



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



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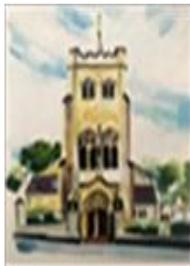
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Today Jesus speaks of the appearance of the Son of Man in glory and the final establishment of the Reign of God. Many people will come under that Reign, probably many more than we may expect. Others may reject it for ever and choose the outer darkness. In rejecting the Way of Jesus and the Kingship of God (and this is not necessarily the same as rejecting Christianity), they choose to be outsiders forever.

The Son of Man here is understood as Jesus, the man on earth that the disciples knew and loved, but now appearing in all the unparalleled glory of God's own majesty. Today's Gospel speaking about the Son of Man "coming in clouds with great power and glory" echoes a passage in the Book of Daniel but here the Son of Man is even more victorious.

No one, says Jesus, not even he himself knows when this will happen. It is not for us to worry about that. Worrying will not help. On other hand, we should not keep putting off the day of our conversion to God. The only way is to live today and every day in his love and service. It is the present which determines the future; so, let's just concentrate on the here and now. Then we already have entered the Lord's Kingdom and when, early or late, he comes to call us to himself, it will just be a reunion of old friends. In fact, he is already here and has always been and always will be. It is not that he will come to us but that we will enter into a deeper relationship with him when we pass through death to a different kind of life.



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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.**

CONFIRMATION



This weekend 16 of our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Confirmation is one of those special moments in the parish year, and we rejoice with, and congratulate,

those who are being confirmed. Thank you too to those who have supported them on their journey so far, especially their parents, but also the catechists who give their time so generously to prepare them for this special day.

SYNOD 2023

Our parish preparation for the Synod in 2023 began last Thursday evening, with a very small number attending the meeting. The hope of Pope Francis is that the whole Church, every member, will join in this process. It is also hoped to be able to reach those who may have become disengaged from the Church, for whatever reason. The next Parish meeting takes place next Thursday, 18th November, at St Dominic's School, Southdown Road, at 7.45pm. In addition to the planned meetings there will be other opportunities for those who wish to contribute to this 'Synodal Pathway', as well as the opportunity for one to one conversations, in the parish, for more information please contact sallyfaiz@gmail.com , michelle.heys@gmail.com or caroleacox@btinternet.com. Details of other opportunities in the Diocese will be found at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/events/>. In particular there is a meeting for parishioners in the Hertfordshire parishes with Bishop Paul McAleenan,



on Monday 29th November, 7.00pm - 9.00pm - at Garston Parish, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford WD25 ONE. Booking is required for this Listening Event through catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

CAST YOUR VOTE



Having lived with the 'silence' of no nominations for almost three weeks, it was something of a relief to receive six in the final 24 hours, before the deadline. Now you are invited to vote for, up to, four of the Candidates, for places on the Parish Pastoral Council. Details of the six parishioners who have offered to serve the parish, in this way will be found on the notice board, in the porch, as will the 'voting' papers'. Voting papers are also available from the parish website. Your 'votes' can be placed in the box in the porch, for which the closing date is Sunday 28th November.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for the Sick and Retired Priests last weekend, to date **£1,086.45** has been donated. This is such an important collection, providing, as it does, for our sick and elderly priests, so it will remain open for a few more weeks, to accept donations, from those who may not yet have contributed. Envelopes for your contributions will be found in the porch, and can be returned to the parish office.

WHERE TO SIT

There is now no requirement to socially distance in church, but the advice continues to be that we should be sensible in this matter. The seats in the centre of the church are for anyone who chooses to sit there. The seats, on the side aisles, however, are for those

who need to socially distance for health reasons, or simply feel more comfortable to do so. In the side seats please only sit where there is a green tick.

YOUR SUPPORT

Once again, thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish since the beginning of the Pandemic, whether by standing order, or via envelopes or other contributions. Now that numbers are gradually increasing the collection will be restored to its regular place in the Mass, just after the Bidding Prayers. In order to stay safe please do not pass the collection 'bag' along, only the collector will hold it, and in the central, wider, seats the collection will be made from both ends.

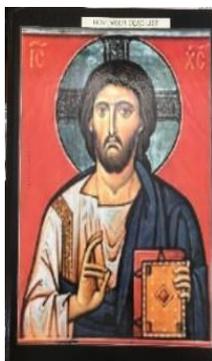
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Today is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who died in the two world wars, and the conflicts since. The annual service, led by Harpenden churches will take place on Church Green, commencing at 10.50am, with the two minute silence at 11.00am.

NOVEMBER

During November we remember the Holy Souls, and assist them with our prayers on their journey to God. During the month, a number of Masses will be offered for this intention. If you would like your deceased relatives, or friends, included please email, or drop, the names into the parish office.



OPEN FOR PRAYER



The church is now open for private prayer, or quiet space, Monday to Thursday, from 7.30am to 6.00pm, occasionally these times may need to be adjusted. Anyone who visits the church is asked to wipe their seats afterwards, or any surfaces they have touched, with the wipes provided. As, and when, possible it is hoped to open on Fridays and Saturdays also.

FIRST COMMUNION 2022

Preparation for First Holy Communion, for children who are currently in year 3 and above, 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.**

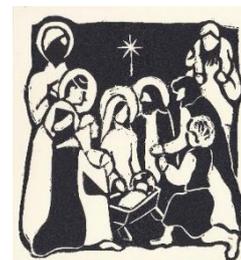
REPOSITORY

The repository has now reopened, initially only after the 11.30 Mass, and has a wide selection of Advent calendars, Cribbs, Christmas cards, Gifts, Missals, Confirmation cards, etc. Come and have a look. Volunteers are needed to help in the repository after all Masses. It only involves a short period after Mass. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.



LINOCUT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hand printed linocut Christmas cards by Teresa Newham are now available at a cost of £2 each or three for £5. All proceeds to Our Lady of Lourdes Building Fund. Seven designs to choose from. For further details please call Teresa on (01582) 766403 or email marbretherese@googlemail.com.



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

After the Covid interruption of the last two years, we will be holding this parish-wide event on Saturday December 4th from 10am to 1pm at the Lourdes Hall. The Church is now open most days, so you can begin bringing in your donations of bottles, gifts, toys, books, jewellery, tombola and bric-a-brac (no 2nd hand clothing please), and nearer the time cakes, or you can drop off at the parish office during opening hours. We will also need helpers to set up, 'man' the stalls and clear up, so please contact Marva (07943 837277 or marva@cpoauk.com) if you can help. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all the Masses from this weekend.



MONSIGNOR TURNER'S 80TH

Mgr. Turner will be celebrating a significant birthday in December. To mark this special day he will be the



Celebrant at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 5th December, and there will be a reception afterwards, for everyone, in Lourdes Hall.

This weekend In the porch of the

Church you will find a sign-up sheet to indicate how many in your family will be attending and what you might wish to bring. We are sure that many of you will wish to mark this joyous event.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS!

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER ADVENT SERVICE 6pm

A traditional celebration to start Advent with readings and music lead by the choir.



SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

This year there will be three shorter services at the following times. Please come along at the time you wish to take part in traditional carols, readings and refreshments as you leave! For all the family, a beautiful way to start the Christmas week.



Services at 3.30pm, 4.15pm and 5.00pm

Please wait to be shown in to the church at the time you have chosen!

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 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.

LIVE-STREAMING

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

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sun - Mass	11.30am	817 8184 1513
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	881 8097 5945
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	878 2420 5059

WALK WITH AMAL

If you would like to learn how Hertfordshire Welcomes refugees come to our very own cultural event on **Sunday 21st November at 7.30 pm in Lourdes Hall**. Tickets are £10 per person and all proceeds to go to Herts Welcomes Refugees. Tickets will be on sale after all masses this weekend. For more information please phone Margaret Cox 01582 713727

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>Saturday 13th November 11.00am</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>CONFIRMATION MASS (3)</p> <p>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>Brian Armitage RIP</p>
<p>Sunday 14th November 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>Peter Trueland RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>James Kelly RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513</p>
<p>Monday 15th November 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Holy Souls</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th November 9.15am</p>	<p>St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</p> <p>Paul Murphy RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 881 8097 5945</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th November 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Holy Souls</p>
<p>Thursday 18th November 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Michael Chua RIP</p> <p>Zoom Code 878 2420 5059</p>
<p>Friday 19th November</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>Saturday 20th November Baptisms 11.30am & 12.30pm</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Hamid & Tsang Families</p> <p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (B)</p> <p>Winifred Nicholls RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Sunday 21ST November 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Thanksgiving Mass for the First Holy Communion Children</p> <p>Ignatius Nathan RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513</p>

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