



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)



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In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptation shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent. This Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



## FRIDAYS IN LENT

Friday is always a significant day, as we recall the Passion and Death of the Lord; and this is particularly so on the Fridays of Lent. **Each Friday during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm, and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.**

## LENT GROUPS 2022

The Parish of OLOL invites you to join a faith sharing group, meeting once a week for the 6 weeks of Lent. These are friendly, welcoming groups of parishioners and friends of any denomination or none. We pray, reflect and share our thoughts on a given theme (to be announced). There is no pressure on anyone to speak, just come and listen if that is what suits you best. Start:- Week beginning 28th February  
Please reply stating your preferences for day and time, numbering your options 1st/2nd/3rd  
eg 1st Mon morning/ 2nd Wed afternoon/ 3rd Tues evening [rachellee987@gmail.com](mailto:rachellee987@gmail.com)  
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## LENTEN ALMS

During Lent it is customary to donate what is saved, through self-denial, to the Lenten Alms. In this Diocese the Lenten Alms are donated to the 'Cardinal's Appeal', which supports initiatives run by parishes and Caritas Westminster to enable people on the margins to lead a life of dignity and worth. You can view two short films about the impact of your previous support, on the website [www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk). Your contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal, can be placed in the box, on the right, in front of Our Lady's altar. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, envelopes are available in the porch.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT

### New Beginnings - A Journey from Lent to Easter

A Lent reflection leaflet produced by Anne O'Connor with brief daily reflections.

Link: [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/resources/new-beginnings-a-journey-from-lent-to-easter/](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/resources/new-beginnings-a-journey-from-lent-to-easter/)

## LENT RESOURCES FROM REDEMPTORIST PUBLICATIONS

Including 'A Lenten Camino' by Janet Fearn, 'Lent Extra' and 'The Lenten Journey' with Fr Denis McBride See: [www.rpbooks.co.uk/](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/)

## CAFOD LENT RESOURCES

Daily Lent Reflections sent to emails from Ash Wednesday. They will include a reflection on one of the readings of the day, stories of the global family, a prayer and a suggested action.

Subscribe here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-prayers>

## LENT WEBINAR: FASTING FOR CREATION: HOW LENT CAN HELP US CARE FOR CREATION

The Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach in Washington is offering this webinar on Tuesday, 15 March. Contact [ccaoprograms@columban.org](mailto:ccaoprograms@columban.org) for registration details.

**REMINDER FOR WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHURCH**

Use the Hand Gel on arrival & departure;  
Please continue to wear a Face Covering  
If you are unwell or have COVID please  
**do not** come to the Church  
Thank You

**MOVING ON**

It's almost two years since the start of the Pandemic, with all that that meant in our personal, and church life. So, it is good as we continue to dispense hand-gel before and after Mass; and the latest guidance from the Bishops, continues to ask that masks be worn, as far as possible. However, the doors of the church can now be closed, but some windows will be left open, to help with the circulation of air. **However, if you have COVID symptoms, or feel unwell, please do not not come to church.**

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

When the church was closed, the practice of making Spiritual Communion was introduced, and has continued. Now that many people can attend Mass, we will no longer be continuing with this practice. For anyone who would like to continue, the words are here, and can also be found in the weekly Mass Booklet:

**My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**COVID PRAYER**

At the weekday Masses a prayer has been offered each day for everyone affected by Coronavirus. Although the virus still exists, and is a risk, we will cease making this daily prayer, at least in public, but in the bidding prayers from time to time. For anyone who wishes to keep using this prayer, here are the words.

**Healing and loving God we pray for everyone who has contracted the Coronavirus around the world. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, bring peace to those living with uncertainty and worry. Give patience to those who are quarantined and unable to move freely in their communities. Wise**

**and faithful God, watch over and protect us and people everywhere from catching this virus. Strengthen those who are caring for all who are unwell and guide those working to find a cure. Lord hear us.**

**PARISH PATORAL COUNCIL**

The new Parish Pastoral Council, held their first meeting last Monday evening. Amongst the matters discussed were the concern about parishioners who haven't returned to Mass since lockdown, as spoken of in the Cardinal's letter. Members also reflected on the topic of provision for families and young people, and the implementation of some of the suggestions from the Synodal Pathway meetings; a number of which correspond with comments made in the parish survey. Minutes for the meeting will shortly be available.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**SUSAN JUDD RIP**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Susan Judd who died recently. Susan's Funeral Mass will be at St Bartholomew's St Albans on 8<sup>th</sup> March please see their Newsletter for more details.

**PHYLLIS DANBY RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Phyllis Danby who died recently. Phyllis's Requiem Mass will be this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. We remember Phyllis's family in our prayers at this time.

**ROBERT HUTCHISON RIP**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robert Hutchison who died recently. Roberts Requiem Mass will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. We remember Rober's family in our prayers at this time.

## GETTING MARRIED?



Couples intending to get married, need to give at least six months' notice, as required by the Diocese. Pre-marriage preparation, provides an opportunity to reflect, not just on the wedding, which is for a day, but on the marriage, which is for life, as well as looking at the

other necessary arrangements. Anyone getting married within the next year should be in contact with Canon Dwyer. If you know of couples hoping to marry in the coming year, please draw their attention to this notice.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Some of you may have noticed that, since the resumption of the regular celebration of Mass, there has been a steep decline in the number of Altar Servers.

Altar Servers, make an important contribution to the celebration of the liturgy, so it is necessary to recruit some more. Any boys

or girls, who have made their First Communion, once trained, can serve at Mass. Some training will shortly be taking place for those who wish to exercise this ministry. Names please of those who would like to become Altar Servers, and those who may have not served for some time, but wish to resume, to the parish office, or have a word with Canon Dwyer.

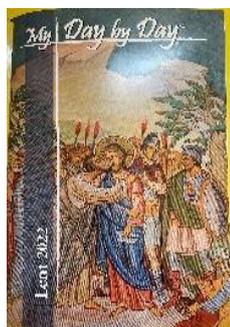


## REPOSITORY GIFTS

The repository holds a range of cards and gifts suitable for Baptism, such as bibles, picture frames, crosses and rosaries. The Repository is open after each Weekend Mass, why not come and have a look. Gifts and Cards are also available for First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings etc

## LENT & EASTER DAY BY DAY BOOKS

The Lent and Easter Day by Day books have arrived and they are in the Repository. Adults £1 each, juniors and infants 80p each.



## PARISH WALKS - THIS WEDNESDAY

Spring is in the air and the birds around me are beginning to make their nests which means the time has come to re start our walks in our beautiful Rothhamstead Park. Some of you will have heard that I have taken over their organisation from Sue Martin. New walkers are always welcome and do feel free to join us. **We walk on the second Wednesday of the month and our first one this year will be this Wednesday after Mass.** We walk for half an hour or so, everyone at their own speed and then withdraw to a nearby cafe for a drink and chat. If it's raining we go straight for the coffee.



If you would like to join us please contact me:  
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## ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

This very popular annual event will be on Thursday 17 March in the Undercroft from 12 noon. Proceeds will go to Sister Margaret's Barcelona Project in South Africa. Tickets are £10 (including welcome drink and lunch) and will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend.



## ST. ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank this weekend Please, if you can, bring a carton of UHT milk or long life fruit juice to the church porch.



## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT 3PM.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, please give the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), by 30<sup>th</sup> March to Melanie in the Parish Office.



## **CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE**

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter - and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk).

## **CAFOD, FAIRTRADE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE**

Did you know Our Lady of Lourdes, is a Fairtrade parish? And Monday 21 February begins this year's Fairtrade Fortnight. In 2022 CAFOD is continuing to highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected by it. The climate crisis is the biggest threat to the livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers and agricultural workers in low-income countries worldwide. Farmers need better incomes and financial support to adapt to changing weather patterns and change their farming methods to ensure a low-carbon economy. By buying Fairtrade products, you show solidarity with those on the frontline of the climate crisis. You are part of the Fairtrade movement, and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message. You can find out lots more about Fairtrade from a short YouTube presentation at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/fairtradefoundation>

Laudato Si

## **PARKING ON ROTHAMSTED AVENUE**

We have received an email from our neighbours on Rothamsted Avenue regarding parking and driveways being blocked. Please respect our neighbours and be mindful about where you park your vehicles please do not block any driveways.



## **AVAILABLE FOR WORK**

A parishioner, who comes recommended is seeking domestic or care work. For more information please speak to Canon Dwyer.

## **LIVE-STREAMING**

Masses will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week. Please see page 6 for all the details.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> 12.00 Noon  <b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b>	Lent feria Baptisms Tanner & Doyle Families <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> Bernadette Timms RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>  8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>  People of the Parish Kathleen Crown (Sp Ints) Walter Giles RIP <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.15am	Lent feria Henry Dubery RIP
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.15am	Lent feria  <b>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.15am	Lent feria Clement & Dan McLaughlin RIP
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11.00am	Lent feria Requiem Mass for Phyllis Danby <b>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.00pm	Lent feria  <b>Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>VIGIL MASS 6.00pm</b>	Lent feria  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> Rosemary Chapman RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>  8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>  Johanna Gregory RIP People of the Parish Harry Davis RIP (Anniv) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b>

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