



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2023

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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In the second reading today, we hear Paul, who is adamant that the law governing our experience of freedom, is the overwhelming disposition to love and serve one another with humility. Viewed in this way, the experience of freedom as a member of God's household, is never about personal honour, fame, or glory. Rather, this freedom happens when we are present to each other, putting others' needs and interests ahead of ours.

When Elisha wholeheartedly makes a career change, to serve his sisters and brothers in God's household, and draw them deeper into their covenant with God, he makes a complete break with his former life, slaughtering his oxen and preparing a feast using his farming equipment so everyone can eat and make merry. Elisha's action reveals that the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others is an invitation, that surpasses any personal inclination or ambition. It is a call to cooperate with God's plan for the renewal of the world.

The would-be disciples of Christ in the Gospel today, experience the struggle to be free from a single-minded vision of the world, and embrace the vision of the world Jesus calls us to. Jesus' conversation invites them to free themselves from a parochial and inward-looking vision in favour of a universal and unitive way of being present in the world.

Jesus' invitation to the would-be disciples, is a call to transcend the inclinations of the self, which is bound to a location and place, and to enter the spiritual, and live under the guidance of the Spirit. Such a life becomes universal, diverse, neighbourly, and humane. Freedom, therefore, becomes an experience in "right relationship with God, with one another and with all of God's creation". The Enduring Call to Love. Today, the same invitation is offered: do not allow our world's violence and hatred, to destroy us, but be disciples of love and unity.

## 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. Over the years it has become a source of concern, that quite a number of the First Communion families, do not regularly attend Mass each week. This year the hope is that parents can be encouraged to take the promises, made at their children's Baptism, more



seriously. These new arrangements are not 'closing the door' on anyone, but a pathway to a renewed and deeper commitment. 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](mailto:harpenden@rcdow.org.uk)

## THE UNVERSE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

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

## MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## MARIO BORGATTI RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mario Borgatti who died recently.

The Mass will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.00am. We remember the family in our prayers at this time.

## WILLIAM (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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.

We remember the family in our prayers at this time.

## JOHN FSADNI RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Fsadni who died recently.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:elizabeth.hines@gmail.com)



## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### BAPTISM

We welcomed the following children into God's family for the month of June 2023;

Leo O'Hagan  
Oliver O'Hagan  
Bardia Amooie



### GETTING MARRIED?

Couples intending to get married, need to give at least six months' notice, as required by the Diocese. Pre-marriage preparation, provides an opportunity to reflect, not just on the wedding, which is for a day, but on the marriage, which is for life, as well as looking at the other necessary arrangements.

Anyone getting married within the next year should be in contact with Canon Dwyer. If you know of couples hoping to marry in the coming year, please draw their attention to this notice.



### 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](http://www.harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk) .

If you have further enquiries please email Elaine O'Brien: [info@harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk](mailto: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!

### ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

Are you a caring and energetic person who would like to become part of a supportive team at a friendly and nurturing primary school in central Harpenden? We are looking to appoint a teaching assistant to join our teaching team on a part time basis.

Visits to St Nicholas school are welcome. For further information or to arrange an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment on 01582 623 620.

### LOURDES HALL

#### SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

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

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# MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> 11.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Dedication of the Cathedral (1910)</b> Wedding</p> <p><b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>11.30am</b></p>	<p><b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>Esther Grant RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Cathy Doyle RIP (Recently Deceased) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> 11.00am</p>	<p><b>ST THOMAS, Apostle</b> Funeral Mass Mario Borgatti</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b> David McConnachie (Special Intentions)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> 9.15am</p>	<p><b>feria</b> Ray Shufflebotham RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> 2.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>feria</b> Wedding</p> <p><b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Brian Armitage RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>11.30am</b></p>	<p><b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b></p> <p>John Fennessey RIP (Month's Mind) People of the Parish Colm Murray RIP (Recently Deceased) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>

## CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS

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