us for a special walk to celebrate the final day of the Season of Creation, Monday 4th October, meeting at 10am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Weather permitting, we will spend an hour or so walking together in beautiful Rothamsted Park before going to a nearby cafe for a friendly coffee. If it's raining we will head straight for coffee!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING & BUY:

This will be on Wednesday 13th October in the Undercroft following the 9.15am Mass. Proceeds will go to Open Door.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR:

This will be on Saturday 4th December Lourdes Hall from 10 am - 1 pm.

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAY FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

There will be a pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23rd 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

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



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/

Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

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>

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>Saturday 25th September 11.30am & 12.30pm</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria Baptisms Dix & Paley Families 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Duncan Gallagher RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Sunday 26th September 9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Laura Gaydos RIP People of the Parish Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</p>
<p>Monday 27th September 9.15am</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul, Priest Sarah Cullinane RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th September 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Diane Clark RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 882 6349 6596</p>
<p>Wednesday 29th September 9.15am</p>	<p>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels John Miles RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 30th September 9.15am</p>	<p>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor Sr Angela RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 852 5159 5807</p>
<p>Friday 1st October</p>	<p>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd October VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</p>	<p>The Holy Guardian Angels 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Eileen Swann RIP</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd October 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Ruth Hirai RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Georgina Brennan RIP Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</p>

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