



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Today we have another account of Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter Sunday. This time it is from Luke. As today's Gospel opens, the disciples, gathered in 'the room', are hearing the account of the two disciples who have just returned from Emmaus after the powerful experience of meeting the Risen Jesus.

All of a sudden, there is Jesus among them. He gives them the conventional greeting, "Peace to you!" This phrase can be taken as a greeting, or a statement of fact. And indeed, as we see here and in other instances in the Gospel, the presence of Jesus does bring peace and joy. It is something for us to take note of.

The disciples' first reaction, however, is one of fear and alarm. As any normal person of the day would have reasoned, Jesus is dead and so this must be his ghost. But Jesus reassures them: he points to the solidity of his body. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. Ghosts do not have flesh and bones. In one sense, this is not the Jesus who died on the cross (he can appear through closed doors and in widely scattered locations), but it is still fully the same person they had always known.

Now their feelings turn to inexpressible joy. As they look on him with a mixture of happiness and wonder, he pushes them a bit further and asks for food to eat. Ghosts don't eat. Jesus is truly risen; he is still fully in our world and part of it, although in a very different way from before Good Friday.

## **PRIESTS TRAINING FUND**

Next Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, is also 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, when we are asked to especially pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. In our Diocese, the annual collection is also made for the training of those who will serve as priests. In other words, it is one of the few collections which you benefit from. Currently, there are 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 students are preparing for ordination in our Diocese, at Allen Hall, and at colleges in Rome and Valladolid. The cost of training future priests is expensive, and there are no other funds available. The Diocese relies on the people of the parishes. Your contributions will be collected next Sunday, if you wish to 'gift-Aid' your contribution, please use one of the envelopes, that will be found in the porch.

## **PRIESTHOOD CELEBRATION**

On Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 on that day, followed by a reception in St Dominic's School. Everyone is very welcome to both the Mass and reception.

## **TUESDAY MASS**

This Tuesday, there is no Mass at 9.15am, as the funeral of the late Paul Roseblade, will be taking place at 10.30am.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter flowers collection. If you purchased a Lily for a deceased relative/friend then they can be seen around the Church in the arrangements and in Our Lady's chapel along with the remembrance book.



## **REST IN PEACE**

### **PAUL ROSEBLADE RIP**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Paul Roseblade who died recently. Paul's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. We remember Paul's family and friends in our prayers at this time.

### **RITA HICKEY RIP**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rita Hickey who died recently. Details of Rita's Funeral Mass will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.00pm. We remember Rita's daughter Siobhan and all the family in our prayers at this time.

## **FIRST COMMUNION IN THE REPOSITORY**

The First Communion season is approaching and there is a wide range of attractive gifts including bracelets, necklaces, photo frames and pens, together with First Communion cards. These are very reasonably priced and suitable as a memento of a very special occasion. Pop into the Repository and have a look.



## **SING FOR EIGHT**

Join us for a four-week singing project for all ages and abilities with funds raised for two homeless organisations Keystage Housing and Noah.

**When:** Tuesdays April 16/23/30 and May 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - 9.30pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harpenden

Cost £40 per singer, includes all rehearsal sessions and final performance. **Contact**

**Katie Metcalfe email**

[katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk)

## **YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:**

The Next Youth Friendly Mass will be next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm 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!

## **LOL YOUTH GROUP: SAT 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Year 10 and beyond Save the date:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm to 8.30pm 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. We will engage in conversations about life, faith and Jesus around the Alpha Youth Series.

## **ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2.30pm**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Melanie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN AN EXCITING PARISH-AND-BEYOND CHORAL JOURNEY** - rehearsing Vivaldi's Gloria and the Nelson Mass by Haydn. You will be singing and learning alongside experienced choral singers and performing with Alison Langer, Lawrence Thackeray and other soloists for the final performance. The aim is to encourage as many of our parish, our friends, our neighbours, our work colleagues, our family, fellow dog-walkers, fellow school parents... you get the picture! to experience the joy of singing in a choir and learning new skills of reading/following music and ultimately performing as one of a powerful team. **Taking place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and all at no cost other than your time and for a relatively short period of commitment.**

## **REHEARSAL DATES**

### **STARTING WITH AN HOUR A WEEK:**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 8.00-9.00pm

(23<sup>rd</sup> May - no rehearsal)

*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.00-8.45pm optional listening week, revision etc.*

### **BUILDING UP IN THE FINAL WEEKS:**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7.00-8.45pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.00-8.45pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7.00-8.45pm

### **THE PERFORMANCE:**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**2.00pm Rehearsal, 4.00pm CONCERT**

## **THE HARDYNGE CHOIR**

Great Cathedral Anthems

on 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at High Street

Methodist Church Harpenden. for ticket prices and booking please visit [www.hardyngechoir.org](http://www.hardyngechoir.org) or call 0845 475 1664

## MASS INTENTIONS

<p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> 12.00 Noon</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>Easter Feria</b> Baptism McCarthy Family</p> <p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Maureen Francis RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Allan Healy RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Lucia Watson RIP</p> <p><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
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<p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>Easter Feria</b> Thomas Davies (Special Intentions)</p>
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<p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> 10.30am</p>	<p><b>Easter Feria</b> Funeral Mass of Paul Roseblade</p>
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<p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>Easter Feria</b> Tim &amp; Margaret Gaynor RIP (Anniversary)</p>
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<p><b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> 11.00am</p>	<p><b>Easter Feria</b> Sr. Loretta (Special Intentions)</p>
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<p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p><b>St Alphege, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b></p>
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<p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> 12.00 Noon 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Youth Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>Easter Feria</b> Baptism Lewis-Laverty Family Confirmation Candidates Reconciliation Service</p> <p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)</b> Teresa Cusick RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>People of the Parish Theresa Coughlan RIP (Recently Deceased) Allan Healy RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
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<p><b>CONFESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAYS 10.30AM - 11.00AM &amp; AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b></p>
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