



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)



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As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday, we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church, and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the Risen Lord.

Nine days ago, when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs, and our, waiting is over. Today, with the whole church, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with, and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. Then the strangest thing happens to them. These frightened and frail men and women are transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced, by courage and conviction. At this very moment the missionary church is born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. As the first followers of his proclaimed the good news about Jesus; we too are called to do the same today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, so too must each of us today.

As we celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us, will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, 'Go out again and again, without hesitation, without fear, and proclaim this joy, which is for all people...'

MONDAY MASS

As tomorrow Monday is a Bank Holiday, Mass will be at the later time of 10.00am.

HAPPY CELEBRATIONS

Over the last two Saturdays, 50 of our children, have received Jesus in Holy Communion, for the first time. Both celebrations were joyful, happy and special days, for the children, and their families. Thanks, are certainly due to all those who contributed to the celebrations, in any way. So, a big 'thank you' to the Altar Servers, Choir, flower arrangers, church cleaners and live-streamers, for your contribution to making these days so special. Thank you, also, to the Catechists who play such an important role in preparing the children. Most of all though, congratulations to the children, who participated so well, may these special days, mark the beginning of a lifetime of Holy Communion, and a close relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

BE WELCOMING !

St Paul encourages us: 'welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you'. Our parish is a welcoming parish and, as many of you indicated in the parish survey, your hope is that it will become even more welcoming. Last weekend some of you indicated your willingness to assist with welcoming at Mass. The task is simple, arrive 15 minutes early, distribute Mass and hymn books, arrange the collection and the Offertory Procession, and greet everyone as they arrive. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, if you would be willing to join a rota, to assist as a welcomer, please sign the list in the porch.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Priests Training Fund, to date £2,114.00 has been donated. The Fund closes this week. Final contributions can be dropped into the Parish Office. If you wish to 'gift-Aid' your contribution, please use one of the envelopes, that will be found in the porch.

A NEW CATHOLIC PODCAST

'A beautiful thing' podcast is inspired by the words of Jesus to Mary of Bethany that, 'She has done a beautiful thing for me'.

(Mark 14:6) This Catholic podcast offers a fresh encounter with the women in Scripture through a dramatic re-telling of their story with some teaching, interviews and reflection. The podcast, launched in January, comes out every Wednesday. The first series, 'The 12 women of the gospel' runs until the end of June. Podcast available on apple, Spotify, google or listen directly via the website: <http://www.a-beautiful-thing.co.uk> or bit.ly/abeautifulthingpodcast

REPOSITORY CONFIRMATION

Confirmation season will be soon upon us so come and have a look at the wide selection of cards and gifts in the Repository suitable for the occasions.

These are all very reasonably priced and make lovely presents to mark these celebrations.

ST. ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank will be taken up next weekend. So please, if you can, bring a carton of UHT milk or long-life juice to the church next Saturday or Sunday. Thank you. LiveSimply group



PARISH WALK WEDNESDAY JUNE 6TH

Now the weather seems to be more Spring-like I hope to see a few more of you on our walk this month. Last month I had a solitary stroll! We had decided to change it to the first Wednesday of the month and to meet at 10.15 after Mass in the car park opposite the Fowden Hall in Rothamsted Park. If you don't have a car let me know and I can pick you up from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am We walk to suit all comers!

For any queries my email is janet.evers1938@gmail.com
Phone 01582 621962

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.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP TEA IN THE GARDEN

Please join us on:

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE between 10am and 2pm,
at 23 Sibley Avenue, AL5 1HF

Entry is free refreshments will be
available in the form of Tea &
Cakes; again, no charge but
Donations (cash or card)

FOR SALE: Plants and cakes (cash
or card)

RAFFLE: Champagne + Hotel Chocolat Chocolates
We look forward to fine weather and good
company! If you have any plants which are surplus

to your requirements, we
would be happy to add
them to our stock for
sale.

Many Thanks For Your
Continuing Support.



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL.

This very popular annual event
will be on Sunday 18th June at
3pm in the Presbytery Garden.

**Tickets will be on sale at
Masses this weekend** priced
£10. Family tickets will be
£25, so bring your Dad for
Father's Day. Contact Marva
at 07943 837277 --

marva@cpoauk.com for more
information.

CHORISTERS & ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS RECRUITMENT

Please see the poster on the noticeboard
or contact Katie Metcalfe

katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk for more details

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SUMMER CONCERT

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE AT 3PM

AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN
THE PRESBYTERY GARDEN.

The concert will be a light hearted mixture of styles
and suitable for children and the whole family.
It will last no longer than an hour
and will be performed by
our Choristers and members of the Adult Choir.
Please come and support your Parish Choir!

ENTRY IS FREE WITH A RETIRING COLLECTION
FOR THE CHORISTERS
(GOES TOWARDS NEW BUTTONS FOR THE
CASSOCKS AND THEIR END OF TERM OUTING!)

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 5th August 2023 Coach departs from
Harpenden at 7.30am Places: Adults £25,
Child/Student £10 for more information visit
www.prolifepilgrimage.org and to book contact
Geraldine 07971028415

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 registrtaion form
<https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/New-Parishioners-Registration-Form-2021.pdf>

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



MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 27th May 12 Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop Wedding</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY (A) Jean & David Eldred RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 28th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>PENTECOST (A)</p> <p>Ann Turner RIP Delores Jones-Taylor RIP Gerry Maureen & Geraldine Martin RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p>BANK HOLIDAY Monday 29th May 10.00am</p>	<p>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 30th May 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 31st May 9.15am</p>	<p>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 1st June 11.00am</p>	<p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 2nd June</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 3rd June 12 Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p>St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Baptism O'Hagan Family</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 4th June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)</p> <p>Joan Charlston RIP (10th Anniversary) Phil Kinsella RIP (Recently Deceased) Georgina Brennan RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS

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