



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

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



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The Gospel tells how three individuals wanted to follow Jesus. Far from encouraging them to join his group, Jesus seemed rather to discourage them. The first was told to count the cost of joining, as he would have no fixed abode. The next answer seems quite harsh. "Let the [spiritually] dead bury their dead." Perhaps the man's father was still alive, and an eldest son could not leave home until after his father's death. But if we are faced with a radical option and do not decide at once, we are less likely to do so later. What Jesus said to the third man was equally challenging: "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." The wooden plough could break if it struck a large stone; so, the ploughman had to watch the ground ahead at all times. The commitment of a disciple to following Christ should be equally focused.

All through life, God is also calling us, whether we respond or not, even as he called Peter from his fishing, Matthew from his tax office, Elisha from his farm. But, how many choose to answer God's call? Jesus once observed that "Many are called but few are chosen".

As a foundation for any vocation to service in the church is the belief that God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life". This reassures us of the unconditional love on God's part for each and every person. With that belief we renew our Yes to our basic Christian vocation: "Love one another as I have loved you."

## SS PETER & PAUL



Next Wednesday is the feast of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul, and is a holyday of obligation, a day when we are obliged to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am and 6.00pm.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over the last two Saturdays, 51 of our very young parishioners have made their First Holy Communion.

As always, this was a lovely occasion for them, and their families, as they receive the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. Thanks are due to everyone who contributed to this special day: the Altar Servers, the Choir, the flower arrangers and church cleaners. And of course to the Catechists also, who voluntarily, week by week, prepare the children for this special day. Thank you too, to those parents who have been so supportive of the Catechists, and all the other arrangements. Let us pray that this will be the first of many encounters with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



## 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 COMMUNION 2023

The First Communion celebrations, for this year, having been concluded we now look towards the summer of 2023. Parents of children in year 3, and above, who would like to enrol their children for First Holy Communion preparation, can collect a form after Mass today. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office, with a Baptismal certificate, by July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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.

## ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank will be done next week-end.

So please, if you can, bring a carton of UHT milk or long life juice to the church next Saturday or Sunday. Thank you. Laudato Sii

## 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.



We will be collecting for the local Foodbank so please bring a donation for the Foodbank with you. **Tickets cost £10 (family ticket £25) and will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend.**



## 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)

### **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.

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)



### **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**

<p><b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>12 Noon 5.00pm  6.00pm</p>	<p><b>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Baptism Quirk Family Confirmation Reconciliation Service</p> <p><b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Cindy Gallagher RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b></p> <p>Michael Turner RIP (Anniv) People of the Parish Jacqueline Dodds RIP <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p><b>St John Southworth, Priest &amp; Martyr</b></p> <p>P J Lynch-Kelly RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p><b>St Irenaeus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Thomas Jose RIP <b>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>9.15am  6.00pm</p>	<p><b>SS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES</b> <b>ST PETER, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese</b></p> <p>Stanley Mott RIP</p>
<p><b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>11.00am</p>	<p><b>feria</b></p> <p><b>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b></p>	<p><b>Dedication of the Cathedral (1910)</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b></p> <p>11.00am 2.30pm  6.00pm</p>	<p><b>feria</b></p> <p>Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan</p> <p><b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Thomas &amp; Edith Dare RIP</p>
<p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b></p> <p>8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b></p> <p>People of the Parish Paul Gallagher RIP (Months Mind) Patricia McGill RIP <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 7PM - 7.30PM</b></p>	