



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)



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The story which begins on Palm Sunday is basically a human drama; it is our drama. As Jesus enters into his final week, he takes humanity with him and continues to do so every Easter. We are not just remembering an historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We are celebrating, and taking part, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us, and for us.

His entry in to the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his name. Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closest friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter Day? As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who, and where we are, in the crowd. This is a week to pray, and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are, and are going to be.

During this busy week of prayer, liturgies and ceremonies, let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant companion. May we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK, is the most important week in the Church's year. We have this annual opportunity to accompany Jesus, once again, through the last momentous events, of his earthly life. Make this a truly 'Holy' Week, by attending as many of the various celebrations, as you can.

Monday to Wednesday: Mass at 9.15am

Monday 7.30pm: Penitential Service

WE BEGIN OUR EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, and the washing of feet.

After Mass, the Stripping of the Altar, when we will be joined by the congregation from St Nicholas Church

Watching at the Altar of Repose, until Night Prayer at 10.45pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

10.30am: The Walk of Witness,

with other Harpenden Churches, commences from Rothamsted Park Gates.

11.30am: Children's Stations of the Cross - More Details Please See below.

3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- During this liturgy, a collection is made for the Holy Places.

HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am: Morning Prayer

8.30pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY:

Masses at 8.30am, 9.45am and 11.30am.

LENT PENITENTIAL

The Lenten Penitential Service, takes place, tomorrow, Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm.

Reconciliation is an essential part of our Lenten journey, and our preparation for Easter. Do make every effort to attend.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Everything that is happening during Holy Week, and Easter, will be found in the leaflet, which is available in the porch. So, please be sure to collect one. These details can also found on the Parish web-site.



EASTER OFFERING

The offering on Easter Sunday, is one of just two collections in the year that contributes to the stipend that priests in parishes receive, and assists in their personal upkeep. Recent guidance, from the Diocese, indicates that the contributions received on Easter Sunday, by standing order, cannot be included in the Easter offering. If you normally support the parish in this way, but wish to contribute to this collection, you can do so via the 'Easter Offering' envelopes, or the card machine. Contributions given by the planned giving envelopes, or Easter envelopes, as well as the 'loose' collection, are included in the Easter Offering.

PARISH MEETING

Last Sunday, following the establishment, of the Parish Pastoral Council, our first Annual Parish Meeting took place. Amongst the topics covered, were the 'Mission' of the parish, as well as the Family & Young Peoples project, the consolidation of the parish survey with the comments received during the first phase of the Synodal Way. An update was also given on the current situation of the Synod, and a presentation on the Homelessness Project was made. Thank you to the 40 or so parishioners who attended, and to those who helped with the IT, and refreshments. It would be good to see even more parishioners showing an interest, with representatives from across the different age groups.

GOOD FRIDAY

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Children's Stations of the Cross will be at 11.30am on Good Friday 7th April, and will last about 45 minutes. This is a really good opportunity for children to understand and take part in Christ's Passion on Good Friday. We are looking for children to take parts in the form of a tableau for each station. The children have to be from years 3 to 6, to take part. **We need about 12 actors (no speaking parts), who will have to be in church from 9:30am on Good Friday.** We will do the rehearsal, have a small break, and then perform our Stations of the Cross at 11.30am. This allows any other family members to join in The Walk of Witness in the town, and then join us in church. **If your child wants to be part of the Stations of the Cross, please email Maria (maria@oloughlin.co.uk) or phone 01582 624024 by Monday 3rd April.**



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Join us every Wednesday after the 9.15am Mass for a Parishioner led Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Everyone is welcome.

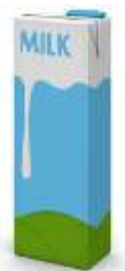
REPOSITORY NEW STOCK

The Repository has a new range of attractive colouring books for children, also gifts and cards for Birthdays, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and much more. Everything is very reasonably priced, come and have a look.



ST. ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank will be taken up this weekend. So please, if you can, bring a carton of UHT milk or long-life juice to the church next Saturday or Sunday. Thank you. LiveSimply group



HOMELESS GROUP

Keystage Housing would like donations of Easter eggs (small or large) for the residents of their Homeless Hub. If you are able to help with this please place donations in the yellow donation bin before Easter or contact

Cathy Seaton cmann100@hotmail.com



PARISH FAMILY FUN QUIZ EVENING

Join us in Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm (After the 6pm Vigil Mass) in Lourdes Hall for our Family Fun Quiz Evening. This is a Charity event in aid of CAFOD and jointly hosted with LiveSimply. Tickets priced at £10 per head, Primary age children are free. will be available after Masses this weekend



YOUTH OF THE PARISH AND BEYOND

You are warmly invited to join us for our monthly youth friendly mass. The next one is on Saturday 29th April at 6pm. Get in touch with the parish office if you would like to contribute with your musical and singing talents.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS - GREAT START

53 parishioners volunteered to be their local street or area 'Good Neighbour' representative, which is a wonderful start in our quest to simply reach out to those Catholic families who live nearby. The Volunteers have begun the process of contacting their neighbour, simply to say 'hello' and ask about their welfare. The initial contact will be by a hand-delivered letter from Canon Anthony to all households on the parish database. Should you not receive one in the next few weeks then please email the parish office because it suggests that you may not have registered your presence in the parish. Most areas are now covered, but extra help is still needed in the Roundwood, The Avenues, Central Harpenden, Milton Road to Dalkeith Road, Eastmoor Park/East Common and West Common areas so please volunteer if you are able. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code below to see which area you live in.

*Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Harpenden - Seeking Christ Together.
Our aim is to be a parish of Missionary Disciples, helping everyone to realise that they have a call through their Baptism, finding and sharing the good news, and seeking Christ together.*



SING FOR FIVE !

Our 5th charity singing project is starting after Easter! The previous four projects have been amazing fun so please consider joining this one . A fun four weeks of song-learning followed by an informal fundraising concert for NOAH and Keystage Housing , two Luton-based charities supporting the homeless. It costs £35 per family to take part with the money , after expenses, going directly to the charities. Entrance to the informal concert is by donation of hygiene products, toiletries , clothing etc at the door. This is taken directly to the charities Participants can come on either a Tuesday evening 7.30-9.00pm or a Sunday afternoon 3.00-4.00pm or both .

Dates as follows:

Sunday 16th April 3.00-4.00pm

Tuesday 18th April 7.30-9.00pm

[Sunday 23rd April 3.00-4.00pm](#)

[Tuesday 25th April 7.30-9.00pm](#)

Sunday 30th April 3.00-4.00pm

Tuesday 2nd May 7.30-9.00pm

[Sunday 7th May - NO REHEARSAL AS](#)

[CORONATION WEEKEND](#)

[Tuesday 9th May 7.30-9.00pm](#)

Sunday 14th May 2pm Rehearsal, 3.00pm CONCERT and TEA !

All events are directed by Katie Metcalfe , please email katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk to book a place . All welcome, all abilities, for wonderful community singing .

WESTMINSTER'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July 2023, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> If you have previously indicated 'St Frai Pilgrim' on an Expression of Interest Form, or know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 immediately, so the Medical Team and can look into assisting with requirements and care. Similarly, all individuals or groups intending to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, by making their own travel and accommodation arrangement, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30th April 2023 as well as submit payment towards the Pilgrims' Levy at £35 per pilgrim. Visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage web page <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

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

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God Save the King

Sing For The King

The Mountains Shall Bring Peace

An appealing and accessible new anthem from RSCM and written by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

All choirs can buy the music and learn it and perform it whenever they see fit. At Our Lady of Lourdes we are rehearsing it over three Thursday evenings with a performance to family and friends on the final Thursday, 4th May, at 8pm.

All welcome to come and join with our choir and parish, rehearsals as follows:

Thursday 20th April 7.00-8.30pm

Thursday 27th April 7.00-8.30pm

Thursday 4th May 7.00-8.30pm

PERFORMANCE 8pm for family and friends and wider community.

Please email katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk to book a place

HOLY WEEK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st April **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)**
 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 2nd April **PALM SUNDAY (A)**
 8.30am Patrick Leonard RIP (Recently Deceased)
 9.45am Anna Whittle RIP (Anniversary)
 11.30am Jacky Vasquez RIP (Recently Deceased)
 Zoom Code **883 7014 5568**



Monday 3rd April **Monday of Holy Week**
 9.15am Carmen Ochoa RIP (Months Mind)
 7.30pm Penitential Service

Tuesday 4th April **Tuesday of Holy Week**
 9.15am Pam Walker RIP
 12.00 Noon Mass of Chrism, Westminster Cathedral

Wednesday 5th April **Wednesday of Holy Week**
 9.15am Nigel Newham RIP (Anniversary)
 Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM



Thursday 6th April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Zoom Code **845 7256 1199**
 10.45pm Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer

Friday 7th April **GOOD FRIDAY**
 11.30am Children's Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
 Zoom Code **853 2001 1853**



Saturday 8th April **HOLY SATURDAY**
 11.00am Morning Prayer

 8.30pm **THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT (A)**
 People of the Parish
 Zoom Code **858 1021 4513**



Sunday 9th April **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (A)**
 8.30am People of the Parish
 9.45am People of the Parish
 11.30am People of the Parish
 Zoom Code **883 7014 5568**

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