



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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With holidays, almost, behind us; schools reopened, and some of our young people preparing to begin university, there is a sense of a new beginning. New beginnings can be a time when we can reflect on ourselves, and so they can be a moment when we will recognise a need to change, within ourselves.

And that is true of our life of faith also, our life as disciples of Jesus, there is always more to do, more to discover; the question is always there for us, to heed and to answer: what else do I need to do. What else do I need to do, if I am to demonstrate that I am a disciple of Jesus?

To be a disciple, is to faithfully follow Jesus. Even with the best of intentions, it's easy to become lukewarm, perhaps to be half-hearted. A new beginning is a time to ask: what else can I do? Where can I put more effort in, and so become more committed? At the centre of our lives is the celebration of the Eucharist. How important is this in my life? Do I appreciate it, sufficiently, to ensure that I attend Mass every Sunday, so that it is a genuine priority, something that I truly appreciate, and cherish, and don't want to miss? Or is it something that I make up my own 'rules' about attendance, and easily excuse myself if something prevents me from attending?

We need to share faithfully in the Mass, because it gives us the nourishment we need, if we are to be faithful disciples of Jesus. We need to grow in appreciating the wonderful gift we are generously, and lovingly, given. This could be a time to hear anew the calling to be faithful, and enthusiastic disciples of Jesus.

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Preparation for First Holy Communion next summer will be commencing shortly. Parents, who have registered their children should, by now, have received information, containing the various dates. Look out this week for an email inviting you to the Parents Meeting in the Undercroft.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for young people in Year 9 or above, will be commencing soon. Application forms are available for collection, by the candidates after all Weekend Masses. Completed forms and copies of Baptismal Certificates, if not Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes, should be returned to the parish office by Friday September 15th.



NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish You Are Very WELCOME if you would like to register with us please click on the link and complete the registration form

<https://www.catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/LOL-Database-New-Parishioner-Form-May-2023.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office. harpندن@rcdow.org.uk

YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:

Youth friendly masses will resume this Autumn, once a month, on Saturdays at 6pm. Young people from Year 7 to Year 13 and beyond are all very welcome to join and take an active role in this mass: Readers, Welcomers, Musicians, Altar Servants, please join us to make it as youth friendly as possible.



The first Mass will be on Saturday 7th October, and then 11th November, 9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.



LOL YOUTH GROUP:

Year 10 and beyond Save the date:

Saturday 7th October 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Our Parish Youth Group will start in October. Once a month, we will meet after the 6pm Youth Friendly Mass for some food, some fun and some faith sharing time together.

We will engage in conversations about life, faith and Jesus around the Alpha Youth Series.

Come and be part of this exciting new project! Future dates 11th November, 9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 17th March 10am - 3pm, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th September, normal service resumes on Wednesday 13th September.



REPOSITORY

The Repository has some new attractive stock. There are modern engaging books for children including colouring books, Mass books, and Bible stories written and illustrated in a way which will appeal to children. These are ideal for children to look at and read.

We also have some beautiful new Statues. Crucifixes, and Baptism gifts, and a wide selection of cards including a new range of 'I lit a candle' cards which are always popular. Come and have a look and you will be surprised at what we stock. If we do not have what you require let us know and we will try and order it for you.



SING FOR 6

Back for our sixth season! Sing For is a four-week singing project designed to raise funds for Keystage Housing and NOAH while learning new pieces and having some respite from the norm! All rehearsals and, extremely informal, concert at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Rehearsals are in the Undercroft, apart from 26th Sept which is in the Church.

Wednesday 13th September 7.30-9.00pm

(note a change of day for the first rehearsal)

Tuesday 19th September 7.30-9.00pm

Tuesday 26th September 7.30-9.00pm (Church)

Tuesday 3rd October 7.30-9.00pm

Sunday 8th October - CONCERT 3pm

The cost is £35 per participant and the rewards immeasurable :)

Please email Katie: katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk to book a place.

CAFOD

FARMERS' SEEDS UNDER THREAT

Seeds are life! Small farmers across the globe have traditionally swapped and shared seeds for their produce. However, their right to choose their own seeds is under threat. Laws are being introduced across the world that limit what farmers can do with these seeds. These laws, which are being brought in with the support of large financial institutions such as the World Bank, overwhelmingly favour large agri-businesses. Instead of being allowed to choose their own seeds, small farmers must purchase commercial seeds - good for big business profits, but damaging for the small farmers. Protecting the freedom of farmers to choose seeds is a right we must all stand up for if we are to tackle global poverty. CAFOD's food campaign is urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds. **To add your voice, please sign the letter to the World Bank President. The letter will be available after all masses this weekend.**

Please see the LiveSimply noticeboard for more information or click :

[Fix-the-food-system](#)

CAFOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cafod is looking for volunteers to visit schools to lead assemblies and workshops. If you are looking for a new challenge and enjoy communicating with children and young people, the join CAFOD's school volunteer team in the Westminster Diocese. For more information contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@caford.org.uk or call 07776493162

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP SAVE THE DATE



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

VENUE: LOURDES HALL

Come along to a 'Brain Teasing' evening of fun and help to bring clear drinking water to the village of Kyangala Kenya.

£20 per person including a Godfrey's Fish & Chips Supper. BYO drink & glasses. to book your places please contact Betty Hines
email: Elizabeth.hines@gmail.com
or phone/text 07905 797729
before 2nd October to guarantee a place.

'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'

**WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
(10AM AND 8PM).**

Please donate any items of potential value that your family don't want (eg. Grandma Flo's tea set, Grandpa's pocket watch. Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's piano stool) to us on Wednesday 8th November. (Venue & details tbc.)
The 'Lolly' will be auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will go towards the Developing World Group projects.
Happy 'Lolly' gathering!

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1st September to 4th October, Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of Ecology.



LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

In some places, rural and urban alike, the privatisation of certain spaces has restricted people's access to places of particular beauty. In others, "ecological" neighbourhoods have been created which are closed to outsiders in order to ensure an artificial tranquillity. Frequently, we find beautiful and carefully manicured green spaces in so-called "safer" areas of cities, but not in the more hidden areas where the disposable of society live. (Laudato Si 45.)

LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

Available for Hire, and for one off Parties for more details contact

Caretaker: Mr Simon Lowe

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MONKEY MUSIC

RESERVE A PLACE AT OUR FREE TEACHER TRAINING SESSION.

As a local Monkey Music family you are invited to take part in our next teacher training programme. Monkey will be there too, and you will sing and dance and cheer on our new recruits as they take their first steps towards becoming a Monkey Music Teacher.

Training is on Thursday 21st September at Thrales End Business Centre, Thrales End Lane, Harpenden AL5 3NS

Sessions at 9.45am & 11.45am please book first by contacting Kat Foster-Jenkins 01582 766464 full details on the poster on the noticeboard.

YORK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 9th Sept 12.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>feria Baptism Paley Family</p> <p>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 10th September</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Alice Gelling RIP (Anniversary) Elizabeth Wang RIP (Anniversary) Phillip Porter RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 11th Sept 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Baby Nova Lee Betty (Special Intention)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 12th Sept 9.15am</p>	<p>feria John Shehy RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 13th Sept 9.15am</p>	<p>St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor Mary McGarry RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 14th Sept 11.00am</p>	<p>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Luton Circle Catenians (Special Intentions)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 15th Sept</p>	<p>Our Lady of Sorrows</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 16th September 12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr Wedding</p> <p>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Patrick Cooney RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 17th September</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>People of the Parish Alistair Miller Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS
10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS