



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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The Gospel today tells of how Peter is absolutely overwhelmed by the incredible catch of fish, which leads him to realise that he is present before the power of God himself. All his confidence disappears and he is overcome by his own smallness and unworthiness. He tells Jesus: "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." It is, in fact, a true sign of an experience with God.

It's a reaction which we find in all three of today's readings. Isaiah says, for instance: "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips." Paul, not particularly known for his modesty, says: "I hardly deserve the name apostle."

In spite of that, Peter, Paul, Isaiah were all called to be apostles. The word "apostle" means a person delegated to carry out a mission on their master's behalf. Every Baptised person is called not only to be a disciple, and not just by words, but by the whole witness of what one is and does. "Here I am, send me," said Isaiah. "I have worked harder than any of the others," says Paul. "From now on, it is people you will catch", Jesus tells Peter.

It is a totally natural outcome from the faith that we have in Jesus which leads us to the unique experience and joy of knowing him and putting him unconditionally at the centre of our life. That is an experience that we must share, not because we are told to but because we cannot help doing so. True discipleship of itself overflows into apostleship. It was what happened on that day when Peter, James and John left everything and went after Jesus.

## FEAST DAY



This Friday, February 11th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Parish Feast Day. It's a moment to thank God for the blessings we receive in, and through, our parish; and to pray that we can continue to strive to be a living sign of God's Kingdom in this part of Hertfordshire.

**Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am.**

## SIGN OF PEACE

Since the closure of the churches, the Sign of Peace has been suspended. The latest guidance, however, states that, if appropriate, this may now be reinstated. So, we will do so from this Sunday, but slightly differently. For the time being we will resist shaking hands, for everyone's safety and comfort. Instead, the invitation will be to make a gesture of peace to each other. That could be to say 'peace be with you' or a bow towards those around us, or even just a smile!!



## MONDAY MASS

The funeral of the late Walter Giles takes place, tomorrow, Monday at 10.00am. **There will be no Mass at 9.15am, on Monday morning.**

## ALLEN HALL NEWS

Our Diocesan Seminary, Allen Hall, have produced a newsletter, providing some information, about the life of the seminary. Copies are available in the porch, if you would like one, please help yourselves.

## ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Following the announcement by the Government that the measures put in place to mitigate against Covid virus transmission, "Plan B" will be lifted in full on 27th January, the following guidance has been received from the Bishops, and agreed with Public Health officials.

- The Church in England and Wales supports the vaccination programme and encourages people to be vaccinated.
- Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church.
- Use Hand Gel on arrival & departure

- Those attending an act of worship are encouraged to continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building.
- Holy water stoups will be refilled.
- Congregational singing may continue and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing.
- The taking of names and contact details will cease, but those who wish can 'sign-in' using the NHS 'Track & Trace' app.



## ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank are resuming so please, if you can, bring a cartoon of UHT milk or long life fruit juice to the church this weekend.



Thank you Laudato Sii Group

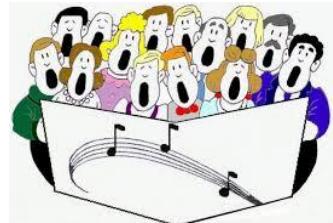
## LIVE-STREAMING

Masses will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week. **Please see page 4 for all the details.**

## SING FOR... ONE

**Performance !**

**Saturday 12th February  
3pm at OLOL .**



This amazing group have nearly completed the four week project and as part of the fundraising for NOAH and Keystage Housing they are going to sing for you !

Entrance in to the performance is by '**BRING A DONATION**' and the items required on this occasion are:

**Socks**

**Pants**

**Toiletries**

There will be a box at the door to leave your donated item/s as you arrive.

The performance will last approximately an hour and will include a cup of tea - can't beat that for a winter afternoon !

## HAVING FUN HELPING OTHERS.

The Parish Homeless Action Group is supporting local Catenians who are organising 'Masquerade - a fun evening of opera' on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Rd, Luton LU4

8JD in aid of NOAH, the Luton-based charity working across Bedfordshire offering hope and support to people struggling against homelessness and exclusion. You may remember that Peter Ward, one of our parishioners, spoke about NOAH in church in October; and also with Keystage Housing, gave a presentation in the crypt a few days later on the work they do and the support we as a parish can try to provide. Whether you are an opera lover or not you will be enraptured by the singing and the joyous occasion, so come along to this light but professionally sung gala evening, at the same time supporting a great cause. Bid in advance to have your favourite song performed in front of you. Win the prize for the best masquerade mask. Make up a group, bring your friends and book tickets at £32 per head (a price kept as low as possible even though the event is being staged to generate funds for

NOAH) via <https://noah-masquerade-opera.eventbrite.co.uk>.

See the poster on the notice board in the porch.



## ST DOMINIC'S NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Nursery applications open on 1st February and close 1st March. The Final Open Morning is on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> February @9.30am to 10.30am. If you would like to visit there is a Sign up sheet on school website. For more information please see our Website.



<https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions/>

## PRIEST'S REFERENCE

Canon Dwyer will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice, in the Undercroft, this Tuesday 8th February, between 5.00pm and 6.00pm.

## MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 2PM AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on the World Day of the Sick will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12th February at 2pm. We are pleased to let you know that the Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's livestream, which can be accessed at

[www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk) or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXx0dFI8GV5D9DSZo46ox6Q>

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

This year's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 4th March. The main Harpenden service will take place at 10.30am at the United Reformed Church, Vaughan Road, and there will be a service on Zoom at 7.45pm. This year's service is written by the women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland with the theme "I know the plans I have for you." The World Day of Prayer raises around £250,000 each year in the UK for distribution to charity - visit [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) for details or to make a donation. For more information on the Harpenden services please see the postcards in the porch.

## LITURGY GROUP LIVESIMPLY

To care for the World in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home. Persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, "not yet useful" like the unborn or "no longer needed" like the elderly".

Pope Francis. *Fratelli Tutti*.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February<br><br>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm          | St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr<br><br>5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)<br>Mo Quinn RIP                                                                                    |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February<br><br>8.00am<br>9.45am<br>11.30am  | 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)<br><br>Agnes Marshall RIP<br>Bernard St John Glew RIP (Anniv)<br>People of the Parish<br><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b>              |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February<br>10.00am                          | feria<br><br>Requiem Mass for Walter Giles                                                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February<br>9.15am                          | feria<br><br>Julian Greenwood RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)<br><b>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</b>                                                                                      |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February<br>9.15am                        | feria<br><br>Margaret O'Halloran RIP (Months Mind)                                                                                                                               |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February<br>11.00am                       | St Scholastica, Virgin<br><br>Felix Doran RIP<br><b>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</b>                                                                                                  |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February<br>9.15am                          | Our Lady of Lourdes<br><br>People of the Parish                                                                                                                                  |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February<br><br>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm         | St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr<br><br>6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)<br>Special Intention (MAS)                                                                         |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February<br><br>8.00am<br>9.45am<br>11.30am | 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)<br><br>Eileen O' Dempsey RIP (Recently Deceased)<br>People of the Parish<br>Pat Butler RIP (Anniv)<br><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b> |

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