



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

25TH JUNE 2023

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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Rumour and tradition tell us that the phrase 'do not be afraid' appears in the bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year, and it's always a message, that offers us hope, strength and courage when we are in doubt, or struggling in any way. When both Mary and Joseph were called and chosen, both were troubled, and both were told: 'do not be afraid'. In each experience, God called Mary and Joseph by their names, and asked them to take on what seemed like an impossible task. But having being called, they were not to rely on their own strength and determination; God who called them, would also strengthen, support and encourage them. They would never be alone.

Like Mary and Joseph, each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him, in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the gospel are often, and generally, not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us. As Mary and Joseph were called and encouraged, so too will we, with the words, 'do not be afraid.'

Let us not be afraid of what is being asked of us. Let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us, 'go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the good news which is for all people'.

SS PETER & PAUL

Next Thursday is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It is a holyday of obligation, a day when we are required to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am and 6.00pm.



- **The 9.15am Mass**
will be live-streamed: Code: 874 6669 3795

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

Today, at the 11.30am Mass, five adult parishioners, will be Confirmed, and so complete their initiation as members of the Church. Please remember them in your prayers, as the Holy Spirit comes upon them, to guide, support and strengthen them.



CONFIRMATION

It was a great pleasure to witness 29 of our young people being Confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan, last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the two celebrations such special occasions, especially to the Altar Servers, the choir, and those who decorated the church. A big 'thank you' is also due to our catechists, who prepared our young people so well, and who give their time so generously. Last and, certainly, not least, mention must be made of the Candidates, for the ways in which they participated in the celebrations. We congratulate them, and pray that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they will grow in loving the Lord, and walking in his ways.

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

It is that time of year, when parents are invited to consider if they would like their children to be prepared for First Holy Communion next year. This year the arrangements are a little different. Parents who would like their child to be enrolled for First Holy Communion preparation, need to make an appointment to meet with Canon Dwyer. To participate in the programme, children for the programme should be in Year 3 from



September 2023, or above. To make an appointment, please call the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday, between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Parent(s) and child should attend the appointment. If the child was not Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes, please bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE DATABASE UPDATES

If any of your details have changed please let Parish Office know. Forms are in the Porch of the Church or you can download one here <https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/LOLO-Database-Update-Form-May-2023.pdf>



NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish

You Are Very WELCOME

if you would like to register with us please click on the link and complete the registration form <https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/LOLO-Database-New-Parishioner-Form-May-2023.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office. harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The Universe Newspaper is back in print the cost of the paper is just £3.50 and is available from the porch.

MARIO BORGATTI RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mario Borgatti who died recently. We remember the family in our prayers at this time.

WILLAM (LIAM) KELLY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of William (Liam) Kelly who died on recently. The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 10th July at 11.00am. We remember the family in our prayers at this time.

PATRICK O'GRADY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Patrick O'Grady who died recently. The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 13th July at 11.00am. We remember the family in our prayers at this time.

DEVELOPING WORLDS GROUP

We warmly welcome allcomers to join our merry but increasingly small band. To find out more or to get involved please call Betty Hines on 01582 843409 or 07905797729 or email elizabeth.hines@gmail.com



JOB ADVERT -

CAFOD DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Community Participation Co-ordinator - Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page. cafod.org.uk/jobs (Closing Date 25/6)

CAFOD:

UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict

WINTERSHALL LIFE OF CHRIST

The greatest story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music. The Life of Christ is a passion play not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious.

Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside.

Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm

27th June - 1st July.

[Book your tickets](#)

<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6>

JOIN A COURSE RUN BY HARPENDEN LEARNING FOR LEISURE (HLfL)

If you are interested in the world, keen to keep your brain active and want to participate in an activity with like minded people then an HLfL course may just be what you are looking for. HLfL is a not-for-profit organisation run by local people. We run courses on a wide range of topics, each led by an experienced professional. Each course comprises 10 weekly daytime sessions, each session lasting 1 ½ or 2 hours. No qualifications are required to attend. There is no homework and no exams. Fees are payable, but are set at a level to only cover costs.

Courses this autumn include creative writing, history, art, music, literature and current affairs. Classes run from The Harpenden Trust Halls in Southdown, Harpenden and the Function Room of the Plough and Harrow pub, just across the road. Ample free parking is available at the Co-op car park nearby. Why not find out more about these classes by visiting the HLfL website:

www.harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk .

If you have further enquiries please email Elaine O'Brien: info@harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk. Elaine will happily call you back if you would like to speak to someone in person, but remember to include your phone number.

So look us up, read about the courses we offer, and get learning for leisure!

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER VACANCIES

For a current list of Job Vacancies in the Diocese please see the noticeboard in the porch.

LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

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

Caretaker: Mr Simon Lowe

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MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Saturday 24th June</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.00pm</p>	<p>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</p> <p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Cindy Gallagher RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p>Sunday 25th June</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Ann Turner RIP People of the Parish Ita Long RIP (1st Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p>Monday 26th June</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p>	<p>feria Elaine (Special Intentions)</p>
<p>Tuesday 27th June</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p>	<p>St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr</p>
<p>Wednesday 28th June</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p>	<p>St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor & Martyr</p>
<p>Thursday 29th June</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.15am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.00pm</p>	<p>SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES Holy day of Obligation Carolina & Oliver (Special Intentions) Zoom Code 874 6669 3795</p> <p>John Novak RIP (1st Anniversary)</p>
<p>Friday 30th June</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>Saturday 1st July</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.00pm</p>	<p>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Wedding</p> <p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 2nd July</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>People of the Parish Cathy Doyle RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS

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