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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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After the great celebrations of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, the Church now returns to what is called "Ordinary Time." At first, the name can sound rather mundane. How can anything be ordinary after the extraordinary events we have been celebrating?

In fact, Ordinary Time does not mean unimportant or routine. Ordinary, for us in our life of faith, means being encouraged by those feasts that we have been celebrating, allowing those mysteries to touch, and shape, our lives; encouraged by the wonders that God has done. Importantly, it is the season in which we learn how to live the great mysteries we have celebrated. The risen Lord, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the life of the Trinity, the Holy Eucharist, are not realities for a few special feast days. They are meant to shape our everyday lives.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us what that looks like. Jesus looks upon the crowds with compassion. He sees people who are weary, lost, and searching for hope. His heart is moved by their needs, and he calls his disciples to share in his mission of bringing healing, hope, and the Good News of God's kingdom.

That mission continues today. Through our Baptism, each of us is called to be a witness to Christ in the ordinary circumstances of daily life. The harvest is still plentiful. Opportunities to serve God are found in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. A kind word, a helping hand, a patient response, or a moment spent listening to someone in need can all become ways of sharing Christ's love.

Ordinary Time reminds us that holiness is not reserved for special occasions. It is found in the faithful living of each day, allowing Christ to work through us wherever we are.

A 'DIAMOND' CELEBRATION

Last weekend it was a great pleasure to celebrate, with Mgr. Turner, the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. At the beginning of Mass, he said it was 'a privilege' for him to celebrate with the parish. But it was also a privilege for us to be able to celebrate with him. To celebrate his 60 years of joyful service and dedication to God and His Church. It was good that many parishioners came to celebrate with him, and for all of us to give thanks to God for this life of service, a life of service that we and, others, have benefited from. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the various arrangements in both the church and in Lourdes Hall. And thank you too to the Ladies Group for organising the food, and to everyone who donated the various items of food. We continue to give thanks for Mgr. Turner's life of service, and we pray that he will be blessed with more years of serving the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

Today, the children, who recently made their First Holy Communion, will be attending the 9.45am Mass. This is an opportunity for all those who celebrated this event, to come together as one group, and, with their parents, to thank God for the wonderful gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Afterwards the children will adjourn to the undercroft for a short celebration.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Save the date for this very popular annual event. It will be held on 5th July in the Presbytery garden. **Tickets will be on sale at £10 each after all Masses this weekend.**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN LAST CALL!

Following the success of the Lourdes pilgrimage last year, we are planning another one, but this time to Spain, from 5th to 10th October 2026.

If you are interested, even just thinking about, joining the parish pilgrimage to Spain, please make your thoughts known to Dennis Cooper, dennis@denniscooper.uk

FIRST COMMUNION 2027

As we celebrate the conclusion of this year's First Communion preparation, so we begin planning for next year. Registration forms for children in year 3 and above (from Sept), can be collected after Mass today. When complete, these should be returned to the Parish Office with a Baptismal Certificate, unless Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes. It is expected that those applying are from practicing Catholic families, ie. attending Mass every Sunday.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be **closed for annual leave from Monday 15th June and will re-open on Wednesday 24th June**. Any notices for the Newsletter please email the Parish office by lunchtime on Wednesday Thank You.



CHOIR CONCERT

The Choristers and Choir are delighted to present Mozart's Requiem in D minor, K.626. Featuring Alison Langer, Bethan Langford, Lawrence Thackery and Piran Legg. Sunday 21st June, 5.00 pm
In Church
Tickets: £10 (£5 concessions), available on the door.

PATRICIA KELLY RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Kelly who died recently. Patricia's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 9th July at 11.00am. We remember her family in our prayers at this time.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all who supported Tea in the Garden last Saturday, donating and buying cakes and plants. Despite the weather, we raised over £600 for ongoing projects. We greatly appreciate your help.

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY 28 JUNE

After the 11:30am Mass, please join us for our Parish Picnic in Rothamsted Park. Bring your own food and drink, and a picnic blanket. Outdoor games are very welcome! We'll walk across to the park together after Mass. Please say a prayer for sunshine. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon together.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Music and Children's Liturgy Groups are hosting an end of term party for the children who come to the 9:45am Mass. Please join us in the Presbytery Garden (weather permitting) after Mass on **Sunday 12th July** for drinks and party food. All children and their families are welcome.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN SCHOOLS

Would you like to learn how Catholic Social Teaching (CST) can be integrated into the school curriculum? Join us at Saint Alban and Stephen Parish Centre on Thursday 9 July, 2.30–3.30pm for a talk by Miss Maria Gallego, Head of Biology and Deputy Head of Science at Nicholas Breakspear School. "Catholic Social Teaching: From Pope Leo XIII to Nicholas Breakspear School" Hosted by the Herts Circle of the Newman Association.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please let the Parish Office know if you have moved/changed any of your contact details so we can keep our records as up to date as possible.



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 <https://www.catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Parishioners-Registration-Form-2025.pdf> Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office. harpندن@rcdow.org.uk

GRAFITTI SKATEJAM

Harpندن Town Council have joined with graffiti artist Mark Tanti to provide an opportunity for students to learn about this art form and take part in a fantastic community project. There will be two half-day sessions, on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd June, and as such these would likely suit students who have just finished their exams or art students.

More information can be found here: <https://harpenden.gov.uk/graffiti> and places must be booked in advance by emailing harpenden.town.council@harpenden.gov.uk. Spaces are limited and training begins at 10am.

HARPENDEN GREEN LOOP

As part of the Town Council's strong commitment to promoting environmentally friendly living, health and wellbeing and the Town's green spaces, the 'Harpenden Green Loop' has been created as a convenient, attractive walking and cycling route around Harpenden.

The Harpenden Green Loop connects various paths, open spaces and trails to make a complete 15km (9.3mile) route which can either be walked or cycled in its entirety or in sections, you can join the Loop at a number of points along the way. Whether you are familiar with the footpaths, cycle paths and green spaces of Harpenden, or not, the Harpenden Green Loop is a great excuse to explore and enjoy time outdoors and is an easy way to connect with nature, discover new areas of Harpenden from home, school or work and is a convenient route to get from A to B sustainably.

You can find the map and all the details, including step by step walking and cycling directions at:

www.harpenden.gov.uk/loop

Please feel free to share with your friends, colleagues and members.

We hope you will give it a try!

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia, When: 1st August 2026

Where: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Time: 12:00 to 17:00, beginning with the Pilgrim Mass at noon. Coach from Harpenden: Chef Peking at 7.30am Price: £30 Adults & £12 Children
Further information about the pilgrimage, livestreaming and coach meeting points can be found on the website <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>
To book contact Geraldine 07971028415

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Saturday 13th June</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sunday 14th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p> <p>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Mary Hammond RIP</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass</p> <p>Beryl Vasquez RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>	<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</p> <p>Anniversaries Beryl Vasquez RIP Mary Teresa Kealy RIP</p> <p>Prayer for the Faithful Departed</p> <p>Loving Father, welcome those who have gone before us into Your peace. Comfort all who mourn, and keep us united in faith and hope until we meet again in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.</p>
<p>Monday 15th June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Mary Teresa Kealy RIP (Anniversary)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 16th June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Brian Hewitt RIP</p>	
<p>Wednesday 17th June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Kate Gill RIP (Anniversary)</p>	
<p>Thursday 18th June 11.00am</p>	<p>Feria</p>	
<p>Friday 19th June</p>	<p>Feria</p>	
<p>Saturday 20th June</p> <p>Youth Friendly Mass Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sunday 21st June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p> <p>5.00pm</p>	<p>St Alban, Martyr</p> <p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Cindy Gallagher RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>George Scarlett RIP</p> <p>Margaret Dennehy RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p> <p>Choir Summer Concert – Mozart Requiem</p>	