



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

29TH OCTOBER 2023

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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Some things, when we hear them too often, whether it's a story or a song, we can fail to hear. The same can happen with the scripture readings we hear when we come to Mass. Today's gospel is very familiar. We have heard it so often that it may no longer have any impact on us.

No one ever said that being a follower of Jesus was going to be easy! We are not only asked to have a relationship with God, we are also called and challenged to be aware of, and concerned, about, those with whom we live and work. We are to love our friends and family, as we love God and ourselves.

Being a Christian, a follower of Jesus, is about relationships. Being a disciple of Jesus, is about how I live my daily life, in relation to others and God. It is not something private, between God and me. If I say, I love God but do not take the time to be aware of and concerned about those around me, then something very important is missing.

It is often through very small, seemingly unimportant, deeds, actions and gestures of love, that our love for others, and our faith, can be seen and made visible. One poet wrote, that God is the bits and pieces of every day. We should never underestimate the power of a small gesture, such as a smile, a hand on a shoulder or a kind word. These small acts of kindness are how, in our daily lives, we love God, and our brothers and sisters, and ourselves with all our heart, mind and soul.

May we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. May we love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

ALL SAINTS

Next Wednesday is the feast of All Saints. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am and 6.00pm. All Saints is a holyday of obligation, a day when we are obliged to attend Mass.

ALL SOULS

Having celebrated all the saints in heaven on Wednesday, on Thursday we move on to remembering those who are still on their journey to heaven, on All Souls Day. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am.

During November, a number of Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like anyone to be included in these Masses, please send their names to the Parish Office, and they will be added to the Book of Remembrance.



THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK



Next weekend there is the annual collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. There are **82** sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service in their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in

retirement is set to double. At this time, they are dependent on the Diocese for their care - for essentials like housing, any health needs and other essentials.

By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure that these priests, after a lifetime of service, are cared for. Donation envelopes are available, which need to be completed if you want to 'Gift-Aid' your donation. Your donations will be collected next Sunday.

You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priest's Fund. If so please take a leaflet home from the porch.



CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for your recent contributions, following the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. £2,760 has been donated. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so. CAFOD envelopes are available in the porch, in which you can place your offering, and return to the parish office. The CAFOD envelopes should also be used if you wish to Gift-Aid your contribution.

DON'T FORGET!

This Sunday, 29th October, the clocks go back one hour.



SWITCH OFF

Fortunately, it's not too often that mobiles ring in in church, and for that we are grateful! After all, when we come to Mass it is God we come to talk to, to listen to. What is distracting, though, is when a mobile rings, someone leaves the church, takes a call, and then returns. The message there would seem to be that talking to family or friends, is more important than wholeheartedly giving time to God. Do we not need to get our priorities right?

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for someone who is deceased, or an anniversary, or for any other intention, please contact the Parish Office. It is customary to make an offering and the Diocese recommends £10 per Mass. If this is unaffordable, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY



You will have seen that Christmas has arrived on the High St. Not to be outdone, the Repository now has its Christmas stock on display. Come and see our range of Christmas cards both traditional and modern, together with cribs and figures, again traditional and modern which are suitable for children. We also have Christmas candles, tree decorations, and children's books, together with Advent calendars. All are very reasonably priced.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

It's that time of year again.
Reception Admissions for children starting in September 2024.
Applications open 1st November and close 15th January 2024.



Reception Open mornings for September 2024.

Wed 15th November 9.30am to 10.30am
Wed 22nd November 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Please book on the school website to reserve a place. [St Dominic Catholic Primary School - Admissions](#)

Dates when Canon Dwyer will be available in the church, to discuss the possibility of signing Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), will be announced shortly. Please note, the purpose of the CCP is to confirm that the applicant, and their family, are practising Catholics, that is, attend Mass every Sunday and on holydays of obligation.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS
You are all warmly invited to join us for..



Advent Service -
Sunday 3rd December 6pm



Parish Christmas Fair - Lourdes Hall
Saturday 2nd December 12pm - 3pm



Choristers Christmas Concert -
Thursday 7th December 7.30pm



Carols by Candlelight -
Friday 22nd December 6pm

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP LET'S AUCTION YOUR 'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'



Please donate any valuable items your family doesn't need.
eg. Grandma's silver teaspoon collection, Grandpa's watch, Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's miniature car collection! The 'Lolly' will be auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will help to bring clean drinking water to the village of Kyangala, Kenya. Drop off your 'Lolly' on Wednesday 8th November between 10.30am and 8.00pm* at 10 Holly Bush Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4AT. Tea and Cake provided too! For more information email: louisamvphillips@googlemail.com or phone 07734190488 * Or any other day by arrangement.



SING FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Sing for Christmas is a singing project designed to raise funds for Keystage Housing and NOAH while learning new pieces and having some respite from the norm! All rehearsals and, extremely informal, concert at Our Lady of Lourdes.

REHEARSALS:

Sun 19th Nov 3.00-5.00pm OLOL

Undercroft

Tues 21st Nov 7.30-9.00pm OLOL

Undercroft

Please email Katie:

katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk

to book a place.

PERFORMANCES:

Thursday 23rd November 4.30-5.30pm

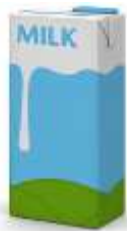
Wheathampstead Christmas Market - details to follow.

Friday 8th December 7.00-9.00pm OLOL extra rehearsal/ fundraising performance

Wednesday 13th December - Catenians Christmas Dinner we are the entertainment in return for a donation to Keystage Housing and NOAH time and venue t.b.c. but will be local and 8pm ish .

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.



LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

The natural world is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity, and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something of our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all.
Laudato Si. Ch. 2

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH

The next Youth friendly mass will be on Saturday 11th November at 6pm. Young people from Year 7 to Year 13, and beyond, are all very welcome to join and take an active role in this mass: Readers, Welcomers, Musicians, Altar Servants. Contact the parish office if you'd like to take part.

OLOL YOUTH GROUP:

Year 10 and beyond Save the date:

Saturday 11th November 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Join us for our Parish Youth Group at 7pm in the undercroft, and pizzas are on the menu!

Once a month, we will meet after the 6pm Youth Friendly Mass for some food, some fun and some faith sharing time together.

FUTURE DATES

9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 17th March 10am - 3pm, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.



VERITAS CATHOLIC LECTURE

Advent Special by Fr John Deehan (NT professor at Allen Hall), Gospels of Masses and Christmas Missal, Holy Family and Christology.

When: 11th November 2023

Where: Parish Centre SS Mary and Joseph RC (Hemel West) Church, HP1 1NR

Time: Start 10 am, end approx 3pm.

Recommended pre reading -

An Adult Christ at Christmas by Raymond Brown
Donations for the lecturer and lunch to share are gratefully received!

All including A-level students are welcome to attend the whole or part of the day.

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 style="text-align: center;">Saturday 28th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles</p> <p>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Zena Murphy RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 29th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clocks go back one hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Cathal Carey RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Private Intentions Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 30th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 31st October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 1st November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am 6.00pm</p>	<p>ALL SAINTS</p> <p>Ann Platt RIP Mary Hughes (Special Intentions)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 2nd November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p>ALL SOULS</p> <p>Maura Grimshaw RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 3rd November</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 4th November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</p> <p>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Alan Mackie RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 5th November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>People of the Parish Holy Souls Theresa McHugh RIP (Recently Deceased) Deceased Members of the Choir Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

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