



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)



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It may already seem to be an almost distant memory, since we celebrated Easter. It is in fact just two weeks ago. It would certainly be a shame if our memory of the feast, and what we celebrated, were to be disappearing already. That is why the Church gives us 50 days, until the Feast of Pentecost. to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. 50 days to contemplate, to pray about, the wonderful reality that Jesus is alive, and risen, and is with us forever. 50 days to rejoice that no matter what is going on in our lives, we are not alone, the Risen Lord is always there, journeying beside us. During these days of Eastertide, it is good, if we can make time to be conscious of the Risen Jesus, who is with us, sharing our journey, who never abandons us.

As we continue to remember what, and why, we celebrated, we can also remember how we celebrated. We celebrated with great joy, reverence and prayerfulness. As always that is due to so many who contribute to our celebrations. Our Altar Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well of course our Choir, and other musicians. And as well there are those who decorate, and clean the church, and not forgetting the stewards. Easter is a time when so many contribute to celebrating in the best way possible. So, a big 'thank you' to everyone who made our celebration of Easter such a special time.

Thank you too, for your generosity at Easter, for the Easter Offering, and for the other gifts, and cards, and for your kindness and encouragement. All of which are greatly appreciated.

Let us continue, to rejoice together in the joy of Easter!

Alleluia
He is

Risen

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is also 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, when we are asked to especially pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. In our Diocese, the annual collection is also made for the training of those who will serve as priests. In other words, it is one of the few collections which you benefit from. Currently, there are 18 students preparing for ordination in our Diocese, at Allen Hall, and at colleges in Rome and Valladolid. The cost of training future priests is expensive, and there are no other funds available. The Diocese relies on the people of the parishes. Fr Javier Ruiz, Vice-Rector at Allen Hall, will be speaking at the Masses on Sunday morning about the work of Priestly formation, and asking for your help. Your contributions will be collected next Sunday, if you wish to 'gift-Aid' your contribution, please use one of the envelopes, that will be found in the porch.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter flowers collection. If you purchased a Lily for a deceased relative/friend then they can be seen around the Church in the arrangements and in Our Lady's chapel along with the remembrance book.



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 contribute with your musical and singing talents.

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.



TONY HALL RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Tony Hall who died recently. Tony's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 28th April at 11.00am. We remember Marva and all the family in our prayers.

JAMES NEVILLE-O'BRIEN RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James Neville-O'Brien who died recently, James's funeral Mass will take place on 2nd May at 11.00am. We remember James's family in our prayers at this time.

LEWIS FIETTA RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Lewis Fietta who died recently, Lewis's funeral Mass will take place on 17th May at 11.00am. We remember Lewis's family in our prayers at this time.

DEVELOPING WORLD GREEN BOX COLLECTION.

Parishioners who kindly donate to the projects of the DWG are invited to **bring their boxes for emptying after all Masses this weekend**. A member of our group will empty your box and return it to you if you wish to continue donating this way. We are very grateful for your ongoing generous support for our work."

REPOSITORY -

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We are approaching the First Communion and Confirmation seasons and there is now a wide selection of cards and gifts in the Repository suitable for both occasions. These are all very reasonably priced and make lovely presents to mark these celebrations.



PARISH WALK WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and recovered from Covid which attacked quite a few of us I believe.

Easter Greetings too!

Last time we met we discussed a few changes to our walking pattern and thought the first Wednesday in the month would be better. However I shall be away in May on this day but suggest we do the second Wednesday instead and try the first in June. We also suggested meeting in the car park in Rothamstead Park and this, I think, is a very good idea: in the one opposite the Fowden Hall where the cafe is located.

Let's hope the good weather lasts and we can identify signs of Spring all around us!

Any problems contact me :

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THANK YOU FROM KEYSTAGE HOUSING

Keystage Housing would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for their

generous donations of chocolate

Easter Eggs. 83 eggs were donated and with another 180 from a Trust in London, allowed every resident to receive an Easter treat.



JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO

ROME & PALAZZOLA 17-20TH OCT 2023

Local Catenians are organising a trip to Rome led by Mgr Harry Turner. Staying at Palazzola visits are being planned to the Scavi under St Peter's. A tour of the Venerable English College (VEC), guided by Fr Stephen Wang and a visit to Castel Gondolfo which is currently accessible. All tours with the exception of the VEC are subject to ticket availability. Accommodation has been reserved at Palazzolo for the 3 night stay. It has 29 rooms en suite (15 single - 7 double - 3 double/twin - 4 twin) and other rooms without private facilities. Full board will costs approx €100 per night. There are direct flights from Stansted with a coach departing and returning to Harpenden. Parishioners are welcome to join this

pilgrimage so please email denniscooper4@outlook.com

VERITAS CATHOLIC LECTURE SERIES

AT SS JOSEPH AND MARY

PARISH CENTRE, HEMEL

Next lecture on 29 April by Fr John Deehan (Allen Hall) starting at 10am at SS Joseph and Mary Parish Centre, Hemel, HP1 1NR

For more details, please see

here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/news/veritas-catholic-lecture-series-starting-soon/>

Please register

here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/>

Please bring food for sharing, any help on the day very much appreciated. All Welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May

14th May at 3pm Sing for... 5 Concert

June

10th June DWG Open Garden Day *more details to follow*

18th June Strawberry Social

24th June at 3pm Choir Summer Concert

LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

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

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DIOCESE CURRENT VACANCIES

Chorister Singing Teacher - Cathedral Music
Caretaker & Maintenance Assistant - Cathedral
Safe in Faith Administrator
for Caritas Projects

For further vacancies and more details visit

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 22nd April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p>Easter feria</p> <p>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Valerie McGarry RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 23rd April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Brid Buckley RIP (Recently Deceased) Richard Strommer RIP (Anniversary) People of the Parish Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 24th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England Rene Comter RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 25th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>ST MARK, Evangelist</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 26th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>Easter feria Diana Newham RIP (Anniversary) Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 27th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p>Easter feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 28th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p>Easter feria Funeral Mass Tony Hall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 29th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 30th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) Tim & Margaret Gaynor RIP (Anniversary) John Ramswell RIP (Anniversary) Stephen Pang RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS

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