



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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



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In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. As members of the Church, through our Baptism, we too are sent by Jesus to contribute to, and to continue, this mission. How are we to continue this mission, 'what have I got to offer?', you may ask. We can continue the mission of Jesus when we do and say all that we have heard Jesus do and say.

## CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Yesterday, Saturday, we welcomed Bishop Paul McAleenan, as he came to Confirm 30 of our young people, including one candidate from Wheathampstead parish.



Confirmation is always one of those special moments, each year, in our parish life, as our young people take this important step on their faith journey. We congratulate those who were Confirmed, and pray that, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, they will continue to grow ever closer to the Lord.

## FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Having just completed First Holy Communion for this year, our attention now turns to thinking about the preparation for next year. This year the arrangements are a little different. Parents who would like their child to be enrolled for First Holy Communion preparation, need to make an appointment to meet with Canon Dwyer. To participate in the programme, children for the programme should be in Year 3 from September 2023, or above. To make an appointment, please call the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday, between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Parent(s) and child should attend the appointment. If the child was not Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes, please bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE DATABASE UPDATES

If any of your details have changed please let Parish Office know. Forms are in the Porch of the Church or you can download one here

<https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/OLOL-Database-Update-Form-May-2023.pdf>



## 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/OLOL-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)

## THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will re-open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am. any urgent enquires please email [harpenden@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpenden@rcdow.org.uk)

## A NEW CATHOLIC PODCAST

'A beautiful thing' podcast is inspired by the words of Jesus to Mary of Bethany that, 'She has done a beautiful thing for me'. (Mark 14:6) This Catholic podcast offers a fresh encounter with the women in Scripture through a dramatic re-telling of their story with some teaching, interviews and reflection. The podcast, launched in January, comes out every Wednesday. The first series, 'The 12 women of the gospel' runs until the end of June. Podcast available on apple, Spotify, google or listen directly via the website: <http://www.a-beautiful-thing.co.uk> or [bit.ly/abeautifulthingpodcast](http://bit.ly/abeautifulthingpodcast)

## REPOSITORY CONFIRMATION

Confirmation season has arrived so come and have a look at the wide selection of cards and gifts in the Repository. These are all very reasonably priced and make lovely presents. We also have lots of other cards and gifts, books, rosary beads etc.

## THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The Universe Newspaper is back in print the cost of the paper is just £3.50 and is available from the porch.

## WILLAM (LIAM) KELLY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of William (Liam) Kelly who died on Saturday. The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. We remember the family in our prayers at this time.

**CHORISTERS & ADULT CHOIR  
MEMBERS RECRUITMENT**

Please see the poster on the noticeboard  
or contact Katie Metcalfe  
[katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk) for more details

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
SUMMER CONCERT**

**CHANGE TO DAY/DATE & TIME**

Due to a clash of dates, between School fetes, camping trips, weddings, other concerts and many others!

Our Summer Concert will now take place on  
**THURSDAY 22nd JUNE at 7.30pm  
in the Church.**

The Concert will be a light hearted mixture of styles and suitable for children and the whole family. It will last no longer than an hour and will be performed by our Choristers and members of the Adult Choir. **Everyone is very welcome. Please come and support your Parish Choir.**

**Entry is free** with a retiring collection for the choristers. (This goes towards New Buttons for the cassocks and their end of term outing) and will be followed by refreshments in the Undercroft

**SUMMER BALL IN AID OF NOAH  
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

NOAH is holding a fundraising ball on the **23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 pm** at the Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road in the Rose Marquee. Tickets are £35.00 per person and include hot BBQ food and a live band. There will be a raffle and auctions. Black Tie. Please contact Lisa Seccombe on 07877 307009 for more details and tickets.

**NOAH DONATIONS APPEAL**

Our shops need your help. If you're refreshing your summer wardrobe, please consider donating your unwanted items to NOAH where they can be used to continue the vital services in your community. Thank you for your support.

**Hightown**

Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm  
20-22 High Town Road, Luton, LU2 0DD

T: 01582 736751

**Luton Town Centre**

Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm

5 Wellington Street, Luton, LU1 2AP

T: 01582 354282

**Welfare Centre**

Open Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

Weekends 9am - 2pm

141 Park St, Luton LU1 3HG

T: 01582 728416

**DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP**

Grateful thanks from the Developing World Group for supporting Tea in the Garden last Saturday.

It was a happy, sunny event which raised £700 for our future projects. The Group has recently donated £9425 to projects in Uganda: £5425 to

**Just Small Change** to set up a goat livelihood scheme and associated village loans and savings schemes in Budaka district, where half the people live in poverty (according to the U.N. measure of less than \$2.15 a day) and £4000 to **Advantage**

**Africa** for a project in Muwanga parish to enable families affected by disability to set up small enterprises. Without your constant, loyal support none of this is possible. Thank you. We warmly welcome all comers to join our merry but increasingly small band. Please do call 01582 843409/07905797729 or email

[elizabeth.hines@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.hines@gmail.com) for more information.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY**

St John's Harpenden is looking for an administrator, 20 hours per week flexible to suit the candidate. Strong administrative and IT skills required and understanding of church life. Please go to

<https://www.stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/information/vacancy/> for full job details and application page. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**LOURDES HALL**

**SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN**

Available for Hire, and for one off Parties for more details contact

Caretaker: Mr Simon Lowe

Mobile: 07859 943 348

Email:

[harpendenct@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpendenct@rcdow.org.uk)

# MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am 2.30pm  6.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p> <p>Confirmation Mass - Group 1 Confirmation Mass - Group 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Clarissa Nicholls RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am  3.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) FATHER'S DAY</b></p> <p>Margaret Flanagan RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Anne Galogly RIP (Recently Deceased) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b> <b>Strawberry Social Presbytery Garden</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p> <p>Sr. Theodora RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Alban, Protomartyr</b></p> <p>Eilidh MacInnes RIP (Month's Mind)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am 7.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</b></p> <p>Margaret Dennehy RIP (Anniversary) <b>Choir Summer Concert and then Undercroft</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop &amp; THOMAS MORE Martyrs</b></p> <p>Henry Wraight RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Cindy Gallagher RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Ann Turner RIP People of the Parish Ita Long RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>

**CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS**

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