



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



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A poet wrote: 'when I am an old woman I shall wear purple', to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life.

This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level as well as the ordinary.

All of the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation.

If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God, even the shopping, cards and decorations ..... remind us that God is near.

# PARISH ADVENT CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2021

1 ADVENT IS A SEASON OF WAITING AND ANTICIPATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST	2 WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR NOAH AND KEYSTAGE HOUSING	3 RUCKSACKS, SHAVING ITEMS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SOAP	4 MENS WINTER, MENS NEW SOCKS & UNDERWEAR (S/M)	5 CHOCOLATE ORANGES, CHOCOLATE SELECTION BOXES, BISCUITS	6 LIVE SIMPLY PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION TO PROTECT THIS EARTH
7 CAFOD-CONSIDER SIMPLE MEAL, WORLD GIFT, PRAYER FOR CAFOD	8 EAST OF THE IMMACULATION CONCEPTION OF MARY	9 WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR NOAH AND KEYSTAGE HOUSING	10 CAN OPENERS, MUGS, CUTLERY SETS	11 CANS OF SOFT DRINKS, CARTONS OF JUICE, BOTTLES OF WATER	12 HATS, GLOVES, EAR MUFFS, HEAT PADS, HOT WATER BOTTLES
13 BOT NOODLES, TINS OF FOOD	14 DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP ARE SUPPORTING	15 THE HOLY FAMILY WERE REFUGEES. HOW DO WE WELCOME REFUGEES?	16 HYGIENE BANK-TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR CHRISTMAS APPEAL/ WISHLIST	17 BOTS AND PANS, SMALL KITCHEN ELECTRICALS (KETTLES/TOASTERS)	18 FACE/ BODY WIPES, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE
19 CAKES, CRISPS	20 SVP HARPENDEN: TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION	21 FOODBANK-UHT MILK DONATIONS 1ST SUNDAY EACH MONTH	22 SYNODAL CHURCH PROCESS: LISTENING TO EACH OTHER	23 WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR NOAH AND KEYSTAGE HOUSING	24 PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISH

## PARISH ADVENT CALENDAR

Hopefully, you won't have missed the Parish Advent Calendar, located in front of the Church. Inside each box are messages and reflections for Advent, the amazing work of our Parish, and some of the associated charities we support. The Parish Homelessness Group are also having a donation drive for the homelessness organisations NOAH Enterprise and Keystage Housing.

As you will see above, this week we are collecting: can openers, mugs, cutlery sets, cans of soft drinks, cartons of juice, bottles of water, hats, gloves, ear muffs, heat pads and hot water bottles.

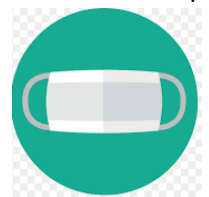
Please place donations in the boxes located inside the front door of the church on the left.

**There is also mini advent calendar above to remind you of the items that are needed. You can bring them to the Church any day of the week.**

**If you require any further information please contact Cathy Seaton : [cmann100@hotmail.com](mailto:cmann100@hotmail.com)**

## STAYING SAFE

As the concern continues around the Coronavirus, it is important that each of us does what we can to stay safe, and not put other people at risk. So, unless exempt, everyone is asked to wear a mask in church, as far as is practicable to maintain distance from others, and to confirm their name when they come to church. For our part, after each of the Sunday Masses, the church will be sanitised. On weekdays, those attending are asked to 'sign-in', and to clean their place after Mass, except on Thursdays, when the church is cleaned.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who cast their votes for the four elected places on the forthcoming Parish Pastoral Council, (PPC), and as well to those who offered themselves to serve on the PPC. Next weekend the results of the election will be announced.

## CHANGE OF DATE

It was intended to have an Open Parish Meeting this Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. However, as there are a number of parish activities taking place this weekend, it has been re-scheduled to take place on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.00pm.

## FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022

Thank you to those parents who have registered their children to be prepared to receive Holy Communion next Summer. Registration is now closed. **The first preparation step is the parents meeting tomorrow, Monday, at 7.30pm in church.**

## CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation for young people in year 9 and above, will be taking place next summer. Forms for registration will be available in the new year.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions will take place on Saturdays between 10.30am and 11.00am; and between 7.00pm and 7.30pm.



## 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!



## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Reconciliation, going to Confession, is an essential part of our preparation for Christmas. This Advent, happily, we are once again to have our Penitential Service. This will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

There is a further opportunity, for parents who are applying for places in Reception, in Catholic Schools, to have the Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) completed. Canon Dwyer will be available to meet parents, in the undercroft between 5.30pm and

6.30pm, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please note **this is the final opportunity to have the CCP completed.**

## FUNERALS

### MARY KELLY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Kelly who died recently, her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12 Noon.

### JOHN JACK JUBB RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Jubb, his Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am.

### ALEXANDER MCALEAR RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Alexander McAlear who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am.

### MARGARET WOODHOUSE (JEAN) RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Woodhouse (Jean) who died recently, her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am.

**We remember all the families in our prayers at this time. May they Rest in Peace.**

## REPOSITORY

The repository has now reopened, after the 9.45am & 11.30 Masses, 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.



## 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	11.00am	878 2420 5059

## WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Diocesan Directory for 2022 has now arrived and can be purchased from the Repository priced £4.50. This contains details of all the parishes and priests in the Diocese, as well as other useful information.



## 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 remaining Advent Day by Day books are in the porch of the Church. Adults £1 each, juniors and infants 80p each.




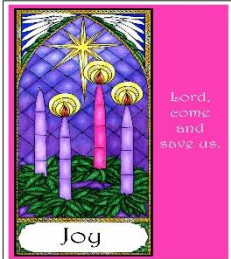
A four-week singing project designed to bring fun and joy whilst raising money and awareness for NOAH and Key Stage Housing. Learn four songs in four weeks with no previous singing experience required - it is for everyone to "Sing for ...." the many reasons we each may wish to sing!

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Starting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January for four weeks. Costs £35 per person for the four-week project.

Sing for.... projects 2 and 3 will follow later in the year starting 26<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> September respectively. Be a part of all three, or as many as you wish!

Sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church or by emailing [katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Baptism 12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Advent feria</b>                  Fuggle Family</p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>                  Oonagh Lynch RIP (Anniv)</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  8.00am                  9.45am                  11.30am</p>	<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>                  Derek Grimshaw RIP (Anniv)                  People of the Parish                  Special Intention  <b>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  9.15am</p>	<p><b>Advent feria</b>                  Beryl Stracey RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  9.15am</p>	<p><b>St Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>                  Renfold Evans RIP (Anniv)  <b>Zoom Code 881 8097 5945</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  9.15am                  1.00pm</p>	<p><b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                  Tommy Doran RIP (Anniv)                  Memorial Mass for Kathleen Cullinan RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  11.00am</p>	<p><b>Advent feria</b>                  Ellen Harroham RIP (Anniv)  <b>Zoom Code 878 2420 5059</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Advent feria</b></p>	
<p><b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <p><b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Advent feria</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>  <b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>                  Danny Lonergan RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  8.00am                  9.45am                  11.30am</p>	<p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>                  Luke Kealy RIP                  People of the Parish                  Mery Almarza &amp; Ines Sarti RIP  <b>Zoom Code 817 8184 1513</b></p>	

**CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.30AM - 11.30AM & 7PM - 7.30PM**