



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)



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The Season of Easter ended last Sunday when we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Today is Trinity Sunday, when we praise and acknowledge the love and power of the Trinity. We are invited to experience God who creates and loves us, Jesus who saves and forgives us, and The Holy Spirit who encourages and strengthens us every day of our lives.

The Trinity is rightly called a 'doctrine' of the Church. It is something we are called to accept and believe; we learn about it with our minds and our reason. But in reality, we can't really understand it fully. While we like to have our questions answered and our problems solved, we can't 'solve' the mystery of The Trinity with our logic or a calculator. The Trinity is a matter of prayer and faith; it is a matter of the heart, not the head. When we use the word 'mystery' we are not talking about a puzzle to be solved. The Trinity is a mystery in the sense that it is so endlessly rich and profound that it can never be fully understood or exhausted. Mystery means that there is always more to learn, more to experience and that we can never have the final word about God.

The Trinity is sometimes called the 'perfect community of love and sharing.' God freely shares with and gives us Jesus, who in turn anoints and pours into our lives and hearts the Holy Spirit who encourages and strengthens us. Through our faith, prayer and willingness to live as followers of Jesus we are a part of this dynamic and life-giving mystery.

Today we might pray:

'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with all of us.'

MOVING ON

It's very good as we see much of our lives returning to what we know as 'normal'. And that's particularly true here in the parish, where most activities have recommenced. We would like to think of the church as a safe place, so for that reason hand gel will continue to be distributed, or be available, both on arrival and departure. The wearing of masks will be left for individuals to choose. If, however, you contract Covid, or are feeling unwell, please stay away.

MISSION APPEAL

It's well over two years since a mission appeal was last made. Next Sunday, however, we welcome a representative of the Spiritans, also known as the Holy Ghost Fathers. We will hear about their work, and there will be an opportunity to give your support.

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

It's perfectly understandable that, from time to time, small children can become restless during Mass. If this happens parents are welcome to take the children to the 'crying' room; which is on the right as you enter the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Yesterday, and next Saturday, 51 of our very young parishioners made, or will be making, their First Holy Communion. This is a lovely occasion for them, and their families, as they receive the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep the children, and all involved in these celebrations, in your prayers.



FIRST COMMUNION 2023

From this weekend forms are available for parents who wish to register their children for First Holy Communion in 2023. Forms are available after Mass today. Please return your completed form with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate to the Parish Office by 22nd July 2022.

FROM CANON DWYER

Last weekend was a special weekend, not just because of the Platinum jubilee, but for other reasons also! Thank you very much for the gifts and cards that I received; and also, to everyone who came to the celebration in the Undercroft. And a big 'thank you' too to the Ladies Group who arranged the drinks and refreshments. All your expressions of kindness are very much appreciated, and made for a very special day!

ATTENDING MASS

The obligation to attend Mass every Sunday, and on holydays of obligation, was restored from last Sunday. It would be so good to see attendance at Mass, returning to pre-pandemic levels. If you know someone, or a family, not attending, do encourage them, invite them back, let them know that they are missed, and that they will be most welcome. This is a task, a mission, not just for the Parish Priest, but one we can all share in.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the collection for the Priest Training Fund in recent weeks. £1,645.50 has been donated, and this will help to support the 19 current seminarians, studying for our Diocese.

CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Summer Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Saturday 25th June, 7.30pm.

Arias and Choruses from Handel's Samson with soloists including

Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackery.

Choirs from Our Lady of Lourdes, High Street Methodist Church, St. George's Music Society and St Nicholas Church.

Guest orchestra featuring graduates from the Royal Academy of Music.

Tickets on sale from the parish office, online <https://ticketsource.co.uk/Our-Lady-Of-Lourdes-Church-Choir> (which does include a small booking fee) and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday. £15 adults, £5 students and children.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL.

This very popular annual event will be on Sunday 3rd July in the parish garden from 3-5pm.

Proceeds will go to the Barcelona settlement in South Africa.

Tickets cost £10 (family ticket £25) and will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend.



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN THE REPOSITORY

The First Communion and Confirmation seasons are here, and the repository has a variety of gifts suitable for girls and boys such as necklaces, bracelets, pens, bibles, photo frames & albums, rosary beads, first missals and candles, together with First Communion & Confirmation cards and invitations. Pop in before/after Mass to have a look.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Many hands make light work! Would you consider volunteering your time to join the Church Cleaning Team? Volunteers are needed on either Tuesday or Thursday morning. The rota would be on a four weekly basis and would only take approx. 40 minutes after morning Mass on Tuesday or Thursday. Please contact Melanie in the Parish Office if you are interested.

RED MISSION BOXES (MISSIO)

Please bring your Red Mission box to Mass and either leave with a Steward or take to the Sacristy. These will be emptied and returned and left at the back of the church.

Thank you

CAFOD FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this the paradox of abundance. Clearly the current global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new

campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey. Further information to follow on what we can do here in Harpenden.,

LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS) CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm (*last admission 5pm*) Admission £5.00 per person (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under) There will be live music by the popular local band Soulfish, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. A link to the ticket page and more information can be found at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

VACANCY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details please see Diocese website.

MILITARY WIVES CHOIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AT ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

To celebrate our 10th Anniversary, the Military Wives Choirs will be delivering a series of concerts across the UK throughout the year. **The first of these concerts will be performed at St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 18th June 2022.** Form more information and to make a booking simply visit [songs](http://www.militarywiveschoirs.org/concerts), together with readings from choir members.

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MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Saturday 11th June 11.00am 6.00pm	St Barnabas, Apostle FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 1 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) Lily & Francis Moran RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 12th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) People of the Parish Colm Murray RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568
Monday 13th June 9.15am	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor Beryl Vasquez RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 14th June 9.15am	feria Sr Catherina OP RIP (Months Mind) Zoom Code 846 8231 6518
Wednesday 15th June 9.15am	feria
Thursday 16th June 11.00am	feria Gavin Watts RIP (Months Mind) Zoom Code 843 3670 2322
Friday 17th June	feria
Saturday 18th June 11.00am 6.00pm	feria FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C) Joe Bearpark RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 19th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C) Cahal Owens & Patrick Malone RIP (Anniv) People of the Parish Steve Kennedy RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 7PM - 7.30PM