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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)



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The Feast of Easter might seem to be, almost, a distant memory! It is though only two weeks ago, but the Church, gives us eight Easter Days to rejoice and celebrate this wonderful feast. And that is surely right, that we have these days to celebrate the wonders of the Easter Feast. If that is not enough, the Church also gives us 50 days of Eastertide, from Easter Sunday until the feast of Pentecost, to reflect on, and celebrate, the joy of the Resurrection, the reality that Jesus is alive and risen and with us forever. We have much to rejoice in, and much to celebrate.

How fortunate we were to be able to celebrate as we did! We were able to celebrate joyfully, reverently and prayerfully. We were able to do so because of the many parishioners who gave their time, ensuring that everything was done with dignity, and so to give glory and honour to God. Many people gave of their time, in assisting with our Easter celebrations. Some of those who assisted were visible, for us to see, others contributed more quietly, beforehand, and some we heard sharing their talents.

Easter is one of the times of the year, when the parish comes together, to pray and worship in the first place, but also when many people give of their time, sharing their gifts and talents. In that sense, it can be said that this is when the parish truly comes alive, and shows itself to be a living community of faith.

To all who gave of their time, in any way, a huge 'thank you', and don't be in any doubt how much your time and efforts were appreciated. And thank you too, to everyone who contributed to the collection on Easter Sunday, as well as for the cards and gifts that I received. May we continue to celebrate that the Lord has truly risen.

Wednesday Mass

The funeral of the late Betty Young takes place on Wednesday morning. There is no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next weekend, on Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training — all of which are essential for their future ministry. As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers. Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP AND LIVE SIMPLY 'SPRING CLEAN' 'Tool and Equipment Collection' Today, Sunday 19th April At Lourdes Hall Between 12 Noon And 4.30pm.



Enjoy A 'Spring Clean' And Help to Empower Young People in Africa.

Details of the wanted items are listed in our church entrance and attached to the last Newsletter email.

These items will be refurbished by WORKAID and sent to Africa to help with the vocational training of young people. If an item is too large for you to transport we can come and collect it. Please email Elizabeth.hines@gmail.com or phone/text: 07905 797729



SING FOR 14

The next Sing For project is almost upon us! Please encourage friends to join us - you can forward details to school parents' groups, work colleagues, friends etc Rehearsals in the Undercroft at OLOL , please email katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk to reserve your place !

The fee is £40

Rehearsal dates & times:

Tuesday 21st April 7.30-9.00pm

Tuesday 28th April

Tuesday 5th May

Tuesday 12th May

Concert:

Saturday 16th MAY at 3pm

(Rehearsal 2pm)

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH

The next Youth Friendly Mass will be next Saturday 25th April at 6.00pm. Followed by the Youth Group for those young people in the confirmation Group and Year 10 and beyond.



REFRESHMENTS IN THE UNDERCROFT

Next Sunday everyone is warmly invited to join us for refreshments after the 9:45am and 11:30am Masses in the Undercroft. It's a lovely opportunity to gather, relax, and enjoy some time together as a Parish community—everyone is most welcome!

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

We are stewards, not masters, of the gifts that God has entrusted to us, called to care for them with responsibility and gratitude.

Pope Leo XIV

REPOSITORY

We are now entering the First Communion and Confirmation seasons and the repository has been restocked with a wide range of lovely cards and gifts for these very special events. Come and choose something to celebrate an important occasion for a young person.



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Any notices for the Newsletter please email the Parish office by lunchtime on Wednesday Thank You.



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.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Parishioners-Registration-Form-2025.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office.

harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

GETTING MARRIED?

Couples intending to marry are required by the Diocese to give at least six months' notice. Pre-marriage preparation offers an important opportunity to reflect not only on the wedding day itself, but on the lifelong commitment of marriage, as well as to look at the other necessary arrangements. Anyone hoping to marry within the next year should contact Canon Dwyer as soon as possible. If you know of any couples planning to marry in the coming year, please draw their attention to this notice.



LOURDES HALL

If you would like to book Lourdes Hall please contact Simon Lowe
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MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Saturday 18th April 12.00 Noon 5.00pm</p> <p>Vigil 6.00pm</p> <p>Sunday 19th April 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Baptisms Confirmation Reconciliation Service</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>Linda Lancaster RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Tim & Margaret Gaynor RIP (Anniversary) People of the Parish Lorraine Houlihan RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>	<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR: Newly Baptised Bless and protect them always, guide them as they grow, and fill their life with faith, hope, and love. May they walk in the light of Christ all their days. Amen.</p> <p>Recently Deceased Linda Lancaster RIP</p>
<p>Monday 20th April 9.15am</p>	<p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>RIP Anniversaries Tim & Margaret Gaynor RIP Lorraine Houlihan RIP Valerie McGarry RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st April 9.15am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Sr. Loretta (Special Intentions)</p>	<p>Prayer for the Faithful Departed Lord Jesus, in your Passion, Death and Resurrection, you conquered sin and opened the gates of eternal life. We commend to you our departed brothers and sisters; grant them rest in your peace and bring them to the joy of your Resurrection. Amen.</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd April 9.15am 11.00am</p>	<p>Easter Feria No Mass Requiem Mass Betty Young</p>	<p>ST GEORGE Martyr, Patron of England Valerie McGarry RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd April 11.00am</p>	<p>Saints Erkenwald & Mellitus (Diocesan)</p>	<p>ST MARK, Evangelist Baptism Silvey Family</p>
<p>Saturday 25th April 12.00 Noon</p> <p>Youth Friendly Mass Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sunday 26th April 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday) Kevin Long (Special Intentions)</p> <p>People of the Parish Carlos Alberto Saa Castro RIP (Anniversary) Diana Newham RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>	<p>ST MARK, Evangelist Baptism Silvey Family</p>