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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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Toward the end of the Church's year we may wonder how to interpret the gospel predictions about the end of this world, and the day of judgment. In the midst of all the dramatic language about wars and insurrections and earthquakes and dangers, we should keep in mind one certainty, that one day we will die. The moment of death will put an end, absolutely and beyond recall, to all our works, all our plans, all the seemingly vital concerns which motivate us day by day. Every human soul must cast off its earthly body and go into the unknown like a traveller into unexplored territory.

In these last Sundays of our church year we are meant to look beyond our immediate worries, troubles, interests and largely selfish concerns. People who never look beyond the immediate here-and-now may resent us talking about these things, but there is nothing morbid about it. If we are exiles and wayfarers on this earth, we are drawing ever nearer to our ultimate home in heaven, a thought that need not fill us with sorrow, but with a longing to be with Christ in the life to come.

It is useless speculating about when Christ will return in glory, although many, earlier in the Church expected it to be within their own lifetime. Jesus' message is to be ever watchful, to let the thought of what is to come be a reminder of the shortness of our present life. We need not be alarmed by the mention of earthquakes, stars falling from the heavens, and the like. If we love God we need not be alarmed, for love casts out fear. But until the day when the Lord calls us, we go on preparing to meet him.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember, and pray for, the dead of the two world wars, and of the more recent conflicts. As usual, there is the annual Remembrance Service on Church Green, at 10.50am, when we gather with the other churches to remember and pray.



PIZZA & POP

A huge thank you to all the parents and children that attended the pizza and pop night. This was a very positive evening and we were not short of ideas to help create more engagement for families and children, which is exactly what we hoped. The parish council will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss these ideas and we would also welcome any further support from parishioners. For those who could not attend,



please email the parish council with any ideas, and or, if you would be happy to help in any



small way? ppc@catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk

SICK & RETIRED

Thank you for your contributions last weekend to the collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese. £1,930.82 was donated, and will contribute to providing for the needs, and care, of the **66** retired priests of our Diocese. If you haven't yet made a contribution, it is not too late to do so, the Fund will remain open for a few more weeks. By making a donation you can ensure that these priests, after a lifetime of service, are cared for. Donation envelopes are available, which need to be completed if you want to 'Gift-Aid' your donation, and you can also contribute via the card machine.



MAKING PREPARATIONS

During November the faithful departed are particularly in our thoughts and prayers. It can also be a time when we contemplate the certainty that one day our lives will come to an end. For those left to make arrangements, it can be helpful if they are aware of what someone's wishes might be, particularly if they are of a different faith, or are unfamiliar with the practices of the Church. If you would like to indicate your wishes, forms are available from the Parish Office. When complete they can be left with one, or more, of the following: Family, Executor or Parish.

ALTAR SERVERS

Many of you will be aware that since the Pandemic there has been a big drop in the numbers exercising the ministry of Altar Serving. Altar Servers carry out an important ministry, during Mass, and contribute to the dignified celebration of the Liturgy. More offers, from boys and girls, who have made their First Communion, would be most welcome, as indeed would offers from any of our young people. If you would like your child to serve, please send their details to the Parish Office.



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

This will be held on **Saturday December 10th** at the Lourdes Hall, **AND FOR THE FIRST TIME**, will be in the afternoon from **12 noon to 3pm** to enable families who have football, rugby, swimming, etc. to attend. Put the date in your diary and look out for more news next week.



HOLY SOULS

During November we continue to pray for, and assist, the Holy Souls with our prayers. During the month, 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 presbytery, and they will be added to the Book of Remembrance.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



It's that time of year again.

Reception Admissions for children starting in September 2023.

Applications open on 1st November and close on 15th January 2023. Open mornings at St Dominic's school 9.30am -10.30am on 17th November and 22nd November. For more information please see the website <https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions/> Canon Dwyer will be available in the church, to discuss the possibility of signing Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, on Tuesday 22nd November, and Monday 28th November. 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.

CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY

The repository now has a wide selection of Christmas items, including Cribs, Christmas Tree decorations, Christmas candles, children's Christmas books, Advent calendars, and a selection of Christmas cards, both traditional and modern. Tony Field spoke recently on the importance of including children in the church. This is an opportunity for them to come and view the Christmas stock and choose an Advent calendar or decorations for their tree. Come in and take a look after Mass.



ADVENT DAY TO DAY BOOKS

Advent Day to Day books for adults and children are now available for sale in the repository at a charge of £1 each. These books are an excellent guide to the Advent season.

LINOCUT CHRISTMAS CARDS



Hand printed linocut Christmas cards by Teresa Newham are now available at a cost of £2 each or three for £5. All proceeds to Our Lady of Lourdes Building

Fund. Eight designs to choose from. For further details please call Teresa on (01582) 766403 or email marbretherese@googlemail.com.

PARISH WALK 9TH NOVEMBER

We had a very enjoyable walk last month which took us half way round the Batford Nature Reserve and I suggested we should do the second part, which includes the chalk stream, this month. It will begin from the Marquis of Granby at the end of Crabtree Lane about 10.15 am where there is parking, also in Marquis Close. I will be at Our Lady of Lourdes after Mass that day to take any one to the walk who would like a lift. Do wear sturdy foot wear as it can muddy. Coffee at my place afterwards. Janet



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ADVENT & CAROL SERVICES

Advent Service -

Sunday 27th November 6pm

A beautiful service of music and readings to start the season of Advent.



Carols by Candlelight -

Sunday 18th December 6pm

A traditional service of carols and readings, by candlelight, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Undercroft.



CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS

are a wonderful way for our parish community to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family. Please take home a World Gift Catalogue from the porch of the church.

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<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/november-2022/UNIVERSE-04-NOV-2022.pdf>

SING FOR - CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

For those who fancy a sing to continue our fundraising for NOAH and Keystage Housing, and to add sparkle to a community event ... for family and friends to take part too, no joining fees but there will be bucket collections at the event itself. Friday 25th November 7pm -8.30pm Rehearsal in the Undercroft
Saturday 26th November 4.30pm-5.15pm Christmas Singing at the Engineer Pub, St John's Road as part of their Christmas Market. Please email Katie Metcalfe katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk so I know how many copies of the music I need!



START CHRISTMAS WITH A CRACKER

Looking forward to a lockdown free Christmas this year, then start with a party. Join the Catenian family and friends Christmas dinner at Harpenden Golf Club at 7pm on 7th December. Local Catenians are predominantly from our parish so you will know virtually everyone present. Good food, good company, with entertainment on top. Tickets are priced at less than cost at £35 per head to include a three-course meal and wine. So, come on, join in, have some fun.

here will be a seating plan, so you can book a single ticket, in couples or any multiple. Tables of eight or ten will have their own table. Don't let the past drag you down, break out and book with John Williams now at john.williams58@btinternet.com before you forget.



SING FOR ...4 JANUARY 2023

Please put the dates in the diary - something to look forward to in January ! Adults and children are invited for this charity-fundraising singing project - more details to follow but there is a choice of Tuesday OR Sunday rehearsals.

Tuesday 10th January 7.30-9.00pm Undercroft

Tuesday 17th January

Tuesday 24th January

Tuesday 31st January

AND to widen the opportunity for more/ families to take part in this project :

Sunday 15th January 3.00-4.00pm Undercroft

Sunday 22nd January

Sunday 29th January

Performance SUNDAY 5th

FEBRUARY 2pm Rehearsal, 3pm CONCERT

Please email

katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk to book a place £35 for the project per family

(whether 1 person or 10 !) Money, after expenses, to NOAH and Keystage Housing .

“The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. Humanity is called to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.” Laudato Si.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

<p>Sat 12th Nov 12.00 Noon</p> <p>6.00pm</p>	<p>St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Baptisms Proctor & Micallef Families</p> <p>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Peggy & Jack Shaw RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Sun 13th Nov</p> <p>8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</p> <p>James Kelly RIP (Anniv) People of the Parish/Holy Souls Mike & Joan Gaire RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</p>
<p>Mon 14th Nov</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Tommy Doran RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Tue 15th Nov</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Holy Souls</p>
<p>Wed 16th Nov</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</p> <p>Tony Mileham RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p>
<p>Thur 17th Nov</p> <p>11.00am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Holy Souls</p>
<p>Fri 18th Nov</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>Sat 19th Nov</p> <p>6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNVERSE (C) Brian Armitage RIP</p>
<p>Sun 20th Nov</p> <p>8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNVERSE (C) Winifred Nicholls RIP (Anniv) People of the Parish/Holy Souls Paul Murphy RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS
10.00AM - 10.30AM & 7.00PM - 7.30PM