



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST  
(CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (C)



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As we go through life hopefully, from time to time, we receive different gifts which may mark a special moment in our life, or perhaps are simply an expression of gratitude or friendship. It may be the case that, sometimes, there will be those things that we appreciate more than others, while some we take for granted.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the feast of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This feast reminds us of what we receive every time we come to the Mass - it speaks to us of the wonderful gift that we receive in Holy Communion - the gift of Jesus himself - the gift of his body and blood. Like many gifts though that we freely receive we might ask: 'do I really appreciate the gift that is so generously and lovingly given to me?'

If we are to appreciate what it is we receive we might want to think about our disposition as we come to Mass, or indeed how do I prepare myself to enter into this special celebration. Is attendance at Mass just another weekend 'chore' to be fitted in, something more to get done? Or is it something that I understand to be truly special, and prepare for? Maybe thinking about someone, or a particular situation, I want to pray for at Mass? In other words, allowing my life to be a part of the Mass, and the Mass to be a part of my life - Sunday not being isolated but a part of the rest of the week, a part of my life.

Today's feast today speaks of the great gift we are given in the Eucharist. an opportunity to give thanks to God for His goodness to us in so many ways, and above all in the Eucharist, where we encounter the one who is always present to us in the gift of his body and blood.

## MISSION APPEAL

It's well over two years since a mission appeal was last made. Today, however, we welcome Fr David Pember who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans, also known as the Holy Ghost Fathers. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to give your support, if you wish.

## 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.

## 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

This Saturday, and last Saturday, 51 of our very young parishioners made, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.**

## ATTENDING MASS

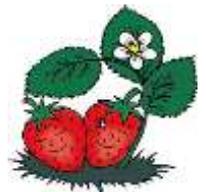
**The obligation to attend Mass every Sunday, and on holydays of obligation, was restored on Pentecost Sunday.** It would be so good to see attendance at Mass, returning to pre-pandemic levels. If you know someone, or a family, not attending, do encourage them, invite them back, let them know that they 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.

## BE ALERT!

Someone has recently been knocking on doors, attempting to raise funds, "to buy equipment for a boxing club that is being set up by the Catholic Church in Harpenden". There are no plans to set up such a club. It's highly unlikely that fundraising would be done in this way, so always good to be cautious.

## 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

Confirmation season is here, and the repository has a variety of gifts such as necklaces, bracelets, pens, bibles, photo frames & albums, rosary beads, first missals and candles, together with a beautiful selection of cards, do pop in before/after Mass to have a look.

## PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This year's Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on 6<sup>th</sup> August led by Bishop Philip Egan. A coach will leave Harpenden at 7.30 am and St. Bartholomew's church, Vesta Avenue, St Albans at 7.50 am. Tickets cost £20 (adult) and £10 (child) which includes Priory entrance. To book please contact Geraldine on 07971028415. For more details call 01858 571242 or visit [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

## CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Summer Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Next 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.

Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

## LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS) CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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.

## WILL YOU TAKE THE FIRST STEP? CAFOD'S GAP YEAR PROGRAMME

Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people.

This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included.

## Financial Resilience and Cost of Living

Martin Lewis, the Money Saving Expert, provides information about the recently announced cost of living support package. His website is regularly updated with this and other topical issues, and you can sign up for free weekly email round-ups <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2022/05/rishi-sunak-martin-lewis-living-costs/>

## One-stop information for people in Herts

Useful links and resources for people living in Herts <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/help-to-manage-the-cost-of-living>

## HertsHelp

Call 0300 123 4044 to speak to an adviser, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit <https://www.hertshelp.net/hertshelp.aspx>



## ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY

There is a vacancy for Lunchtime Supervisor the hours are 11.45am to 1pm. This could be a full or Part time position.

Please contact [admin@stnicholasce.org](mailto:admin@stnicholasce.org) or 01582 623620

If you are interested or for more information.

**CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL**

Every September up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in a world famous choir, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 to 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. Contact Lucy Auger to find out more. Telephone 020 7798 9081 or email [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com)

**NEW CATHOLIC STUDENTS**

The University Chaplaincy would like to meet parishioners who will be students at any of the London universities and colleges, or University of Hertfordshire, this coming year. Based at Newman House, Gower Street, they also have campus-based chaplains at many of the universities and colleges. More information available on the Chaplaincy website [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net)

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK	
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> 11.00am   6.00pm	<b>feria</b> <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2</b>  <b>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C)</b>  Joe Bearpark RIP (Anniv)
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>   8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C)</b>  Cahal Owens & Patrick Malone RIP (Anniv) People of the Parish Steve Kennedy RIP  <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>  9.15am	<b>St Alban, Protomartyr</b>
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> 9.15am	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b> Margaret Dennehy RIP (Anniv) <b>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</b>
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>  9.15am	<b>SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyrs</b> Brian Swannell RIP (Month's Mind)
<b>Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>  11.00am	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>  <b>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>  12 Noon 5.00pm  6.00pm	<b>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Baptism Quirk Family Confirmation Reconciliation Service  <b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Cindy Gallagher RIP (Anniv)
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>  8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>  Michael Turner RIP (Anniv) People of the Parish Jacqueline Dodds RIP <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b>
<b>CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 7PM - 7.30PM</b>	