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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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Although it's now almost a week, since the celebration, of my 40th anniversary of Ordination, I think you will understand, when I say, that I am still living off the memories, and will be for some time to come! It was a really wonderful day, far exceeding any expectations I may have had. Maybe I have still more to learn about Harpenden Parish!

There are many lovely memories of the day. And not least is the appreciation that so many have for the Priesthood. So many comments, on the numerous cards, expressing gratitude for the gift of the Priesthood, through what is done for them in the parish. It was good too to have a full church, and so many coming to the reception afterwards, good that we can celebrate, and enjoy ourselves, together.

As is so often the case, at special times in the life of the Parish, we depend on many people coming together, to make sure everything is as it should be. So, thank you to everyone who assisted in any way. To the flower arrangers and those who cleaned the church, as well as our Altar servers and Choir, thank you all for your particular contributions. Thank you too, to those who organised the reception, especially the Ladies Group, those who assisted, donated food, helped with the bar, and helped in any way at all, a big 'thank you'.

To all who were part of the celebration in any way at all, 'thank you', and thank you too for your generous gift to me, for the many greeting cards, and the other gifts received. I hope you know how much your kindness, and generosity is appreciated.

May God bless you all.

Canon Anthony Dwyer

MASSES THIS WEEK

Regrettably, there will be no Mass, at 9.15am, on Tuesday morning, as there is no priest available to assist.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Priest Training Fund, £2,310.00 has been donated. The Fund will close this week. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so. Envelopes will be found in the porch, and can be returned, with your donation, to the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend we have the last of our two First Communion celebrations, when 23 of our children, will receive Jesus, in Holy Communion, for the first time. This is such a special day for the children, their families and catechists, and the whole parish community. Let us keep the children in our prayers, as they receive the gift of the Eucharist.



MARY'S MONTH HONOURING MARY

By tradition, during May, we honour Mary, our Mother. And it's good to honour Mary, perhaps to pray the Rosary alone, after Mass, or as a family.

9.45 FAMILY MASS - WAYS FOR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED

A few weeks ago, Angel stood up at the end of Mass and told you about a project we have launched to get children more actively involved in the 9.45am Mass. This project is a result of your feedback from the parish survey and the Pizza and Pop evening. We would love to see all of your children getting involved. All you need to do is email the address that is on the leaflet, 'familymass@catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk' and you will receive a link enabling you to select the task your child would like to do and the date they would like to do it. We appreciate that children might like to try several tasks before hopefully finding one they enjoy. If you



didn't receive a leaflet last week, make sure you pick one up today."

SHEILA SAWARD RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Saward who died recently. Sheila's funeral will take place on 29th May at 11.00am. We remember Derek and all the family in our prayers at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

ELIZABETH (BETTY) BARFF RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Betty Barff who died recently. Betty's funeral will take place on 6th June at 11.00am. We remember Betty's family in our prayers at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

IRENE QUINN RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Irene Quinn who died recently. Irene's funeral will take place on 13th June at 11.00am. We remember Irene's family in our prayers at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

TEA IN THE GARDEN

The DWG warmly invite you to TEA IN THE GARDEN on June 1st from 10 am to 3pm hosted by Julia and Nigel Roche. 23 Sibley Avenue Harpenden AL5 1HF. Please bring along any excess bedding plants you may have, to add to our stock for sale. There will be cakes for sale as well as refreshments, a raffle and the enjoyment of good company. Proceeds to our latest project in support of Workaid's Radio 4 appeal on Radio 4 June 23rd.



SUMMER CONCERT 23RD JUNE AT 3.30PM

PARISH-AND-BEYOND CHORAL JOURNEY

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and after Thursday's choir practices for the Choir's Summer Concert. Vivaldi's Gloria and the Nelson Mass by Haydn will be performed by our community of singers and we will also be joined by Alison Langer, Lawrence Thackeray and other soloists. Ticket prices: Adults £15, Concessions £10 & Children £5





STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

This very popular annual event will be held on June 23rd in the parish garden immediately following the choir concert (circa 5pm). Tickets will cost £10 which include a welcome drink, scones, strawberries and cream and will be on sale after the Masses in June. Everyone, especially new parishioners, are welcome.

WALK IN AID OF HARPENDEN MENCAP



Fraser Rosser-Smyth, one of our parishioners, will be walking 1300km in 60 days from Geneva to Rome in support of Harpenden Mencap this summer. You may be aware that his brother Max, who serves on the Altar, is currently in supported living at Stairways and Fraser has seen first hand the vital work Harpenden Mencap does in our local community. His JustGiving page is linked below, however his page should also come up simply by searching his name on the JustGiving website. Any support in the form of prayer is equally sought.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/fraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ffraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

GETTING MARRIED?

Couples intending to get married, need to give at least six months' notice, as required by the Diocese. Pre-marriage preparation, provides an opportunity to



reflect, not just on the wedding, which is for a day, but on the marriage, which is for life, as well as looking at the other necessary arrangements. Anyone getting married within the next year should be in contact with Canon Dwyer. If you know of couples hoping to marry in the coming year, please draw their attention to this notice.

FROM THE BAPTISMAL REGISTER

Since the beginning of the year we have Baptised 11 children into God's family
Buddy Adams, Austin Le'Tissier, Noa Bellas, Olivia Silvey, Aoife Brautigam, Dominique Blaj, Austin Frankland, Niamh Halligan, Dorothy Eldridge, Elena Lewis-Laverty & Gabriel Jeremiah



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE DATABASE UPDATES

If any of your contact details have changed please let Parish Office know. Forms are available in the Porch of the Church or you can download one here
<https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/LOL-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/LOL-Database-New-Parishioner-Form-May-2023.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office. harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

ST DOMINIC'S SUMMER BALL

The St Dominic PTA are hosting the bi-annual summer ball on Saturday 15th June at St George's School. If you are interested in supporting the event by attending or have something that you can donate for the auction to raise funds for the school please contact stdominic.summerball@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Saturday 18th May 11.00am 2.00pm</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 19th May 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria First Holy Communion Mass (2) Wedding</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY Terry Mahabir RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>Tony Hall RIP (1st Anniversary) People of the Parish Edna Heron RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
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<p>Monday 20th May 9.15am</p>	<p>Mary, Mother of the Church Joyce Thomas RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
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<p>Tuesday 21st May 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria NO MASS</p>
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<p>Wednesday 22nd May 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Joe Toomey (Special Intention)</p>
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<p>Thursday 23rd May 11.00am 6.30pm</p>	<p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Betty Meehan RIP (Anniversary) Choristers & St Dominic's Concert in Church</p>
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<p>Friday 24th May 2.00pm</p>	<p>Feria Wedding</p>
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<p>Saturday 25th May</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 26th May 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY People of the Parish</p> <p>Mary Large RIP (Recently Deceased) Gretta McGrath RIP (Recently Deceased) Maureen Jack RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
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<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SATURDAYS 10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS</p>
