



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2023

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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Today's Gospel recounts the beginnings of the public life of Jesus in the cities and villages of Galilee. His mission does not begin in Jerusalem, the religious centre and also the social and political centre, but in an area on the outskirts, an area looked down upon by the most observant Jews because of the presence in that region of various foreign people; that is why the Prophet Isaiah calls it "Galilee of the nations". It is a borderland, a place of transit where people of different races, cultures, and religions converge.

Starting from Galilee, Jesus teaches us that no one is excluded from the salvation of God, rather it is from the margins that God prefers to begin, from the least, so as to reach everyone. He teaches us a method, his method, which also expresses the content, which is the Father's mercy. "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*).

Jesus begins his mission not only from a decentralized place, but also among those whom one would call, refer to, as having a "low profile". When choosing his first disciples and future apostles, he does not turn to the schools of scribes and doctors of the Law, but to humble people and simple people, who diligently prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus goes to call them where they work, on the lakeshore: they are fishermen. He calls them, and they follow him, immediately. They leave their nets and go with him: their life will become an extraordinary and fascinating adventure.

## PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT

Next Tuesday, 24 January 2023, at 5pm there will be a service of Vespers in Westminster Cathedral to honour the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. The Cardinal, and other English and Welsh Bishops, will be attending, and Archbishop Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will give the homily. Everyone is welcome, no tickets needed.

## WARM SPACES

Thanks to our volunteers, we continue to be able to offer a warm space, to anyone who would appreciate such a facility, although the take up has not been very high. However, the warm space is there, and all are welcome, each Tuesday between 12noon and 3.00pm in the Undercroft. We are able to offer warm refreshments, wi-fi access and newspapers. Please make anyone aware, who you think might appreciate this facility.

## LYDIE SMITH RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Lydie Smith who died recently. Lydie's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am. We remember Lydie's family in our prayers at this time.

**NB. There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday morning.**

## BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER AND JAZZ EVENING.

This hugely popular annual event will be on next **Saturday 28th January at Lourdes Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm (or after the 6pm Mass).** Music will be provided by Lulu and the Hullabaloos with a supper during the intermission (bring your own drinks). Proceeds will go to the



Developing World Group.

**Tickets (£15 each) will be on sale after all the Masses from this weekend** or contact Marva on 07943 837277 for a group booking or to be added to the Parish table.

## PARISH AREA COORDINATORS

Following the recent email to parishioners who receive the newsletter, we have received 27 acceptances from people willing to get involved in contacting Catholics in or close to their location. **It's a great start but we need many more.** This will not be an onerous task but simply to say 'hello', perhaps make the occasional telephone call to check on well-being, knock on a door, or just pop a parish newsletter through the letter box, it's all part of our parish mission. Please consider joining the team and help to get to know your neighbour by emailing: [dr@harpendenlol@gmail.com](mailto:dr@harpendenlol@gmail.com)

## FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES MASS FOR THE SICK

There will be a special Mass for the sick on Saturday 11th February at 11.30am. Everyone is most welcome on this special day in the life of our Parish, and there will be refreshments in the Undercroft after Mass. If you need help in getting to Church, please get in touch with the Parish Office.



## YOUTH OF THE PARISH FLAME 2023 - SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2023 - 12PM TO 5.40PM RISE UP <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

This year's confirmation candidates will be joining thousands of other young catholic people at the OVO Wembley Arena on Saturday 4th March 2023 for an inspiring day of prayer, adoration, catechesis, reflection, celebration and praise. Everyone else aged School Year 9 (and not already in the confirmation course) through to University age are invited to join them for the day to experience this UK's largest catholic youth conference. Tickets are £20 plus travel.

**Please contact the parish office, or Anne Pesez [anne.pesez@gmail.com](mailto:anne.pesez@gmail.com) before mid January if your child is interested in**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (S.V.P.)

The parish members of the S.V.P. offer practical help to the people of the Parish; so if you know someone who is need of a lift to Mass , help with the shopping or perhaps just a friendly chat please inform the parish office.



## ST DOMINIC NURSERY FOR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2023



On the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the application process for Nursery places will open for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. 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](http://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk) to book an appointment to attend to one of our online visit mornings on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30pm or Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 9.30am or Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30am. Applications close at 3.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

We anticipate the meeting will last approximately an hour.

## CHARITY CONCERT AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Catenians, their families and friends are very significant supporters of Friends of the Holy Land and our mission to preserve a Christian Community in the Land where Our Lord was born, ministered, died and was resurrected.

With an increasing need among families in the Holy Land, FHL are holding our largest fundraising event to date, a Charity Concert featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir and the 'Three Priests,' at Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm - 10.00pm.

Tickets, from just £20, can be bought through Eventbrite, <http://bit.ly/3i0ath2> or by calling the FHL office 01926 512980

## ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony at the Cathedral will be celebrated by the Cardinal on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm for all couples celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversaries. If you would like to attend please send your details into the Parish Office and please include the date you were married.



## THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON

is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 28 January 2023 from 2 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges Cathedral Cathedral House Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information

## EXCITING NEW ROLE ON YOUR DOORSTEP.



Lunchtime Support Assistant at St Nicholas Primary School. Come and enjoy playing with, and supporting, children. Part-time role as part of an experienced team. Days to suit you 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Be part of a supportive and friendly team. Team led by experienced and caring colleagues. Training given.

Please contact us and come for a visit. Please contact Mrs Sue Meader

[admin@stnicholasce.org](mailto:admin@stnicholasce.org) or 01582 623620

## LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

Joined to the Incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed, the Eucharist in itself is an act of cosmic love.....a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK**

<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>St Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Luiz Carlos Paukstys RIP

<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>8.30am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>9.45am</b>	Mary & Frank Taylor RIP (Anniv)
<b>11.30am</b>	John Mills RIP (Recently Deceased)
	<b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</b>

<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
<b>9.15am</b>	Sr. Jordana Maher RIP (Recently Deceased)

<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>St Francie de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>
<b>9.15am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>11.30am</b>	Requiem Mass Lydie Smith

<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, THE APOSTLE</b>
<b>9.15am</b>	Michelle Canny RIP

<b>Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>SS Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Liam Dooley RIP (Anniv)

<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
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<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>
<b>12.00 Noon</b>	Baptism Walker Family
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Bernard McGarry RIP (Anniv)

<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>8.30am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>9.45am</b>	Bridie Carey RIP (Recently Deceased)
<b>11.30am</b>	Pat Marshall RIP
	<b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</b>

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