



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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We hear an important question from Peter, in the Gospel, as he asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven? Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable that follows, expands Jesus' reply to Peter.

The king in the parable, decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular, owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt, that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant, and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance, when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant, refuses the pleas of his fellow servant, and sends the servant to prison.

The king hears about the actions of the unforgiving servant, and punishes him because he refused to show the kind of mercy, he himself had received. Jesus concludes by indicating that, this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness, as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity, but about how often we extend forgiveness to another. The king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, it is unlimited, it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The parable speaks to us, of the depths of God's mercy toward us, and how we, if we expect forgiveness, need to demonstrate the same depth of mercy.

## FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Preparation for First Holy Communion next summer will be commencing shortly. Parents, who have registered their children should, by now, have received information, containing the various dates. Look out this week for an email inviting you to the Parents Meeting in the Undercroft.

## CONFIRMATION 2024

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for young people in Year 9 or above, will be commencing next month. Application forms are available for collection, by the candidates, after all Weekend Masses. Please note the date for **registration forms to be returned, with Baptismal Certificates, if not Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes, is Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.** Dates for your diaries Parents Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm First Session Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 6pm.



## 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.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/LOL-Database-New-Parishioner-Form-May-2023.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office. [harpenden@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpenden@rcdow.org.uk)

## YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:

Youth friendly masses will resume this Autumn, once a month, on Saturdays 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, please join us to make it as youth friendly as possible. The first Mass will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, and then 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June & 13<sup>th</sup> July.



## LOL YOUTH GROUP:

**Year 10 and beyond Save the date:**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm to 8.30pm**

Our Parish Youth Group will start in October.

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.

*Come and be part of this exciting new project!* Future dates 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 3pm, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June & 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## REPOSITORY

The Repository has some new attractive stock.

There are modern engaging books for children including colouring books, Mass books, and Bible stories written and illustrated in a way which will appeal to children. These are ideal for children to look at and read.

We also have some beautiful new Statues.

Crucifixes, and Baptism gifts, and a wide selection of cards including a new range of 'I lit a candle' cards which are always popular.

Come and have a look and you will be surprised at what we stock. If we do not have what you require let us know and we will try and order it for you.



**DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP  
SAVE THE DATE**



**QUIZ NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7.30PM**

**VENUE: LOURDES HALL**

Come along to a 'Brain Teasing' evening of fun and help to bring clear drinking water to the village of Kyangala Kenya.

£20 per person including a Godfrey's Fish & Chips Supper. BYO drink & glasses.

to book your places please contact Betty Hines

email: [Elizabeth.hines@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.hines@gmail.com)

or phone/text 07905 797729

before 2<sup>nd</sup> October to guarantee a place.

**'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**

**(10AM AND 8PM).**

Please donate any items of potential value that your family don't want (eg. Grandma Flo's tea set, Grandpa's pocket watch. Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's piano stool) to us on Wednesday 8th November. (Venue & details tbc.)

The 'Lolly' will be auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will go towards the Developing World Group projects.

Happy 'Lolly' gathering!

**SEASON OF CREATION**

Pope Francis

"In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again."



**"OF WALKING ON THIN ICE"**

This is a film which was made of over 1000 people, who made a Camino to Cop26. They walked 500 miles from London to Glasgow, taking over

eight weeks. The route to Glasgow passed through Harpenden, where they stayed overnight. The film will be shown in Harpenden Quaker Meeting House at 7pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. It will be preceded at 6.30 by a short walk from Church Green and followed by a discussion of the issues raised by the film. Everyone is welcome.

**FORTY...ISH 5 ASIDE FOOTBALL**

A group of parishioners in their 40s and 50s play five a side football on Thursday evenings 7pm at Sir John Lawes School - we are looking for new players ....it's all very relaxed - just abit of fun - if you are interested please contact Andrew Belderbos on [07985503527](tel:07985503527) or via email [andrew.belderbos@googlemail.com](mailto:andrew.belderbos@googlemail.com)



**UN DAY OF PEACE**

Harpenden Churches Together extend an invitation to mark the United Nations International Day of Peace, by praying for peace in the world, at the Harpenden War Memorial, on Church Green, at 6pm next Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

**MONKEY MUSIC**

**RESERVE A PLACE AT OUR FREE TEACHER TRAINING SESSION.**

As a local Monkey Music family you are invited to take part in our next teacher training programme. Monkey will be there too, and you will sing and dance and cheer on our new recruits as they take their first steps towards becoming a Monkey Music Teacher. Training is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Thrales End Business Centre, Thrales End Lane, Harpenden AL5 3NS Sessions at 9.45am & 11.45am please book first by contacting Kat Foster-Jenkins 01582 766464 full details on the poster on the noticeboard.

**LOURDES HALL**

**SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN**

Available for Hire, and for one off

Parties for more details contact

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> 12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>SS Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr</b> <b>Wedding</b></p> <p><b>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Patrick Cooney RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Special Intentions People of the Parish Alistair Miller RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> Jerome Edwards RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b> 11.00am</p>	<p><b>ST MATTHEW, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> 12 Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b> Baptism Kiely Family</p> <p><b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Sandra Lindsay RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>People of the Parish Michael Fox RIP (Recently Deceased) Julia Salmon RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>

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