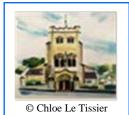


Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

11TH JUNE 2023 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (A)



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Today's Feast is about the bountiful generosity of God and it is also about the deepest description of who we are as the Church; we are the Body of Christ. Today's feast is not just, or simply, about what we receive every time we celebrate the Eucharist; it is fundamentally about who we are.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, we present the most ordinary of things to God; bread and wine; fruit of the earth and work of our hands. God accepts, blesses them, and then through the power of the Holy Spirit, they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. God then surprises us even more and returns these new gifts to us out of love. The Eucharist is an expression God's ultimate bountiful generosity.

Our response can only be gratitude, which is why when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we prayerfully respond, Amen. May we never take this greatest of gifts for granted. We didn't earn it, it's not our right and we can't demand it. It is God's gift, given freely, out love to each of us. As Pope Francis reminds us; 'The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

At the end of mass, we hear the words, Go now to love and serve the Lord. This is the invitation and challenge presented to each of us, precisely because we have celebrated the Eucharist, with each other. We are to take what we have experienced around the altar, out and live it in our ordinary lives with each other: The love of God made visible through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE DATABASE UPDATES

If any of your details have changed please let Parish Office know. Forms are in the Porch of the Church or you can download one here



https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/OLOL-Database-Update-Form-May-2023.pdf

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

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office. <u>harpenden@rcdow.org.uk</u>

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be closed from Monday 12th June and will re-open on Tuesday 20th June at 9.30am. any urgent enquires please email <u>harpenden@rcdow.org.uk</u>

A NEW CATHOLIC PODCAST

'A beautiful thing' podcast is inspired by the words of Jesus to Mary of Bethany that, 'She has done a beautiful thing for me'. (Mark 14:6) This Catholic podcast offers a fresh encounter with the women in Scripture through a dramatic re-telling of their story with some teaching, interviews and reflection. The podcast, launched in January, comes out every Wednesday. The first series, 'The 12 women of the gospel' runs until the end of June . Podcast available on apple, Spotify, google or listen directly via the website: <u>http://www.a-beautiful-thing.co.uk</u> or <u>bit.ly/abeautifulthingpodcast</u>

REPOSITORY CONFIRMATION

Confirmation season has arrived so come and have a look at the wide selection of cards and gifts in the Repository. These are all very reasonably priced and and make lovely presents. We also have

lots of other cards and gifts, books, rosary beads etc.

THE UNVERSE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The Universe Newspaper is back in print the cost of the paper is just £3.50 and is available from the porch.

WILLAM (LIAM) KELLY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of William (Liam) Kelly who died on Saturday. The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 10th July at 11.00am. We remember the family in our prayers at this time.



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL. This very popular annual event is taking place next Sunday 18th June at 3pm in the Presbytery Garden.

Tickets will be on sale at Masses this weekend priced £10. Family tickets will be £25, so bring your Dad for Father's Day. Funds raised will be for research on Ataxia Telangiectasia. The AT Society was founded by former St Dominic's mum, Maureen Poupard whose two children Gregory and Caroline died from AT.

Contact Marva at 07943 837277 -- <u>marva@cpoauk.com</u>



CHORISTERS & ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS RECRUITMENT Please see the poster on the noticeboard or contact Katie Metcalfe <u>katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk</u> for more details

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SUMMER CONCERT CHANGE TO DAY/DATE & TIME

Due to a clash of dates, between School fetes, camping trips, weddings, other concerts and many others! Our Summer Concert will now take place on THURSDAY 22nd JUNE at 7.30pm in the Church.

The Concert will be a light hearted mixture of styles and suitable for children and the whole family. It will last no longer than an hour and will be performed by our Choristers and members of the Adult Choir. Everyone is very welcome. Please come and support your Parish Choir.

Entry is free with a retiring collection for the choristers. (This goes towards New Buttons for the cassocks and their end of term outing)

GETTING MARRIED?

Couples intending to get married, need to give at least six months' notice, as required by the Diocese. Pre-marriage preparation, provides an opportunity to reflect, not just on the wedding, which is for a day, but on the marriage, which is for life, as well as looking at the other necessary arrangements. Anyone getting married within the next year should be in contact with Canon Dwyer. If you know of couples hoping to marry in the coming year, please draw their attention to this notice.

SUMMER BALL IN AID OF NOAH

NOAH is holding a fundraising ball on the 23^{rd} July at 7.30 pm at the Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road in the Rose Marquee. Tickets are £35.00 per person and include hot BBQ food and a live band. There will be a raffle and auctions. Black Tie. Please contact Lisa Seccombe on 07877 307009 for more details and tickets.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Led by Most Rev. Kevin McDonald Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark.

Saturday 5^{th} August 2023 Coach departs from Harpenden at 7.30am Places: Adults £25,

Child/Student £10 for more information visit <u>www.prolifepilgrimage.org</u> and to book contact Geraldine 07971028415 Please also see the poster in the porch.

NOAH DONATIONS APPEAL

Our shops need your help! If you're refreshing your summer wardrobe, please consider donating your unwanted items to NOAH where they can be used to continue the vital services in your community. Hightown Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm 20-22 High Town Road, Luton, LU2 ODD T: 01582 736751 Luton Town Centre Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm 5 Wellington Street, Luton, LU1 2AP T: 01582 354282 Welfare Centre Open Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm Weekends 9am - 2pm 141 Park St, Luton LU1 3HG T: 01582 728416 Thank you for your support!

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

"Experts clearly point out how the choices and actions put in place this decade will have an impact for thousands of years. Our knowledge about the impact of our actions on our Common Home and those who inhabit it, and will inhabit, it has expanded............ Let us not rob the new generations of hope in a better future,"

Pope Francis to the organizers and participants in the Green&Blue Festival

LOURDES HALL SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

Available for Hire, and for one off Partiesfor more details contactCaretaker:Mr Simon LoweMobile:07859 943 348Email:harpendenct@rcdow.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 10 th June 12 Noon	feria Baptism Amooie Family
6.00pm	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (A) Ann Holttum RIP
Sunday 11 th June	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (A)
9.45am	People of the Parish First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass Eileen O'Neill RIP <mark>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</mark>
Monday 12 th June 9.15am	feria Sr Geraldine RIP (Recently Deceased)
-	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor Beryl Vasquez RIP (Anniversary)
Wednesday 14 th June 9.15am	feria Fernanda Zoreck (Special Intention)
Thursday 15 th June 11.00am	feria Mary Teresa Kealy RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 16 th June	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
11.00am	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Confirmation Mass - Group 1 Confirmation Mass - Group 2
6.00pm	11 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Clarissa Nicholls RIP
Sunday 18 th June	11 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) FATHER'S DAY
9.45am 11.30am	Margaret Flanagan RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Anne Galogly RIP (Recently Deceased) <mark>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</mark> Strawberry Social Presbytery Garden
CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS	