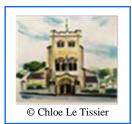


OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

30TH OCTOBER 2022 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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A phrase in today's Gospel makes clear the mindset of Jesus and throws light on all his activity. His purpose in life was always "to seek out and save what was lost." If we recognise a certain lostness in ourselves, our way to be saved is to trust in him, and let him find us, just as he found Zacchaeus.

Being found by Jesus meant that Zacchaeus the tax-collector had to let go of any arrogance based on his wealth. He humbled himself by climbing the sycamore tree, and then promised to hand over much of his wealth, to pay back those he had defrauded. In return, Jesus set aside his dignity as rabbi and a man of God by going to dine in the house of such a notorious sinner. One may assume that Zacchaeus, as chief tax collector in that city, had enriched himself at the expense of the pilgrims passing through Jericho on their way to religious festivals in Jerusalem.

Jesus looked up into sycamore tree and called Zacchaeus, "Hurry, come down, for I must stay at your house today!" — for he knew the man was ready for a change of heart. Whatever his faults may have been, Zacchaeus took great trouble to look for some contact with Jesus. He wanted to see what kind of man Jesus was

There was place in God's house for Zacchaeus, as there is for all of us. He was warmly welcomed in spite of his past. As in the case of Zacchaeus, our searching for God is preceded by God's search for us. Whenever we seek the presence of Jesus, he is already there, willing to share and dine with us.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday 1st November is All Saints Day, and is a holyday of obligation, a day when we are to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am and 6.00pm.

ALL SOULS

Having begun November celebrating the Saints in heaven, we go on to spend the rest of the month praying for those who are still on their journey to God. We pray for the Holy Souls, assisting them with our prayers. On Wednesday, All Souls Day, we remember them especially, and Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am. 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 presbytery, 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 more than 66 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 you available, which need to be completed if you want to 'Gift-Aid' your donation. Your donations will be collected next Sunday, and can also be made via the card machine.

PIZZA & POP

The Parish Pastoral Council are hosting a Pizza and Pop social event in the Undercroft on Tuesday



November 8th at 7.30pm to discuss ideas for getting families, young people and children, more involved in the life of the parish. All are welcome

to come and give us your ideas in a friendly and informal atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there!



CONTACTING THE PPC

One of the hopes of the Parish Pastoral Council is that they are known to parishioners, and easily contactable by them. Agendas, and minutes of their meetings, will be found on the parish website at

www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk

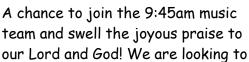
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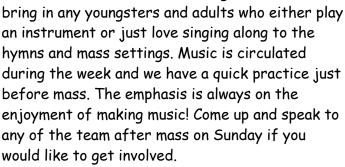
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CONFIRMATION 2023

Registration for Confirmation has now closed. Parents please keep an eye out for an email from the Catechists inviting you to a parents meeting.

SUNDAY 9:45 MASS -A CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED





CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY

The repository now has a wide selection of Christmas items, including Cribs, Christmas Tree

decorations, Christmas candles, children's Christmas books, Advent calendars, and a selection of Christmas cards, both traditional and modern. Tony Field spoke recently on the importance of including children in the



church. This is an opportunity for them to come and view the Christmas stock and choose an Advent calendar or decorations for their tree. Come in and take a look after Mass.

RED BOX COLLECTION

Please bring your Red Missio Box to mass to have it emptied, either leave it with a steward or take it to the Sacristy.

Any queries can be sent to

c_antonioli@yahoo.com

Donations may also be made via MISSIO.ORG.UK/DONATE

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Its that time of year again. Reception Admissions for children starting in September 2023. Applications open on 1st November and close on



15th January 2023. Open mornings at St Dominic's school 9.30am -10.30am on 17th November and 22nd November. for more information please see the website

https://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions/

Canon Dwyer will be available in the church, to discuss the possibility of signing a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, on Tuesday 22nd November, and Monday 29th November. 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.

THE LEA SINGERS

The Lea Singers are giving a one hour 'Choral Discoveries' concerts at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on 5th November at 8pm.

The concert will feature some choral gems which are rarely heard and sung, including music by Brahms, Clara Schumann, Vaughan Williams and Arvo Part. Under-18s and students pay £5, and everyone else £15. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Harpenden Child Contact Centre in which a number of our parishioners are volunteers. You can book tickets in advance at www.leasingers.co.uk or pay on the door with cash/card

LITURGY GROUP QUOTE

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power.... we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December at Lourdes Hall NEW TIME 12 Noon to 3pm
Watch this space for more details to



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SING FOR ...4 JANUARY 2023

Please put the dates in the diary - something to look forward to in January! Adults and children are invited for this charity-fundraising singing project - more details to follow but there is a choice of Tuesday OR Sunday rehearsals.

Tuesday 10th January 7.30-9.00pm Undercroft

Tuesday 17th January

Tuesday 24th January

Tuesday 31st January

AND to widen the opportunity for more/

families to take part in this project :

Sunday 15th January 3.00-4.00pm Undercroft

Sunday 22nd January

Sunday 29th January

Performance SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2pm

Rehearsal, 3pm CONCERT

Please email katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk to book a place £35 for the project per family (whether 1 person or 10!) Money, after expenses, to NOAH and Keystage Housing.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK	
	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College
12.00 Noon	Baptism Bonner & Marchan-O'Mara Families
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6.00pm	Paul Evers RIP (Recently Deceased)
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Sunday 30 th October	31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
	Special Intention
	People of the Parish
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