



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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Just as the Ten Commandments are the core of the Jewish way of life and a law to follow, so the Beatitudes are the core of the Christian way of life. The Beatitudes are not commandments. They are not so much things to be done or rules to be kept as deep-down attitudes of mind. And, in fact, their observance is only possible with a deep love of God and of other people. They can never be kept fully - they are goals that are always calling us to follow the Lord more closely.

It is no coincidence that the first Beatitude is: Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of God. 'The Greek translation is "Those who become beggars for things of the spirit will live in fullness." Now what does it mean to be a beggar? A beggar is a person who has nothing and knows he has nothing. Only he will experience human fullness who experiences the freedom of searching, of looking for, of being a beggar for the things of the spirit. This is a tremendous and beautiful statement of being on the way, being on a journey and never stopping, of never being satisfied.

The beggar in us learns 'to trust God more than the external circumstances of our lives. The beggar in us gratefully receives every gift of insight, every gift of each enlightened moment, every gift of each experience of unconditional love, every gift of growth in awareness of our oneness with everyone and everything. Our response will then be to live the Beatitudes, to 'cultivate and cherish what we own in common, especially in a time of fragmentation and in a time of a splintering of humanity.



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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.

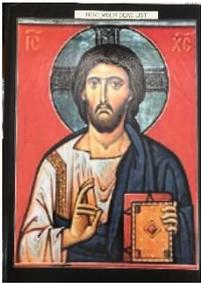
When you come to Mass:

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.**

## NOVEMBER

We commence the month of November, albeit a day early this year, with the feast of All Saints, when we remember, and honour, all those who, having completed their earthly journey are now enjoying that fullness of life with God. On Tuesday, and for the rest of the month, we pray for the Holy Souls, those who have still to complete their journey to God. During the month a number of Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls, if you would like anyone included in these Masses, please email, or drop in, the names to the parish office.



## TIME FOR NOMINATIONS

Now that the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is in the process of being established, we need members to contribute to it's activities and discussions. 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 Monday week, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The task of PPC members is to engage with developing the mission, and vision, of the parish, to reflect the views and concerns of fellow parishioners, and to attend six meetings each year. 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/>



## OPEN FOR PRAYER

From, tomorrow, Monday the church will be open for private prayer, or quiet space, Monday to Thursday, from 7.00am to 6.00pm. Anyone who visits the church is asked to wipe their seat 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.



## WEEKDAY MASSES

Over the last 20 months a phrase often heard is 'stay safe.' We have been very fortunate that some of our parishioners have been willing to help do just that. Slowly, but cautiously, restrictions are being lifted, but always with an eye on those infection numbers. From next week we will be making a few small changes at the weekday Masses. From Monday to Wednesday there will be no stewards. Instead, those attending are asked to sanitise their hands, on arrival and departure, tick, or add, their name, to the list, and after Mass wipe their seats, or any surface, they may have touched with wipes provided. After Mass, each Thursday, the church will be cleaned ready for the weekend. Once again, huge thanks, to the stewards, who have helped us to 'stay safe'.

## PRAYER FOR THE COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD, have written a prayer to encourage people to pray for the leaders meeting at the Climate Conference (COP26) starting in Glasgow this coming week. The prayer is prepared in the hope that God will provide the world leaders with the courage necessary to take action on behalf

of the environment, and is part of a wider effort by the Church to pursue ecological justice for the poorest who will suffer the most by climate change. Prayer cards will be given out by the LiveSimply group after masses today. Please do take one and pray with us all, the Bishops and Pope Francis.

### SYNOD 2023

Preparations for the Synod in 2023 are now under way. And this coming week, as requested by Pope Francis, and our Cardinal, we begin our parish preparation. On Thursday evening there is a meeting in the undercroft at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome, and particularly those who may feel disengaged from the Church; if you know someone in this situation, do please let them know about this meeting, and that they will be very welcome. This process is a listening process, as Pope Francis writes: "We need a respectful, mutual listening, free of ideology and predetermined agendas."



### THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank You.

### 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.

### SMALL GROUPS

Beginning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November there will be small groups meeting to discuss our Parish responses to Pope Francis' initiative, 'For A Synodal Church'. Pope Francis has launched a worldwide process of listening and discerning, 'a synodal pathway' from October 2021 - 2023... The Pope is inviting the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission. Everyone is very welcome please respond to:- [juliaandnigel057@gmail.com](mailto:juliaandnigel057@gmail.com) or [rachellee987@gmail.com](mailto:rachellee987@gmail.com) Please state your preference 1,2,3 for Tues/Thurs morning, afternoon or evening.



### 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.

### PARISH HOMELESSNESS ACTION GROUP

'On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October we heard about the inspirational work that both NOAH Enterprise and Keystage Housing do helping individuals who are homeless in Luton. Thank you to all the parishioners who came, the enthusiasm you have shown is really encouraging! A huge thank you also to Monica, Pauline and Lucy who helped setting up and serving refreshments. We will contact all those who provided their e-mail soon and send out GDPR and volunteer forms so that we can formalise a parish Homelessness Action group. If you haven't provided your email and would be interested in doing so then it's not too late! Please contact Cathy Seaton [cmann100@hotmail.com](mailto:cmann100@hotmail.com).

### ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank are resuming after the summer: the need is greater than ever.

So please, if you can bring a carton of UHT milk or long life fruit juice to the church next Saturday or Sunday even if you are not attending Mass. Thank you.



## 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



## 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR:

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



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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.



## TIME TO SPARE

It is hoped to be able to re-open the Repository very soon, as Christmas cards have already arrived! Help, though is needed if it is to be open after all the Masses. It is not a time-consuming task, just a few minutes after Mass. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

## LIVE-STREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week. **Please note new Codes from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct Mass	11.30am	836 6789 4285
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	881 8097 5945
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	878 2420 5059
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Mass	11.30am	817 8184 1513

## 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

London welcomed Little Amal.....she visited the market; the Opera House and St. Paul's Cathedral. She celebrated her 10th birthday at the V&A with children from all over London. There was a special service at Westminster Cathedral before she left for Oxford and the rest of her journey reaching Manchester on 3rd November for a spectacular finale. It has been a wonderful venture to bring awareness to the refugee problem which is worldwide. 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 for a £10 donation will be on sale after all masses on the weekends of 6/7 and 13/14 November. For more information please phone Margaret Cox 01582 713727

## SVP VINNIE PACKS

"The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

## THE HARPENDEN TRUST

Is looking for volunteer Christmas Appeal Collectors for December/January. The Care Fund is dependent on the funds raised by its annual Christmas appeal to support individuals and families in Harpenden. If you can spare a few hours this December/January then please contact the office: 01582 460457/  
[admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> 11.30am & 12.30pm  <b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b>	feria Baptisms <b>ALL SAINTS (B)</b> June & Joe Borg RIP
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am	<b>ALL SAINTS (B)</b> David Knobel RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Margaret & Henry Turner RIP (Anniv) <b>Zoom Code 836 6789 4285</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> 9.15am	feria Raju Jose RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> 9.15am	<b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)</b> Holy Souls <b>Zoom Code 881 8097 5945 NEW CODE</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 9.15am	feria Maura Grimshaw RIP (Anniv)
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.15am	<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Holy Souls <b>Zoom Code 878 2420 5059 NEW CODE</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	feria
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> 11.00am & 2.30pm  <b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b>	feria <b>CONFIRMATION MASSES</b> <b>32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Frank McConnachie RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.00am 9.45am 11.30am	<b>32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> People of the Parish Frank McHugh RIP (Recently Deceased) Maura Grimshaw RIP (Anniv) <b>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513 NEW CODE</b>
<b>CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER</b>	