



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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PALM SUNDAY (C)



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Every Palm Sunday, as we listen to the reading of the Passion, so, once again, we begin our Holy Week journey. As we listen to that reading it is as if the route, we are to travel, is being set out before us. We remember the journey that Jesus travelled, through his passion, to his death on the cross; we are not just to be spectators, or simply recalling an historical event, but we are to be participants, participants in the Lord's Passion and death.

One Spiritual writer, describes our Holy Week journey as being like a ship. She writes: "This great ship of Holy week will carry us surely, strongly, into the Passion of Christ..... All we have to do now is board the ship and allow it to take us all way. We have nothing else to do but let it take us. We have not to do the navigating ourselves, we have not to labour with the oars, we have not to see where we are going or what distance we are covering: all that is being done for us. we have only to say 'Let it be done. Give me all you want to give. Be my Saviour, be my God'"

We make our Holy week journey, not alone but, as part of our parish community, and in union with the whole Church. For the first time in two years, there are, almost, no restrictions, on what we do, or on numbers. Everyone is welcome to participate, to seize the opportunity, to make this special journey. During Lent we've been encouraged to invite those who have yet to return to Mass, to do so. Who have you invited, encouraged? You can still do so and, especially for the coming week, together we can journey through Holy Week, celebrating the great mysteries of our faith.



PALM SUNDAY

Today, Palm Sunday, we begin our Holy Week Journey to Easter. Details of everything happening in Holy Week, will be found in the Holy week leaflet, which has been emailed to everyone, whose email addresses we have. Copies are available, though, in the porch. Do think about participating in the events of Holy Week, as much as you can. Although some adjustments have had to be made, we are so fortunate to be back in church, celebrating together this most important of weeks. The main events are:

MONDAY

Penitential Service at 7.30pm. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to make that all-important preparation for Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm. We gather to celebrate the institution of the gift of the Eucharist, and to recall the Lord's great example of service, as he washes the feet of his disciples.
- Afterwards, there is watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm. Jesus asks 'can you not watch one hour with me?'

GOOD FRIDAY

- The Walk of Witness, with other Harpenden churches take place today. 10.15am assemble at Rothamsted Park gates, for departure at 10.30am. The walk concludes with a short service on Church Green.
- At 3.00pm, with sorrow and gratitude, we come together to recall the Passion and Death of the Lord.
- At 7.30pm there is 'Prayer before the Crucifix'.

HOLY SATURDAY

- As we await the great celebration of Easter, we gather in church, for Morning Prayer, at 11.00am.
- In the evening at 8.30pm we celebrate the most important event, in the Church's year, the Easter Vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses will be celebrated at 8.30am, 9.45am and 11.30am.

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

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

Posters, to display in your windows, stating 'This is Holy Week', are available in the porch. On Easter Sunday, the additional message is added 'He is Risen'. Please collect a poster, a good way of witnessing to this special Week.

NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday the funeral of the late Patricia Wilkinson takes place at 11.00am. Mass will also be celebrated at 9.15am.

EASTER WEEK

During Easter Week, Monday to Wednesday, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. On Thursday there is the Funeral Mass for James Duff, at 11.00am.

EASTER OFFERING

The offertory on Easter Day, along with the Christmas offertory, is for the clergy of the parish. Together with Mass Stipends and Stole fees, this collection forms an essential part of clergy income. Envelopes for your contributions, will be found in the porch.

CANCELLED

It's usual each year, on Good Friday, to have the Stations of the Cross for the children. Sadly, this year the Stations for the Children will not take place, as no children, or families, have volunteered to participate. Good Friday is one of the most solemn days in the Church's year, it is to be hoped that families with children will be observing this Holy day in an appropriate way. Easter holidays are often spoken of. It's worth remembering that the original reason for these holidays, was so that the people could attend the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

OUR MISSION

At the beginning of Lent the Cardinal suggested we might encourage someone we know, who has not returned to the practice of attending Mass. As we start Holy Week, is there someone you might think of inviting? Until now who have you reached out to? Who

have you encouraged? Having that missionary desire to reach to others, is a task for all of us.

UKRAINE

Thank you very much for your contributions to the collection, for the people of the Ukraine.

You can also donate direct to CAFOD at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversity=salttype=single&Appeal=123770>

Our prayer is also very necessary, here is a prayer for Ukraine

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
Amen.

REQUIEM MASS DETAILS

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of Patricia Wilkinson and Robert Andlaw who died recently.

Requiem Mass for Patricia 13th April at 11.00am and for Robert 25th April at 12 Noon.

We remember the families of Patricia and Robert in our prayers at this time and May they all Rest in Peace.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The Children's Liturgy group have returned to the 9.45am Mass last weekend and again on the following dates 24th April, 8th May, 22nd May, 12th June, 26th June and 10th July 2022. Children of school age (4+) are welcomed to the undercroft by the Liturgy team at the start of mass to be led in a simplified version of the Gospel and to complete a short activity to aid their understanding of the Lord's word.



They then re-join their parents and families in the church prior to Communion. We look forward to seeing your children there.

WE ARE RECRUITING!

The Children's Liturgy group are recruiting! We are looking for new members to join us from September 2022. Full support/training will be provided and a DBS check undertaken. You can help as little or as often as you like! It is a fun way of involving yourself in the parish and working with our young parishioners. If you are interested to know more, please email Michelle Lynch at martinmichelle74@gmail.com.



DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP GREEN BOXES

If you have a Green box, the Annual Collection of the Green DWG Boxes will take place on 23rd/24th April please bring your boxes to Mass that weekend and leave it with one of the stewards. The boxes will be emptied and then placed in the church porch for you to collect. Thank you.

SING FOR PROJECT 2

Following a very successful and enjoyable Project 1, it is now time to sign up for Project 2! Open to all, with or without any singing experience. A four-week project learning a wide variety of pieces and all in aid of NOAH and Key Stage Housing.

Starting Tuesday 26th April 7.30 - 9.00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church .

£35 for the four weeks, including the final Saturday charity collection event and performance.

Please email Katie Metcalfe to reserve your place : katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk

EASTER IN THE REPOSITORY

In the repository we have a wide range of books for Easter suitable for children of all ages, including sticker books, activity books, explaining the Easter Story. Please take a look as these will help younger children understand the true meaning of Easter.

These and the infant, junior and adult Day to Day books for Easter are all reasonable priced. We also have a range of Easter cards and Easter plaques,

LIVE-STREAMING

Masses will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week. Please see page 5 for all the details.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 22ND TO 29TH JULY 2022

Details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes can be found in the porch, the leaflet also includes a booking form. There will be limited spaces this year, any questions or queries please contact Tangney Tours or the Pilgrimage Office at the Diocese

HOW ETHICAL IS YOUR EASTER EGG?

"Behind every luscious chocolate bar and treat we devour throughout the year, there are six million people globally who depend on growing cocoa for their livelihoods" (FairTrade Foundation, Oct 2020).



As a Fairtrade parish, we urge you to choose Fairtrade Easter Eggs.

[Where to buy Fairtrade chocolate](#)

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

HOLY WEEK

Saturday 9th April
12.00 Noon

VIGIL MASS 6.00pm

Lent feria

Baptism Oluwole-Opeyemi Family

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

Johanna Gregory RIP

Sunday 10th April

8.30am

Meet on Church Green at 9.30am

11.30am

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People of the Parish

James Duff RIP

Mary Margaret Fallon **Zoom Code 883 7014 5568**

Monday 11th April

9.15am

7.30pm

Monday of Holy Week

Neil Turnbull (Sp Ints)

Penitential Service

Tuesday 12th April

9.15am

Tuesday of Holy Week

Nigel Newham RIP (Anniv) **Zoom Code 846 8231 6518**

Wednesday 13th April

9.15am

11.00am

Wednesday of Holy Week

Requiem Mass of Patricia Wilkinson

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14th April

8.00pm

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Zoom Code 843 3670 2322

Watching at the Altar of Repose, concluding with
Night Prayer at 10.45pm

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

3.00pm

7.30pm

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Zoom Code 843 6978 7502

Prayer at the Tomb

HOLY SATURDAY 16th April

11.00am

8.30pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer

SEASON OF EASTER

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

People of the Parish **Zoom Code 870 7051 7767**

SUNDAY 17th April

8.30am

9.45am

11.30am

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (C)

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