



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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The scouts have a famous saying: "Be Prepared!" As we approach the end of the Church's year, and prepare for Advent, the gospel today, and next Sunday, call us to be ready and prepared.

In our ordinary everyday lives, we all know how to prepare and get ready. We get ready if we have a doctor's appointment, or prepare for school or work. If we are going out to somewhere special, we spend extra time getting ready and being prepared. The gospel this Sunday reminds us to be ready and prepared at a much deeper level. We are not simply waiting for the bus to come or the kettle to boil; we are asked to prepare for Jesus. What does this mean for us, to be watching and waiting for Jesus?

The question that is implied in the parable of the wise and foolish wedding guests, is what are we actually doing while we are waiting for Jesus? Are we sitting around with no thought or concern for ourselves and others, or are we actively living our daily lives with meaning and purpose?

How I live my daily life really matters; it is not just about getting up every morning, and doing my best to get through the day. What small, but important things, am I doing each day that brings joy and hope to others, and not just to myself? The challenge and invitation of waiting and being prepared, is that I am trying, my very best to live my daily life, as a follower of Jesus. This will be seen in how I speak, how I act and in how I treat others. Being a Christian and waiting for Jesus, is about how I live my daily life, right here and right now. Let us get ready and be prepared with all our heart, strength and mind!

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember, those who died in the two world wars, as well as the victims of other more recent conflicts. Today there will be the annual remembrance at the War Memorial, on Church Green, starting at 10.45am, and including the two minutes silence, and the last post.



## WHY RUSH?

Each Sunday, the celebrant at Mass, processes to the porch, to greet those who have attended Mass. It can be disappointing, when a few people make a dash for the door, and don't wait for the celebrant to get there first! Please wait in your places until the celebrant has processed out. Similarly, when there is a recessional hymn this is the final prayer of the Mass, we leave the church when the final prayer, the hymn, is concluded.

## BEWARE!

From time to time, scam emails, allegedly from Canon Dwyer, may land in your inbox. Recently, a parishioner has lost a significant amount of money, as a result of such an email. If you receive such an email do not reply to it, and certainly do not give any financial details. Please note that:



- On such emails, the address is usually incorrect, you will find the correct email address on the newsletter.
- Such requests, from the Parish, or Parish Priest, would never be made in this way.
- If you are uncertain, please contact the Parish Office, before replying, or giving any personal information.

## THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Thank you for your contributions last Sunday, for the Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese, to date £1,830 has been donated. This is such an important fund, supporting our 82 sick and retired priests, a number



that is expected to double in the coming years. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so; the fund will remain open for a few weeks. Donation envelopes are available in the porch, in which you can place your offering, and return to the parish office. These envelopes should be used if you wish to Gift-Aid your contribution.

## JUBILEE YEAR

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, about which there will be more information, as we approach this time. Amongst other activities, in preparation, are an invitation to reflect, again, on the main documents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council. There will be two online talks, 'the Year of the Council', the first on 7th November, on 'Lumen Gentium': How the Church Looks at Herself, and the second on 28th November 'Gaudium et Spes': How the Church Looks at the World. The talks are on Tuesday Evenings, 7.30-8.30pm, given by Fr Brian O'Mahony, and will be delivered via Zoom. To register: Please contact Warren Brown [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk). Participants are invited to make a donation of £5 per talk: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/agency-for-evangelisation/> by adding 'Year of the Council' in the optional message box. For further information contact Anna, [annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk)

## ALL SOULS

During November, a number of Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like anyone to be included in these Masses, please send their names to the Parish Office, and they will be added to the Book of Remembrance.



## MAUREEN JACK RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Maureen Jack, who died recently. Maureen's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am. We remember Maureen and all the family in our prayers.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY



Come and see our range of Christmas cards both traditional and modern, together with Cribbs and figures, again traditional and modern and some which are especially for children to play with. We also have Christmas candles, tree decorations, and children's books, together with Advent calendars. All are very reasonably priced.

### CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

CAFOD are working with local partners in Gaza and Israel to provide urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. We are supporting families with cash vouchers, essential supplies and counselling. Sadly, local staff and volunteers in our partner organisations have already lost their lives. Volunteers tell us that your support and your prayers of solidarity for those putting their lives at risk to help during this crisis are needed now more than ever.

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

### ST GEORGES'S SCHOOL PSA

You are invited

Christmas Gift Shopping Community Event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm - 4pm  
There will be over 30 local stalls with fantastic gifts, a café serving lunch with festive food & drinks, Fun and Games for all the family  
Entry is free for child and adults £1.

## ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

It's that time of year again. Reception Admissions for children starting in September 2024. Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> November and close 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



### Reception Open mornings for September 2024.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am to 10.30am

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Please book on the school website to reserve a place. [St Dominic Catholic Primary School - Admissions](#)

Dates when Canon Dwyer will be available in the church, to discuss the possibility of signing Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), will be announced shortly. Please note, the purpose of the CCP is to confirm that the applicant, and their family, are practising Catholics, that is, attend Mass every Sunday and on holydays of obligation.

### FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH

This Saturday at 6pm will be the next Youth friendly mass 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. Contact the parish office if you'd like to take part.

### OLOL YOUTH GROUP:

**Year 9 Confirmation Candidates & Year 10 and beyond Save the date:**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm to 8.30pm**

Join us for our Parish Youth Group at 7pm in the Undercroft, and pizzas are on the menu!  
Once a month, we will meet after the 6pm Youth Friendly Mass for some food, some fun and some faith sharing time together.

### FUTURE DATES

9<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 3pm, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June & 13<sup>th</sup> July.



## **SING FOR ..... CHRISTMAS!**

The Sing for Christmas is a 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:**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.00-5.00pm OLOL Undercroft  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 7.30-9.00pm OLOL Undercroft  
Please email Katie: [katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.

### **PERFORMANCES:**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** 4.30-5.30pm  
Wheathampstead Christmas Market - details to follow.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 7.00-9.00pm OLOL extra rehearsal/ fundraising performance

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Catenians Christmas Dinner we are the entertainment in return for a donation to Keystage Housing and NOAH time and venue t.b.c. but will be local and 8pm ish .

## **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

CAFOD have delivered the World Gifts Catalogues and they are in the porch for you to take home a copy. World Gifts are a wonderful way for the Parish Community to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family.

## **THE HARPENDEN TRUST**

The Harpenden Trust is looking for volunteers to help with its Annual Christmas Appeal collection. If you can spare a few hours this winter then please contact the office: 01582 460457 / email [admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk)

## **HARPENDEN FLORAL GROUP**

Invite you to a Special Floral Demonstration 'A Touch of Sparkle' on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm at Katherine Warington School Lower Luton Road Tickets £15 on the evening Wine Soft Drink and Mince Pie Included for more information please call 07747018620

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

You are all warmly invited to join us for..



**Advent Service -**

Sunday 3rd December 6pm



**Parish Christmas Fair - Lourdes Hall**

This very popular annual event will be held on **SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER** from noon to 3pm in the Lourdes Hall. There will be all the usual stalls including bottles, cakes, craft, gifts, toys and white elephant, as well as Irish coffees, hot dog lunches and more. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all the Masses and you can start bringing in your donations into the porch of the Church NOW.

Everyone is welcome.

If you can help setting up, working on a stall or clearing up, please contact [marva@cpoauk.com](mailto:marva@cpoauk.com) or 07943 837277.



**Choristers Christmas Concert -**

Thursday 7th December 7.30pm



**Carols by Candlelight -**

Friday 22nd December 6pm

## **LOURDES HALL**

### **SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN**

Available for Hire, and for one off Parties for more details contact Caretaker: Mr Simon Lowe  
Mobile: 07859 943 348 Email: [harpendenct@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpendenct@rcdow.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>Youth Friendly Mass</b> Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Peter Trueland RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Johanna Gregory RIP People of the Parish &amp; Holy Souls Tony Mileham RIP (Anniversary) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p> <p>Sr Ann Bolton O.S.L (Special Intention)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p> <p>Holy Souls</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p> <p>Tommy Doran RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">11.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</b></p> <p>Michael Hearl RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">11.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p> <p>First Reconciliation Baptism <b>33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Winifred Nicholls RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Eileen Wilbur RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish &amp; Holy Souls Errol Yates RIP (Anniversary) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>

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