



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe



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Today we reach the end of the Church's year, when we acknowledge and adore Christ as the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the beginning and the end. Both the first and second readings bear witness to the lordship of Christ. Daniel prophesied Christ's eternal and peaceful reign. He identified Christ as the "Son of Man." While Apocalypse refers to Him as: "the firstborn of all creation...the Alpha and the Omega." Both readings also remind us that Christ's reign shall be that of peace, justice, love, and truth. In the gospel, Pilate and those about him demonstrate their disregard for Jesus. They did not accept the truth that Christ preached about his kingdom. Instead, they hardened their hearts, thinking that everything ends here on earth.

Today's feast reminds us to acknowledge and worship Christ as the king of the universe. We must allow him to reign in our lives, in our hearts, and guide all that we do. Our celebration challenges us to reflect: "Is Christ reigning in my life? Today's feast is only of significance if we allow Christ to reign in our lives, in our families, and our entire world.

We are to ensure that Christ, the king, is our role model. The model for all monarchs, rulers, and leaders. He cares, loves, and lives in peace with his people. He does not rule with military might or financial strength. Instead, he is a Good Shepherd.

As the King of Kings, Christ is a just judge, a compassionate and merciful king. He is a king who treats his subjects as brothers, sisters and friends. He is close, not distant or remote. Today, we submit ourselves anew to Christ our king.

## CAST YOUR VOTE

It's good that there are now six parishioners offering to serve on the proposed Parish Pastoral Council, for which there are four elected places. You are invited to vote for, up to, four of the Candidates. You may not know the candidates but you can find details of the six parishioners who have offered to serve the parish, in this way, on the website, and in the porch; details were also sent with the newsletter last weekend. 'Voting' papers', will be found on the website, and in the porch. Your 'votes' can be placed in the box in the porch, for which the closing date is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November.



## SYNOD 2023

Our parish preparation for the Synod in 2023 is continuing, with the second open meeting last Thursday evening, and a number of groups also discussing the questions. 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. 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, for more information please contact [sallyfaiz@gmail.com](mailto:sallyfaiz@gmail.com), [michelle.heys@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.heys@gmail.com) or [caroleacox@btinternet.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)



## CONFESSIONS



Confessions will, once again, be heard at a regular time. They will take place on Saturdays, from December 4<sup>th</sup>, between 10.30am and 11.00am; and between 7.00pm and 7.30pm.

## THURSDAY MASS

From 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Mass will be celebrated on Thursdays at 11.00am, instead of 9.15am.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Next weekend there will be a collection for flowers so that the church can be decorated for the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## HYMN & MASS BOOKS

Given that everyone sanitises their hands as they come into church, we have been advised, that it is permissible to use hymn books, and parish Mass books. We will start to do so from next weekend, the first Sunday of Advent. For anyone who is uncomfortable with this, for health reasons, we will, for the time being, continue to send the readings and hymns by email.

## CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS

It was a pleasure to have with us Bishop Paul McAleenan to confirm 50 of our young people, at three Masses, over the last two weekends. As always, they were three uplifting celebrations, Bishop Paul, in a message writes: *'.....the Confirmation ceremonies, were meticulously organized, very smooth, with beautiful liturgy, thanks to the efforts of the catechists, servers and choir'*. A big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to the celebrations, as well those who prepared the church, arranged the flowers, and looked after the live-streaming. Most of all, though, congratulations to all who were Confirmed, we pray that they will continue to grow in their faith, and love their faith.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

After the Covid interruption of the last two years, we will be holding this parish-wide event on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Opportunities will shortly be available for parents who are applying for places in Reception, in Catholic Schools, to have the Certificate of Catholic Practise completed. Canon Dwyer will be available to meet parents, in the undercroft between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, and on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### A SPECIAL PARISH EVENT ...You shouldn't miss

An evening of information, music, poetry and storytelling to support the work of **HERTFORDSHIRE WELCOMES REFUGEES**

**SUNDAY 21st November 7.30 pm**  
**Lourdes Hall Call 01582 713727 to reserve a place.**

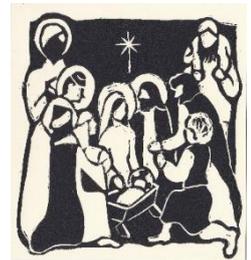
### REPOSITORY

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](mailto:marbretherese@googlemail.com).



### 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

### JOHN JACK JUBB RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Jubb who died this week. John's funeral will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. We remember John's family in our prayers at this time

### MISSIO RED MISSION BOXES

Please return any red boxes to the church and leave them with a steward either before or after mass. It has been some time since the boxes have been emptied. Should you prefer, donations can be made online via the Missio website: [missio.org.uk/redbox](http://missio.org.uk/redbox). Thank you. For any queries please contact Silvia tel. 622215

## PARISH DIARIES 2022

Parish diaries, for the coming year, are now available. Please take one and take one also for a friend or family member that isn't able to attend Mass themselves.

## ADVENT DAY BY DAY BOOKS

The Advent Day by Day books have arrived and they are in the porch of the Church. Adults £1 each, juniors and infants 80p each.

## 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



It's 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 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.

## ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL

### SEEKING ADDITIONAL MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

St Dominic's School are seeking friendly, enthusiastic and caring individuals to become midday supervisors to help look after our children at lunchtime. Duties include:



- the care and supervision of children during the lunchtime period with responsibility for their health and safety, welfare and good conduct
- supervising children indoors whilst children are eating and outdoors whilst in the playground
- helping to clean and tidy the dining halls

We would welcome interest from those that are able to commit to at least two days a week. The hours of work are 11.50am to 1.05pm each day, term time only. The school welcomes visits. Please contact the school office on 01582 760047 or email on [admin@stdominic.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stdominic.herts.sch.uk) for further information or to make an appointment.

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service and appropriate references.*

## A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

### WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Westminster Cathedral's annual Christmas Celebration, a wonderful evening of music and readings for all the family in the magnificent Mother Church of the Diocese, is taking place this year on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with organ music being played from 7pm.

Tickets are now available at Ticketmaster:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582>

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>                  Baptisms 11.30am &amp; 12.30pm   <b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b>                  Hamid &amp; Tsang Families  <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (B)</b>                  Winifred Nicholls RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>                  8.00am                  9.45am                  11.30am</p>	<p><b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (B)</b>                  People of the Parish                  Thanksgiving Mass for the First Holy Communion Children                  Ignatius Nathan RIP (Anniv)  <b>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>                  9.15am</p>	<p><b>St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>                  Eileen Cresswell RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>                  9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b>                  Holy Souls  <b>Zoom Code 881 8097 5945</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>                  9.15am</p>	<p><b>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest &amp; Companions, Martyr</b>                  Denis Mann RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>                  9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b>                  Holy Souls  <b>Zoom Code 878 2420 5059</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>                  Baptisms 11.30am &amp; 12.30pm   <b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b>                  Goodchild &amp; Orlebar Families  <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>                  Sadie Beirnes RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>                  8.00am                  9.45am                  11.30am                   6.00pm</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>                  Erroll Yates RIP (Anniv)                  People of the Parish                  Victor Newham RIP (Anniv)  <b>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513</b>                  Advent Service</p>



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