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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Our readings today, direct us to the great feast of Pentecost, which we will be celebrating next week. After the resurrection, the friends and followers of Jesus, went in to hiding for fear of their lives. They had seen their close friend and Master betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. They had lost all heart. But eventually, they began to find the courage and strength to believe in Jesus and in themselves. Jesus had appeared to them several times, to strengthen and encourage them. So, they began to go into the streets and villages and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They began to preach, heal and teach.

They did not do any of this, by themselves. They were filled with the Spirit of the risen Jesus. When we were baptised with water, we were given a name, anointed, and we were filled with the gift of the exact same Holy Spirit. This simple, but profound ritual, was repeated when we celebrated our Confirmation. We were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Just as the first followers of Jesus proclaimed and announced the good news, of his resurrection, we in our time and in our way are called to do the same. Today, we are the people who are called to be witnesses and messengers of the resurrection. We do this in our homes, our communities and in our workplaces; wherever and however we can.

As we prepare to shortly celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, may we recall and remember our own baptism and confirmation. May the Lord help us to realise, that we are called not only to believe in his resurrection, but also to live and proclaim this good news, through the quality of our daily lives with each other.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Masses this Sunday will be celebrated at 6.00pm (Saturday), 8.30am and 9.45am, and the Anniversary Mass at 4.00pm. **Please note that there is no Mass at 11.30am, next Sunday.**

PRIESTHOOD CELEBRATION

Today Sunday May 12th, Canon Dwyer will be celebrating 40 years, to the day, that he was ordained to the Priesthood. To mark this occasion, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, at 4.00pm, followed by a reception in St Dominic's School. Everyone is very welcome to both the Mass and reception.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY FINGER FOOD

Just a reminder that all Food donations need to be delivered to St Dominic's School Hall on (12th May) between 10.30am & 1.00pm, or handed in at the 8.30am Mass to the Ladies group. Thank You.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend, £2,310.00 was donated. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so. Envelopes will be found in the porch, and can be returned, with your donation, to the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend we have the first of our two First Communion celebrations, when 26 of our children, will receive Jesus, in Holy Communion, for the first time. This is such a special day for the children, their families and catechists, and the whole parish community. Let us keep the children in our prayers, as they receive the gift of the Eucharist.



MARY'S MONTH HONOURING MARY

By tradition, during May, we honour Mary, our Mother. And it's good to honour Mary, perhaps to pray the Rosary alone, after Mass, or as a family.

YOUTH FRIENDLY MASS & OLOL YOUTH GROUP

THIS SATURDAY 11TH MAY at 6.00pm followed by the Youth Group at 7.00pm

9.45 FAMILY MASS - WAYS FOR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED

Two weeks ago, Angel stood up at the end of Mass and told you about a project we have launched to get children more actively involved in the 9.45am Mass. This project is a result of your feedback from the parish survey and the Pizza and Pop evening. We would love to see all of your children getting involved. All you need to do is email the address that is on the leaflet, 'familymass@catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk' and you will receive a link enabling you to select the task your child would like to do and the date they would like to do it. We appreciate that children might like to try several tasks before hopefully finding one they enjoy. If you didn't receive a leaflet last week, make sure you pick one up today."



SHEILA SAWARD RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Saward who died recently. Sheila's funeral will take place on 29th May at 11.00am. We remember Derek and all the family in our prayers at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

TEA IN THE GARDEN

The DWG warmly invite you to TEA IN THE GARDEN on June 1st from 10 am to-3pm hosted by Julia and Nigel Roche. 23 Sibley Avenue Harpenden AL5 1HF. Please bring along any excess bedding plants you may have, to add to our stock for sale. There will be cakes for sale as well as refreshments, a raffle and the enjoyment of good company. Proceeds to our latest project in support of Workaid's Radio 4 appeal on Radio 4 June 23rd.



SUMMER CONCERT 23RD JUNE AT 3.30PM PARISH-AND-BEYOND CHORAL JOURNEY

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and after Thursday's choir practices for the Choir's Summer Concert.

Vivaldi's Gloria and the Nelson Mass by Haydn will be performed by our community of singers and we will also be joined by Alison Langer, Lawrence Thackeray and other soloists. Ticket prices: Adults £15, Concessions £10 & Children £5



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

This very popular annual event will be held on June 23rd in the parish garden immediately following the choir concert (circa 5pm). Tickets will cost £10 which include a welcome drink, scones, strawberries and cream and will be on sale after the Masses in June. Everyone, especially new parishioners, are welcome.

REPOSITORY - FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We are now in First Communion and Confirmation season and there is now a wide selection of cards and gifts in the Repository suitable for both occasions. These are all very reasonably priced and make lovely presents to mark these celebrations. Pop into the Repository and have a look.

WALK IN AID OF HARPENDEN MENCAP



Fraser Rosser-Smyth, one of our parishioners, will be walking 1300km in 60 days from Geneva to Rome in support of Harpenden Mencap this

summer. You may be aware that his brother Max, who serves on the Altar, is currently in supported living at Stairways and Fraser has seen first hand the vital work Harpenden Mencap does in our local community. His JustGiving page is linked below, however his page should also come up simply by searching his name on the JustGiving website. Any support in the form of prayer is equally sought. https://www.justgiving.com/page/fraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ffraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

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.



HARPENDEN CHILD CONTACT CENTRE (HCCC) AGM

HCCC is holding its AGM on **Tuesday 14 May 2023 at 7.30 pm** in the Church Hall at All Saints, Station Road, Harpenden, AL5 4UU. This will be an opportunity to hear more about HCCC and the service it provides. There is a guest speaker from Herts Police after which there will be drinks, nibbles and an opportunity to chat and network. Please contact brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Saturday 11th May 11.00am</p> <p>Youth Friendly Mass Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 12th May 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p> <p>4.00pm</p>	<p>Easter Feria First Holy Communion Mass (1)</p> <p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Patricia Peters RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Martin Stears-Handscomb (Special Intention) People of the Parish NO MASS</p> <p>Canon Dwyer's 40th Anniversary of Ordination Mass Zoom Code 883 8273 4462</p>
<p>Monday 13th May 9.15am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Rita Hickey RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th May 9.15am</p>	<p>ST MATTHIAS, Apostle Blessing Odili (Special Intention)</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th May 9.15am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Vincent Nathan RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p>Thursday 16th May 11.00am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Joyce Thomas RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p>Friday 17th May</p>	<p>Easter Feria</p>
<p>Saturday 18th May 11.00am 2.00pm</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 19th May 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria First Holy Communion Mass (2) Wedding</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY Terry Mahabir RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>Tony Hall RIP (1st Anniversary) People of the Parish Edna Heron RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>



CONFESSIONS

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