



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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Just as most of us enjoy a meal with friends, so the same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospels, that Jesus sat and ate with many people. To share a meal with another person then, was a sign of equality. The Pharisees, Scribes and the Jewish elders decided who could come into Temple, the synagogue, and sit at the table to share a meal. If a person didn't reach the standard that they laid down, then they were ignored, dismissed and unable to eat with others.

In the scripture this Sunday, the image and symbol of the meal and banquet, are used to let us know how generous God is. The first reading tells us, that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food, which Jesus continues in the Gospel. The table is set and the food is ready. However, those invited, gave various excuses why they could not go to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. They were the ones who enjoyed the food and wine.

Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us, whether or not we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally, to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is the host and we are his guests. We come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us and no one is to be excluded.

As Pope Francis reminds us, 'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.'

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for your contributions, last weekend, following the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so. CAFOD envelopes are available in the porch, in which you can place your offering, and return to the parish office. The CAFOD envelopes should also be used if you wish to Gift-Aid your contribution.

WEDNESDAY MASS

Mass next Wednesday, October 18th, will be at the earlier time of 8.30am.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The prayer of the Rosary leads us through those significant events of our Lord's life, providing us with an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on these important moments in our faith. During this coming month do try to give some time to pray this great Gospel prayer.



SECONDARY REFERENCES

For parents who require a priest's reference, in connection, with applications for secondary school places, Canon Dwyer will be available, in the church, tomorrow, Monday 16th October from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.



HOLY SOULS

We commence the month of November, in couple of weeks. During the month a number of Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls, if you would like anyone included in these Masses, please email, or drop in, the names to the parish office. and these will be added to the Holy Souls book which will be placed before the Altar in November

SWITCH OFF

Fortunately, it's not too often that mobiles ring in church, and for that we are grateful! After all, when we come to Mass it is God we come to talk to, to listen to. What is distracting, though, is when a mobile rings, someone leaves the church, takes a call, and then returns. The message there would seem to be that talking to family or friends, is more important than wholeheartedly

giving time to God. Do we not need to get our priorities right?

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a Mass offered for someone who is deceased, or on an anniversary, or for any other intention, please contact the parish office. It is customary to make an offering and the diocese recommends £10 per Mass. If this is unaffordable, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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

Reception Open mornings for September 2024.

Wed 15th November 9.30am to 10.30am

Wed 22nd 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.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October, back to normal from Wednesday 18th.



DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

LET'S AUCTION YOUR 'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'

Please donate any valuable items your family doesn't need. eg. *Grandma's silver teaspoon collection, Grandpa's watch, Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's miniature car collection!* The 'Lolly' will be



auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will help to bring clean drinking water to the village of Kyangala, Kenya. Drop off your 'Lolly' on Wednesday 8th November between 10.30am and 8.00pm* at 10 Holly Bush Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4AT Tea and



Cake provided too! For more information email:
louisamvphillips@googlemail.com
or phone: 07734 190488
*Or any other day by arrangement.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

You are all warmly invited to join us for..

Choristers Autumn Concert
Thursday 19th October 7.30pm
Mass in G - Schubert
Cantique de Jean Racine - Fauré



Advent Service -
Sunday 3rd December 6pm



Choristers Christmas Concert -
Thursday 7th December 7.30pm



Carols by Candlelight -
Friday 22nd December 6pm

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Father Mark Walker, Parish Priest of East Acton, is leading a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from 19th to 26th February 2024. He extends a warm invitation to any parishioners, who might like to join him. The full package price: £1867 pp, based on min 30 passengers. For a booking form, or more information, please contact: Fr Mark Walker actoneast@rcdow.org.uk.

HOMELESSNESS GROUP DONATION BINS

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far but please keep the donations coming. Keystage Housing are deperate for non perishable food eg. Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta/ Ragu sauces and personal hygiene toiletries eg. Toothbrushes Shower gel/ soap & Shampoo. If you could add a few items to your weekly shopping they would be very grateful, please drop off any donations into

the yellow bin in the courtyard of the Church
Thank you!

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH

The next Youth friendly mass will be on Saturday 11th November at 6pm. 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 10 and beyond Save the date:
Saturday 11th 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

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



LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

Available for Hire, and for one off Parties for more details contact
Caretaker: Mr Simon Lowe
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THE HARPENDEN TRUST

Is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Christmas appeal collection. If you can spare a few hours to deliver envelopes this winter then please contact the Harpenden Trust office 01582 460457 or email

admin@theharpendingtrust.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 14th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Marcia Davies (Special Intention)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 15th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Fr Francis Kemsley O Carm RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Frank Flannagan RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 16th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Valdama Gajawski RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 17th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 18th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am</p>	<p>ST LUKE, Evangelist</p> <p>Tracy Conter RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 19th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 20th October</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 21st October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Baptism Winters Family 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Oscar & George (Special Intentions)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 22nd October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Mary Casey RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Joan Gardner RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

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