



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

21ST JANUARY 2024
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



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This Sunday, we begin reading the Gospel of Mark, where we will hear of Jesus beginning his public ministry, as he begins to proclaim the Good News from God, and calls people to follow him. In the gospel, today, Jesus meets people in ordinary situations, doing their daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren't on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today, in the same way, Jesus continues to call us, by our name. This is how personally, and intimately, God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world, through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, 'Come follow me.' Those in the gospel, dropped everything they were doing, and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But, it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our own time and in our own way.

After Jesus called those men and women to follow him, he sent them out in his name, to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. He sent them out in his name, not their own. Today we are the ones, who are not only called, we are also sent out, to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what do.

This very day Jesus is calling you by your name, what is your response?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The deadline for notices for the Newsletter is 2pm on Wednesdays. Thank you.



SHEILA HORNE RIP

Please remember in your prayers Sheila Horne, widow of John, who died on Christmas Day. Sheila's funeral will be taking place at High Street Methodist Church, on Wednesday 24th January at 11.30am. The Wake will be at Bennetts in Leyton Road at 1.00pm, and everyone is very welcome.

LOST PROPERTY - LAST CHANCE!

There is quiet a collection of lost property, in a box, near to the repository at the back of the church. If you have lost something, do please take a minute to look and see if it is there. Any items remaining, will be taken to a charity shop.

THE NOODLE BOX

"The Noodle Box" will be available inside the church for anyone who needs a hot snack . The box is full of pot noodle/pasta cups and instant soups and take away cups .



They are free to take ! Please spread the word, especially as the cold weather is upon us . This is just a start to the project and we can place boxes where needed as we go along !

ST DOMINIC NURSERY FOR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

On the 30th January 2024, the application process for Nursery places opened for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.



Our Early Years provision enables parents to access 30 hours free childcare with Nursery morning sessions running Monday- Friday, 8.45am - 11.45am and an optional Lunch Club run by school and an afternoon Pre-School run by *Friends Together* running from after lunch club until 3.30pm. Wrap around care offered by *Friends Together* also means that care for children is available between 7.50am and 6pm,

should this be required. For further information please visit our website www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk to book an appointment to attend to one of our visit mornings on Wednesday 17th January or Wednesday 24th January both from 9.30am - 11.00am.

Applications close at 3.30pm on 6th March.

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH Youth friendly masses will resume this Saturday at 6pm.

The Next Youth Mass will be on Saturday 10th February at 6pm for young people in 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.

OLOL YOUTH GROUP:

**Year 9 Confirmation Candidates & Year 10 and beyond this
Saturday 10th February 7.00pm to 8.30pm
in the Undercroft**

Come and be part of this exciting project!
Future dates 17th March 10am - 3pm, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.

SING FOR SEVEN

Nothing like a rainy afternoon between Christmas and New Year to have cheerful thoughts of our next Sing For project !

Sing For Seven - starting **Tuesday January 16th 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Undercroft.** The cost is £40 per person for hours of singing and a sense of achievement as the weeks progress ! The money raised, and donations collected, are sent to Keystage Housing and NOAH .

All dates as follows:

Tuesday 23rd January 7.30 - 9.00pm
Tuesday 30th January 7.30 - 9.00pm
Tuesday 6th February 7.30 - 9.00pm

**SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY
3pm Performance**

A fabulous line up of music and the perfect



way to start the new year !

Please sign up and encourage family and friends to join you . Anyone interested can email me : katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk

BLUES SUPPER.

This very popular annual event will be on next **Saturday 27th January** in Lourdes Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm (After the 6pm Vigil Mass). Live entertainment will be provided by Lulu and the Hullabalooos with a two-course supper during the intermission. **Tickets priced at £20 will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend or you can contact Marva on 07943 837277** to make a group booking or to pay by BACs. Everyone is welcome.



SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Please come to our ever-popular Quiz in Lourdes Hall, Southdown Road, AL5 1PF. 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start. £15 per head (tables of 8) Ploughman's Cheese Platter. Cash Bar. Raffle. RSVP wendy.howson@gmail.com 07432 838477



NOAH AND KEYSTAGE DONATION BINS

For NOAH, (Blue Bin) they ask for clothing (no undergarments, unless they are brand new and packaged); coats and jackets; shoes; toys; and bric-a-brac. You can also Gift Aid your donations for them by filling out a Gift Aid form, copies of which will be kept at the back of church and also in a plastic pocket attached to the bin.



KEYSTAGE (Yellow Bin)

have asked for tinned foods and non-perishable foods e.g. cereals, biscuits, chocolate; and socks, gloves, scarves and toiletries.



Thank you all so much for your ongoing support which is much appreciated by both NOAH and Keystage.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th January

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Michael Sullivan RIP (Recently Deceased)

Sunday 21st January

8.30am

Walter Giles RIP (Anniversary)

9.45am

People of the Parish

11.30am

Maureen Jack RIP

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Monday 22nd January

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9.15am

Joe Clancy RIP (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday 23rd January

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9.15am

Brian Family (Special Intentions)

Wednesday 24th January

St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.15am

Michael Jordan RIP (Recently Deceased)

Thursday 25th January

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

11.00am

Ann Hearne RIP (Recently Deceased)

Friday 26th January

SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Saturday 27th January

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Liam Dooley RIP (Anniversary)

Sunday 28th January

8.30am

Mr N T Jose RIP (Anniversary)

9.45am

People of the Parish

11.30am

Bernard McGarry RIP

Dennis & Linda Cooper 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

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CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS

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