



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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The Gospel we hear today, is from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel, is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them, will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples, is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us, through the Gift of the Holy Spirit, enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people, who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians, feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship, when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us, that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

## PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend, £2,250.00 was donated. This is a great amount of money, and says so much about your generosity, as well as your support for priests, and our future priests. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so. Envelopes will be found in the porch, and can be returned, with your donation, to the parish office.

## PRIESTHOOD CELEBRATION

On Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, Canon Dwyer will be celebrating 40 years, to the day, that he was ordained to the Priesthood. To mark this occasion, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, at 4.00pm on that day, followed by a reception in St Dominic's School. Everyone is very welcome to both the Mass and reception.

## GIFT FOR CANON DWYER

This weekend there will be the opportunity to donate to the Gift from the Parish to Canon Anthony for his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Donations will be collected after all Masses this weekend and you can also donate via the card machine.

'Anniversary of your Ordination' cards are also on sale in the Repository!

## ANNIVERSARY PARTY FINGER FOOD

A sign-up sheet from the Ladies Group is available in the porch this weekend for you to 'sign up' for whichever food donation you would like to bring to the Anniversary Reception. The suggested items are Finger Food only please. However, if you wish to make a monetary offering towards the wine, or food please bring your donation to the Parish Office, or pop through the Presbytery Letterbox addressed to the Parish Office. Food donations then to be delivered to St Dominic's School Hall on the day (12<sup>th</sup> May) between 10.30am & 1.00pm, or handed in at the 8.30am Mass to the Ladies group. Thank You.

## 9.45 FAMILY MASS - WAYS FOR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED

Families attending the 9.45am Mass, this weekend, will receive a

leaflet inviting children, (accompanied by an adult), to get involved in the various tasks which form part of the Mass. We are hoping that every child will be keen to undertake one or more of the tasks, from time to time. You will be able to select the tasks and the date(s) you prefer. No

experience needed - we are looking forward to hearing from you - come and get involved 😊.

For further details, please email:

[familymass@catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk](mailto:familymass@catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk)



## SHEILA SAWARD RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Saward who died recently. Sheila's funeral details to follow. We remember Derek and all the family in our prayers at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

## WALK IN AID OF HARPENDEN MENCAP

Fraser Rosser-Smyth, one of our parishioners, will be walking 1300km in 60 days from Geneva to Rome in support of Harpenden Mencap this summer. Walking the ancient pilgrimage route - the Via Francigena will take him across snowdrifts, fields and hills, before arriving in Vatican City by mid July. You may be aware that his brother Max, who serves on the Altar, is currently in supported living at Stairways and Fraser has seen first hand the vital work Harpenden Mencap does in our local community. Though primarily a personal journey, Fraser is hoping his endeavour will help raise funds for the charity, so that all local adults with a learning disability continue to receive the support they require to lead an enriched and fulfilling life. His JustGiving page is linked below, however his page should also come up simply by searching his name on the JustGiving

website. Any support in the form of prayer is equally sought.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/fraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Ffraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/fraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ffraser-rosser-smyth-1711211816774&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)



### FIRST COMMUNION IN THE REPOSITORY

The First Communion season is approaching and there is a wide range of attractive gifts including bracelets, necklaces, photo frames and pens, together with First Communion cards. These are very reasonably priced and suitable as a memento of a very special occasion. Pop into the Repository and have a look.



### KEYSTAGE DONATIONS NEEDED

TVs, kitchenware, bedding, men's clothes and the following in particular:  
Microwave, Kettles, TV's, Trainers size 9  
Please contact Cathy Seaton if you have any of these items to donate.

[Cmann100@hotmail.com](mailto:Cmann100@hotmail.com)

In addition you may have noticed that the donation bins now have locks on them. It is still possible to open the bin lids to deposit donations but you will need to put

items in smaller bags. Please do NOT leave bags next to the bins.

Unfortunately, items have gone missing from the bins on a regular basis and therefore have taken this precaution. It is not full proof but will hopefully be a deterrent.

Please contact Cathy Seaton if you have larger donations.

The Communications Team was formed to help manage the communication of important information, events, and announcements to the parish and wider community, and support the parish mission via all means available - newsletter, noticeboards, social media and website.



Contact the Communications Team if you wish to update the website, social media or posterboard:

[comms@catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk](mailto:comms@catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk)

### COME & CELEBRATE THE JOYFUL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

Holy Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham at 12 Noon.

Cost is £25.00 per person.

Departure 7.00am from

Christ Church, Radlett and

7.30am from St Mary's Church London Colney to

book a place please contact Anna on 01923

635541 or email [radlett@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:radlett@rcdow.org.uk)

Poster on the noticeboard in the Porch of the Church.



### YOUTH FRIENDLY MASS & OLOL YOUTH GROUP

The Next Youth Friendly Mass, at 6.00pm & Youth Group at 7.00pm will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
12.00 Noon

**Easter Feria**  
Baptism Jeremiah Family

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Lorraine Houlihan RIP (Anniversary)

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.30am**

Annie Conway RIP (Anniversary)

**9.45am**

People of the Parish

**11.30am**

Diana Newham RIP (Anniversary)

**Zoom Code 883 7014 5568**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
9.15am

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**  
Michael Philippoo (Special Intention)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
9.15am

**Easter Feria**  
Maureen Francis RIP (Recently Deceased)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
9.15am

**Easter Feria**  
Marie Herlihy RIP (Anniversary)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
11.00am

**ST Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
Angelo (Special Intention)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Fr Robert Dudley RIP (Anniversary)

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**8.30am**

People of the Parish

**9.45am**

Maureen & Bill Thornton RIP (Anniversary)

**11.30am**

Joyce Thomas RIP (Recently Deceased)

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### CONFESSIONS

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