



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



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DREAM ABOUT THE CHURCH WE ARE CALLED TO BE: Pope Francis, Canon Anthony and all our community would like to listen to you! And to all People of God, especially those who feeling disengaged from the Church.

In October Pope Francis launched a new initiative, The Synodal Pathway. So...what does that actually mean?

The Synod is a participative and inclusive process of listening and discerning that offers everyone—within and beyond the worshipping Catholic community—the opportunity to express themselves, to be heard and to contribute to how the People of God can better 'journey together'. It is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to learn from one another, to realise the gifts in each and every person, to bind up wounds, to renew relationships and build bridges, to warm hearts and restore strength for our common mission. Please take this opportunity to contribute your voice to our Parish and to listen to the voices of others. Any input of any kind is gratefully welcome.

HOW CAN I TAKE PART?

Attend one of the group listening sessions. These will be friendly events where we together reflect on a set of questions and listen to each other (with refreshments provided). They are on the 4th November (at the Undercroft), 18th November (tbc) and 2nd December (tbc) at 7.45pm

Do a one to one interview. Do you know a person who feels disengaged from the Church for whatever reason? Their views are very important to us all. We would like to ask to interview them using the Diocese listening guide (a trauma-informed, set of reflective questions - that can be shared in advance). Please contact sallyfaiz@gmail.com michelle.heys@gmail.com or Canon Anthony

Zoom in to a Diocese group event or in person group event. Details will be put on: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/events/>
These are scheduled for

Youth Ministry Listening Event: 2 November

Online group listening events: 15th November 7-9pm, 20th November 10am-12pm, 24th November 7-9pm

For more information please ask sallyfaiz@gmail.com, Canon Anthony, or <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>



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MASS TIMES

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It's good that the process of establishing a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is underway. The PPC will be comprised of 12 parishioners, four of whom will be elected. Would you be willing to become a member of the PPC? Would you be willing to put your gifts and experience at the service of the parish? If so, collect a nomination paper either from the porch, or the website. Complete it and return it to the parish office by November 8th. If you want to know some more about the PPC please visit the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/the-parish-pastoral-council/>

SYNOD 2023

Last weekend Diocesan preparations for the Synod, began with Mass celebrated by the Cardinal in our Cathedral. Shortly, we will begin the preparations, that each parish has been asked to undertake as a part of this listening process. There will be three meetings, and every parishioner is welcome to attend. These will take place in the undercroft on **Thursdays 4th & 11th November, and 2nd December, at 7.30pm**. Please do think seriously about attending these meetings. They are an opportunity to listen to each other, reflecting on our experience of faith and the Church, and to think about the future. Further information from our Parish Synod Representative, Sally Faiz, sallyfaiz@googlemail.com



FIRST COMMUNION

Last weekend saw the second, and final, First Communion celebration of this year. At two joyful Masses 48 of our young parishioners, received the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, for the first time.

Arranging preparation for First Communion, over the past year, has not been easy. However thanks to our Catechists, and choir, we were able to celebrate well, and hopefully these celebrations will be a happy memory for both the children and their parents. So, a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way, Catechists, choir, live-streamers and flower arrangers; and to the parents also for their support and encouragement. Most of all though, congratulations to the children, whom we hope will continue to grow in their love of Jesus in the Eucharist.



FIRST COMMUNION 2022

Preparation for First Holy Communion, for children who are currently in year 3, will be commencing in the New Year. Parents who wish to register their children for this Sacrament should collect a form from Canon Dwyer after Mass today. Forms need to be returned to the Parish Office by 30th November.

ALTAR SERVERS

It is good to have Altar servers, once again, assisting at Mass. For the time being there will be a rota, indicating when to serve. Parents will have received a short questionnaire asking when their children can serve; those who haven't returned this yet are asked to send it back to Samantha Russell at sammggale@yahoo.co.uk. Please note that for the time being no new servers are starting, or being trained, it is hoped to have some new recruits in the new year.



SINGING IN CHURCH

Now that the congregation is permitted to join in the singing at Mass, while wearing a mask, you are invited, encouraged, to join in the hymns and Mass parts. If you are coming to one of the Masses, at which there is singing, please remember to bring the leaflet with you.



ALL SAINTS

The feast of All Saints is usually celebrated on November 1st. This year, as the feast occurs on a Monday, it is transferred to the Sunday.



HOLY SOULS

Tuesday 2nd November, is the 'Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed'. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am. November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this time there will be a number of Masses for this intention. If you would like anyone remembered in these Masses, it would be best if names were emailed to the parish office. If this isn't possible lists can be put through the presbytery letter box.

WRAP UP!

The advice continues to be that the Church needs to be kept well ventilated. So, although the heating is on, the doors must remain open, even as it gets colder. Extra layers, may be a good idea when attending Mass.



CHURCH TOILETS

The toilets in church are open. 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.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Its that time of year again. Reception for children starting in September 2022. Open days at St Dominic's school are in the morning 9.30am to 10.30am on Thursdays 11th November, Tuesday 16th November, Thursday 25th November. To request a place on the Open Morning please fill in the form that will be on the website <https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions/> or call the school on 01582 760047 to reserve a place. We ask that they don't bring children or toddlers to the open morning.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 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

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>

WALK WITH AMAL ISN'T IT GREAT!

Amal was welcomed at Westminster Cathedral with a special prayer service. She will also visit Canterbury Cathedral and St. Paul's. At each stage of Little Amal's journey she has been welcomed by artistic and cultural events. Have you been following? The Walk celebrates resilience, courage and hope. Little Amal walks for tens of thousands of children who have fled war and persecution. They need support to get an education and rebuild their lives. The arrival of Amal in Manchester on 3rd November marks the end of her epic journey. There are refugees who have come to Hertfordshire. How will we, as a parish, welcome them? A cultural event is being planned in late November when someone from Herts Welcomes Refugees will give us a talk and we will showcase the talents of our parish in music, poetry and storytelling. Look out for further information and if you have a talent contact Margaret Cox on 01582 713727

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd October 11.30am & 12.30pm VIGIL MASS 6.00pm	feria Baptisms 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) John Horne RIP
Sunday 24th October 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) People of the Parish Zoom Code 836 6789 4285
Monday 25th October 9.15am	feria
Tuesday 26th October 9.15am	feria Zoom Code 882 6349 6596
Wednesday 27th October 9.15am	feria
Thursday 28th October 9.15am	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles Gerald Woodruff RIP Zoom Code 852 5159 5807
Friday 29th October	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College
Saturday 30th October 11.30am & 12.30pm VIGIL MASS 6.00pm	feria Baptisms ALL SAINTS (B) June & Joe Borg RIP
Sunday 31st October 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am	ALL SAINTS (B) People of the Parish Zoom Code 836 6789 4285
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