



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



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With holidays over for many, and schools reopening, we're all very much living in the hope of returning to some sort of normality. In the parish too we hope to continue to gradually move towards doing things in the ways we used to.

It is no longer necessary to request a place if you are coming to Mass, and we are no longer required to ensure social-distancing in the church. However, that does not mean that everything is as it used to be, we still have to be very careful, in both protecting ourselves, and other people too. To try and ensure that our church is a safe place, hand sanitiser will continue to be dispensed as you arrive at, and leave, the church. We are also asked to collect the names of those attending Mass. You can record your details, by using the NHS app, or by adding them to one of the lists in the porch. The church will continue to be cleaned after each Mass, thanks to our excellent stewards.

You will notice that the wider seats, in the centre of the church, no longer have signs, indicating where you can sit. If you are double-vaccinated, and are happy to sit in these seats, closer to other people, that is fine. If, however for health, or other reasons, you prefer to have some space around you, then please sit in the smaller seats on the side. The signs, indicating where to sit, will be left on the side seats. Please, only sit in the side seats, if you need to have some space around you.

In the coming weeks we will look at how the church can, safely, be reopened for some time, each day, as well considering a, near as possible, return to the previous Mass times, In the meantime let us enjoy these steps towards normality, and let do what we can to stay safe!



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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.

PARISH OFFICE



From tomorrow, Monday, the Parish Office, will be resuming it's previous opening times. It will be open Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please wear a mask if

you are visiting. As with coming to church, if you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, please do not come to the office.

WEEKDAY LIVE-STREAMING

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

Please note **NEW codes from this weekend.**

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

VOTIVE CANDLES

From this weekend, it will be possible, once again, to light a votive candle. As before there are two candles, 2hour 20p and a 4hour 40p.



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.

BEGINNING AGAIN

During the year there are different opportunities to start again. Whether it's the beginning of the Church's

year in Advent, or the start of the year in January, and in September the Academic year starts again.

Those opportunities to make a new start reflect our Christian faith, God constantly allowing us to make a fresh start. During this last week schools have been reopening, with pupils returning, and some starting for the first time, or in a new school. In a few weeks a number of our young people will be continuing with their education at university. We wish all of them well, and hope that this will be a fruitful time for them



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.





Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1st Sept (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th 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

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

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>

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEED 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

ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT - OPEN DAY

Is this for you OR for someone you know?
St Scholastica's Retreat - Open Day - Saturday, 25th 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 www.stscholasticas.co.uk

BIKE & HIKE

Are you a cyclist or a walker and would you like to raise money for your church? The annual Sponsored Bike 'n Hike organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will this year be held next Saturday 14th September. A sign in sheet for those who visit our church will be left on the outside door of the Church.



CAMINO TO COP 26 IN GLASGOW

The Camino to Cop team are holding an outreach meeting for anyone interested in finding out about the march. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September between 7-9pm on in St Nicholas Church Hall. If you would like to attend please click on the link for free tickets <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hear-about-the-camino-to-cop-the-walk-from-london-to-glasgow-tickets-16772671015>

This is a walk for everyone, although initiated by XRUK Faith Bridge. We will be walking from London to Glasgow, setting out on Sunday 5th September and arriving in Glasgow on 29th October. A second group will be setting out from Bristol and will join up with the walkers coming from London in Birmingham. The purpose of the walk is to build alliances and engage communities along the route - faith communities and other local communities - and to spread the word about the urgency of the need for meaningful action to address the global climate and ecological emergency. For more information please visit their website <https://caminotocop.com/>



MONKEY MUSIC

Reserve a place at our FREE teacher training sessions. Training is on Friday 24th September at Thrales End Business Centre Thrales End Lane Harpenden Rock'n'Roll (babies from 3 months) at 9.45am & Heigh-Ho (toddlers from 12 months) at 11.45am. Please book first by contacting Kat Foster-Jenkins on 01582 766464 or email kat.foster-jenkins@monkeymusic.co.uk by Monday 20th September.



If you would like to find out more about any of these courses please visit our web site:

www.harpendenlearningforleisure

or contact Bob Spence:

- by phone on 01442-254375

- by email: robertspence@ntlworld.com

JOIN A COURSE RUN BY HARPENDEN LEARNING FOR LEISURE (HLFL)

If you are interested in the world, keen to keep your brain active and want to participate in an activity with likeminded people then a HLFL course may be just what you are looking for.

HLFL is a not-for profit organisation run by local people. It runs courses on a wide range of topics. Each course comprises 10 weekly daytime sessions, each session lasting 1 ½ or 2 hours. No qualifications are required to attend; there is no homework and no exams. Fees are payable, but are set at a level to only cover costs. Our participants find their HLFL courses an affordable, friendly, informal and enjoyable experience. With many returning every year.

The courses are now run from the Function Room of the Plough and Harrow pub in Southdown. It is a spacious, well ventilated room with its own entrance. Ample parking is available at the Co-op car park nearby. There is a break for the schools' half term. In the event of a 'lockdown' most courses move to Zoom, but participants are offered a refund if this is not possible.

Courses run in the Autumn and Spring terms. The courses for the Autumn term starting week commencing 20th September are as follows:

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm Making Sense of Modern Art
From Impressionists to the present day
Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm Ten London Houses
Looking at the History of London
Wednesdays 10-11.30am Current Affairs / Talking
Politics Lively discussion about contemporary issues
Wednesdays 2-4pm The Dutch Golden Age
Art history focusing on the age of Rembrandt
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm Interesting Lives
Explorations in Autobiography

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p align="center">Sat 4th September 12.00 Noon</p> <p align="center">VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria Wedding Knighton/Walker</p> <p>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Kathleen Burr RIP</p>
<p align="center">Sun 5th September</p> <p align="center">9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Philomena Hynes RIP (recently deceased) Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</p>
<p align="center">Mon 6th September 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Kathleen Moran RIP</p>
<p align="center">Tue 7th September 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Zoom Code 882 6349 6596</p>
<p align="center">Wed 8th September 9.15am</p>	<p>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p align="center">Thu 9th September 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Rosy Jose RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 852 5159 5807</p>
<p align="center">Fri 10th September</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center">Sat 11th September</p> <p align="center">VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Alice Gelling RIP (4th Anniv)</p>
<p align="center">Sun 12th September 9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Phillip Porter RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</p>

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