



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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



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A theme common to all three readings, is that of changing one's mind. Our capacity to change our minds leaves us open, to hazard and to hope; hazard when we choose, as Isaiah says, "to renounce our integrity and to commit sin, hope when we choose to renounce sin to become law-abiding and honest".

The Gospel story shows us the nobility of a humble change of mind. The first son "thought the better of it." He was open to change, to better thoughts. The second son was set and closed. The ability to change one's mind, is essential to all healthy relationships. A mind that is closed, whether from pride, stubbornness or stupidity, tends to destroy all relationships- such as, when we refuse to admit a mistake, when we are unwilling to apologise and change our ways, when we persist in prejudice against a person or group, when we think we know it all.

The second reading, from Philipians, talks of a more specific and positive change of mind: "in your minds, you must be the same as Christ Jesus'. This is the direction, in which we must be constantly changing our minds day by day. Paul emphasises one aspect, in particular of the mind of Christ, his humble openness and self-emptying.

Jesus did not cling. He knew that reality could be trusted, because at the heart of reality is "Abba Father," and that underneath everything, even death, are the everlasting arms. So, he did not cling even to life, "accepting death, death on a cross." "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." May this mind be in us, as it was in Christ Jesus.

## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The prayer of the Rosary leads us through those significant events of our Lord's life, providing us with an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on these important moments in our faith. During this coming month do try to give some time to pray this great Gospel prayer.



## WEEKDAY MASS PARKING

We have been informed that Rothamsted Avenue will be closed temporarily to allow essential works to scan the road surface. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October with completion on or before 5<sup>th</sup> October. Parking within the works area will not be permitted.

## CONFIRMATION 2024

Parents Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Undercroft. First Session Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Lourdes Hall.



## SECONDARY REFERENCES

For parents who require a priest's reference, in connection, with applications for secondary school places, Canon Dwyer will be available, in the church, at the following dates and times: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm to 6.45pm, and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, deadline therefore for next weekend's Newsletter will be Tuesday evening.



## SEASON OF CREATION

Pope Francis

"Consumerist greed, fueled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet's water cycle. The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts. Alarming water shortages



increasingly affect both small rural communities and large metropolises."

**The Season of Creation concludes on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, feast of St Francis of Assisi. To celebrate this feast there will be an extra Mass at 7.00pm, everyone is very welcome.**

## YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:

Youth friendly masses are starting again next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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!



Contact the parish office if you'd like to take part. Those masses will take place once a month on the following dates:

**7<sup>th</sup> October, 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.**

## OLOL YOUTH GROUP: NEXT SATURDAY

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

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

Our Parish Youth Group is starting next week at 7pm in the undercroft, and pizzas are on the menu! 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.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL -

CAFOD is at the forefront of disaster relief around the world. Last year, when over a third of Pakistan was under water, the CAFOD network supported thousands of people to survive and recover. But the work continues ...

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

**Family Fast Day is this coming Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**October** so, please collect an envelope today after Mass and bring it back next weekend.

By donating to CAFOD today more mobile clinics can reach more families with expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

## 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. 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.

## SING FOR 6 CONCERT

You are all invited to join us for the Sing for 6 Concert on Sunday 8th October at 3pm in aid of Noah & Keystage Housing.

Entry is by donation of items required by Noah & Keystage Housing (hats gloves, socks for winter, new underwear & toiletries) Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Undercroft.



## HOMELESSNESS GROUP DONATION BINS

Donations to the Keystage Housing Yellow Bin dropped off over the summer months. Jane from Keystage Housing has been in touch and they are deperate for non perishable food eg. Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta/ Ragu sauces

and personal hygiene toiletries eg. Toothbrushes Shower gel/ soap & Shampoo. If you could add a few items to your weekly shopping they would be very grateful, please drop off any donations into the yellow bin in the courtyard of the Church Thank you!

## DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP SAVE THE DATES



### 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.

### LET'S AUCTION YOUR 'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'

Please donate any valuable items your family doesn't need. eg. *Grandma's silver teaspoon collection, Grandpa's watch, Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's miniature car collection!* The 'Lolly' will



be auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will help to bring clean drinking water to the village of Kyangala, Kenya.

Drop off your 'Lolly' on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November between 10.30am and 8.00pm\* at 10 Holly Bush Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4AT Tea and Cake provided too! For more information email: [louisamvphillips@googlemail.com](mailto:louisamvphillips@googlemail.com) or phone: 07734 190488

\*Or any other day by arrangement.

### AREN'T WE FORTUNATE!

In our part of Hertfordshire, we have such an outstanding and historical building as St. Albans Abbey / Cathedral. It was founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century and is the Shrine of Britain's first `Saint and Martyr, and is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in this country. The other very unusual aspect of the life of this

Church of England Cathedral is that Catholic Mass is celebrated there every week. There is no other example of this anywhere in the UK. It has taken place since 1983 every Friday. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00noon there will be a celebration Mass which will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Catholic Mass at the Cathedral. Do think about taking the opportunity to be present on this significant occasion. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October the Cathedral itself will celebrate a Solemn Evensong celebrating its work of relating with other churches in our part of Hertfordshire.

You are warmly invited to this ceremony as well followed by refreshments.



### UKRAINE IN OUR HEARTS

On Sunday 15 October 2023 at 3pm, in St Nicholas' Church, Alla Kravchuk (soprano) and Oksana Hermanchuk (piano), will be offering a programme of songs reflecting Ukraine's rich musical heritage from classical to jazz, favourite songs and classical music. Profits from this concert will be donated to DEC Ukraine humanitarian appeal. Tea and cake will be served during the interval. Tickets: £10 per person with those under 16 years free Available from St Nicholas' Parish Office on 01582 765524 or [administrator@parishofharpندن.org](mailto:administrator@parishofharpندن.org) Office opening times - Monday - Friday 10am to 2pm.



### A NEW VENTURE IN SOUTHDOWN

Following the decision to discontinue worship at Southdown Methodist Church we are investigating the possibility of creating a new outreach venture based on the premises. It is proposed that the building be converted into a performing arts centre, at the heart of which will be a studio theatre that can be used for small scale performances, classes, workshops, digital media preparation and creative forms of worship using drama. There is a good deal to be done before the venture can become a reality and we are currently setting up a development team to take the vision



forward. We believe the venture will be most effective if it is ecumenically based and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who has an interest in outreach through the performing arts and might be interested in being part of the development team. If you would like to know more about the project, and would consider being a part of the development team, please contact Mike Lees by email at [mike.lees001@gmail.com](mailto:mike.lees001@gmail.com)

### PARENTING FOR FAITH

Celebrate is running a short series of practical zoom evenings to help families and catechists encourage and inspire children in faith. The speakers have many years of experience. Join us to hear new ideas to engage children of all ages.

Thurs 5 October:

Helping children to learn to love the Bible

Thurs 12 October:

Helping children have a personal relationship with God.

Website: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting> for more information.

### CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO LONDON'S UNIVERSITIES

Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to:

[www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net) to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a 'home from home.'

If you are heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at

<https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study. Your Catholic chaplains look forward to meeting you!

#### 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 30<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor</b></p> <p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Duncan Gallagher RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>John Francis Conway RIP (Anniversary) People of the Parish Tommie Hegarty RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p style="color: blue;"><b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p><b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b> Mary Large (Special Intention)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.00pm</p>	<p><b>St Francis of Assisi</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b></p> <p><b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am  3.00pm</p>	<p><b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>People of the Parish Andy Donahue RIP <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b> Sing for 6 Concert</p>

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