



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

30TH JULY 2023

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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With all of the schools now closed for the summer holidays, there is a sense, for most people, of everything slowing down, and no doubt that is very welcome, together with the opportunity for rest and renewal. Hopefully, many will, at least, have the chance of a break from the usual, relentless, routines, and perhaps the prospect of a break away.

Having a break, a change of scene, is important, it's good for us! Not infrequently, in the Gospels, we hear of Jesus, taking himself off to some quiet place, on the one hand, to escape the crowds that pursued him, but also to make time for prayer, to commune, to be in touch, with his Father in heaven. After all, what is prayer, but the way to express our relationship, with God our Father? So, it's not surprising, that Jesus would want, to be in touch with his Father.

No doubt, in our own holidays, there will be different things that we want to do, activities that we may not normally have time for, maybe to spend time with family and friends. Hopefully too though, there will be time for the Lord, holiday time, is not a time for a rest from Sunday Mass. It sometimes seems, that there are those who decide when they will attend Mass and, if it's not convenient, or out of their routine, they do not do so. It would be good to think that attending Sunday Mass, is something we do, not because we have to, but because we want to, because we love the Lord, and we know that we need to be fed, and nourished with the Eucharist.

Do enjoy your holidays, but don't forget to take the Lord with you, and to, at least, make some time for him too.

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Parents of children, who will be in year 3 from September, and would like them to be prepared for First Holy Communion, next summer, **please be aware that you need to register your child, by tomorrow, Monday 31st July**. To register your child, you will need to meet with Canon Dwyer. To arrange a meeting please contact the parish office, Monday to Thursday, between 9.30am and 12.30pm.
THE CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS 31ST JULY 2023.



GROWING OUR FAITH

A couple of Sundays ago, you may have heard Fr Stephen Wang, recommending that we grow our faith by listening to Catholic podcasts, daily reading of scripture or spiritual books? If so, we have links to some life-changing resources on our website:

<https://www.catholicchurchharpden.org.uk/exploring-our-faith-resources/> These are all resources that are used and recommended by other members of our parish.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open throughout the Summer Holidays Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm for all enquiries.



CONFIRMATION 2024

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for young people in Year 9 or above, will be commencing after the summer holiday. Application forms are available for collection, by the candidates after all Weekend Masses. Completed forms and copies of Baptismal Certificates, if not Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes, should be **returned to the parish office by Friday September 15th**.



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.catholicchurchharpden.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. harpden@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH NEWSLETTER

This will be the last newsletter until Sunday September 10th. Items for the newsletter should be sent in by Wednesday lunchtime.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Don't forget that we celebrate the feast of the **Assumption of Our Lady, on, Tuesday, 15th August**. This is a **holyday of obligation**, a day when we are obliged to attend Mass, even when we are on holiday. Masses on that day are at 9.15am and 6.00pm.



- **The 9.15am Mass, that day, will be live-streamed.**

The Zoom code for the mass is:-

844 0735 1839

MARIAN ROSEBLADE RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Marian Roseblade. A Funeral Service will take place tomorrow Monday 31st July at 11.00am. May she rest in peace, and let us pray for the comfort of her family

YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:

Youth friendly masses will resume in the Autumn, once a month, on Saturdays at 6pm.

Dates to be shared after the summer. 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, please join us to make it as youth friendly as possible





OLOL YOUTH GROUP: Year 10 and beyond
Save the date: Saturday 30th September
7.00pm to 8.30pm

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

We will engage in conversations about life, faith and Jesus around the Alpha Youth Series. *Come and be part of this exciting new project! More details to follow after the summer holidays.*

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



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.



CAFOD

ILLEGAL MIGRATION ACT - SIGN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

The Government's newly passed Illegal Migration Act goes against everything that Pope Francis has called us to be. The Holy Father has implored world leaders to 'build bridges, not walls', and

show compassion for those fleeing their homes, whether it's because of war, persecution or poverty. This new Act will cause immeasurable harm to people seeking sanctuary.

Please sign and share our open letter to the Prime Minister:

[Illegal Immigration Act - Petition the PM](#)

CELEBRATE SUMMER

FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

Download the brand new CELEBRATE online family activity pack for summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch, this online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the CELEBRATE Summer Psalm walk in this pack at your local park or on holiday? Use this link to download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

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HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA

Come and enjoy a traditional English cream tea blended with a touch of Uganda!

SUNDAY 13 August 2023 2PM - 6PM

1 ORCHARD AVENUE, HARPENDEN AL5 2DW

Suggested Donation £5pp Children Free

RSVP: wendy.howson@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

More Details on the Noticeboard

ST DOMINIC'S JOB VACANCY

PART TIME TEACHING ASSISTANT

St Dominic Catholic Primary School is a vibrant and caring school where children are valued and we aspire to excellence. The governing body of this outstanding school, wish to appoint a dedicated and energetic teaching assistant to join our team. The position is part time during term time with a working pattern of 5 days, Monday to Friday, from 08:30 to 1.15pm, which will include covering lunchtime duties both in the playground and dining room. This is a fixed term position until 19/7/2024. **The Full Details are on a Poster in the Porch.** For more information about the school please check our website www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk.



Application via www.teachinherts.com

Closing Date: 7/8/2023

**DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP
SAVE THE DATE**



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

VENUE: LOURDES HALL

Keep an eye out for more details to follow after the summer in September

'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'

**WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
(10AM AND 8PM).**

Please donate any items of potential value that your family don't want (eg. Grandma Flo's tea set, Grandpa's pocket watch. Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's piano stool) to us on Wednesday 8th November.

(Venue & details tbc.)

The 'Lolly' will be auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will go towards the Developing World Group projects. Happy 'Lolly' gathering!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Spaces are still available on the annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which takes place from 19th to 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow. Costs are £2265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential. Booking forms are available from Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at www.tangey-tours.com/WHL A poster with more details is on the noticeboard.

MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON

2 SEPTEMBER FROM 1.30PM

(With Stalls/Events From 10.30 Am)

The most fundamental right is the right to life itself. Abortion destroys life and leaves many

women and men deeply hurt. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. For details contact Geraldine 07971028415

**RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON
IN AID OF THE PASSAGE -
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023**

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks - Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners.

Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300

All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good.

Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

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

Caretaker: Mr Simon Lowe

Mobile: 07859 943 348

Email:

harpendenct@rcdow.org.uk

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE:

"Experts clearly point out how the choices and actions put in place this decade will have an impact for thousands of years. Our knowledge about the impact of our actions on our Common Home and those who inhabit it, and will inhabit it, has expanded . . . This has also increased our sense of responsibility before God, who has entrusted us with the care of Creation, before our neighbours and before future generations." - Pope Francis, World Environment Day, June 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 29th July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> | <p>SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus</p> <p>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) David McConnachie (Special Intention)</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 30th July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p> | <p>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Karol Gajewski RIP (Anniversary) Anne Charleston RIP (Anniversary) People of the Parish Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 31st July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am 11.00am</p> | <p>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</p> <p>Funeral Service for Marian Roseblade</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 1st August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p> | <p>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor David McConnachie (Special Intention)</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 2nd August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p> | <p>feria Christy Kelly RIP (1st Anniversary)</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 3rd August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p> | <p>feria</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 4th August</p> | <p>St John Vianney, Priest</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 5th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> | <p>feria Baptism Charleston Family</p> <p>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A) Margaret Foulds RIP (Anniversary)</p> |
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CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS
10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS