



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN



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31ST MARCH 2024
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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wishing you a happy Easter filled with hope, joy and the wonder of God's blessings.
C anon Anthony Dwyer

MASSES THIS WEEK

On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. On Tuesday morning there is no Mass at 10.00am, as the funeral of the late Joan Guy will be taking place at 11.00am.

EASTER OFFERING

The offering on Easter Sunday, is one of just two collections in the year that contributes to the stipend that priests in parishes receive, and assists in their personal upkeep. Recent guidance, from the Diocese, indicates that the contributions received on Easter Sunday, by standing order, cannot be included in the Easter offering. If you normally support the parish in this way, but wish to contribute to this collection, you can do so via the 'Easter Offering' envelopes, or the card machine. Contributions given by the planned giving envelopes, or Easter envelopes, as well as the 'loose' collection, are included in the Easter Offering.

THE UNDERCROFT

The Undercroft is intended for the use of parish groups, and other parish activities. If you wish to use the undercroft please contact the Parish Office, on each occasion you would like to use it, to make sure that it is available. Keys for the undercroft are to be collected from the Parish Office.

REST IN PEACE

JOAN GUY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Joan Guy who died recently. Joan's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 2nd April at 11.00am. We remember Terry and all the family in our prayers at this time.

RITA HICKEY RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rita Hickey who died recently. Details of Rita's Funeral Mass will be on Monday 22nd April at 1.00pm. We remember Rita's daughter Siobhan and all the family in our prayers at this time.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



The Parish Office will be closed bank holiday Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, normal opening hours from Thursday.

NEW STOCK IN THE REPOSITORY

The repository has now been restocked with a wide selection of cards for all occasions including Exams, Thank You cards, New Home, New Baby etc. in addition to Easter cards, Mass cards, Sympathy cards, Baptism and Wedding Anniversary cards. These are of excellent quality on par with shops on the High Street and considerably less expensive. A new range of children's books and bibles are also available, again all reasonably priced. Before you buy cards from elsewhere, come and have a look in the Repository.



KEYSTAGE HOUSING DONATION BINS (Yellow Bin)

We have received a request for Towels, and Waterproof jackets please from Keystage. These can be left in the yellow bin.

SING FOR EIGHT

Join us for a four-week singing project for all ages and abilities with funds raised for two homeless organisations Keystage Housing and Noah.

When: Tuesdays April 16/23/30 and May 14th 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harpenden

Cost £40 per singer, includes all rehearsal sessions and final performance. **Contact**

Katie Metcalfe email

katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk

YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:

The Next Youth Friendly Mass will be on Saturday 20th April at 6.00pm 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!

LOL YOUTH GROUP: SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

Year 10 and beyond Save the date: Saturday 7th October 7.00pm to 8.30pm Our Parish Youth Group is starting next week 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. We will engage in conversations about life, faith and Jesus around the Alpha Youth Series.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2.30pm

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Melanie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

HARPENDEN SENIOR'S FAIR - 10TH APRIL FROM 10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM AT THE EMC.

Free entry. 30+ exhibitors include charities, voluntary & commercial organisations offering a range of support, health, medical and welfare services, and social activities of interest to Seniors. The Harpenden History Society will provide a preview of their new local history Museum. Refreshments available from Harpenden Village WI (donations to the Rennie Grove Hospice).

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN AN EXCITING PARISH-AND-BEYOND CHORAL JOURNEY – rehearsing Vivaldi's Gloria and the Nelson Mass by Haydn.

You will be singing and learning alongside experienced choral singers and performing with Alison Langer, Lawrence Thackeray and other soloists for the final performance. The aim is to encourage as many of our parish, our friends, our neighbours, our work colleagues, our family, fellow dog-walkers, fellow school parents... you get the picture! to experience the joy of singing in a choir and learning new skills of reading/following music and ultimately performing as one of a powerful team.

Taking place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and all at no cost other than your time and for a relatively short period of commitment.

REHEARSAL DATES

STARTING WITH AN HOUR A WEEK:

Thursday 18th April 8.00-9.00pm
Thursday 25th April 8.00-9.00pm
Thursday 2nd May 8.00-9.00pm
Thursday 9th May 8.00-9.00pm
Thursday 16th May 8.00-9.00pm
(23rd May - no rehearsal)

Thursday 30th May 7.00-8.45pm optional listening week, revision etc.

BUILDING UP IN THE FINAL WEEKS:

Thursday 6th June 7.00-8.45pm
Thursday 13th June 7.00-8.45pm
Thursday 20th June 7.00-8.45pm

THE PERFORMANCE:

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE

2.00pm Rehearsal, 4.00pm CONCERT

MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 30th March 11.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm</p>	<p>HOLY SATURDAY Morning Prayer</p> <p>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT People of the Parish Zoom Code 846 4925 8602</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 1st April 10.00am</p>	<p>Monday within the Octave of Easter William Dooley RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 2nd April 11.00am</p>	<p>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Funeral Mass Joan Guy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 3rd April 10.00am</p>	<p>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Malcolm Hall (Special Intentions)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 4th April 10.00am</p>	<p>Thursday within the Octave of Easter Teresa Buckler RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 5th April</p>	<p>Friday within the Octave of Easter</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 6th April 12.00 Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 7th April 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>Saturday within the Octave of Easter Baptism Eldridge Family</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) Terry Newman RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Mary & Damian Timlin RIP (Anniversary) People of the Parish Nigel Newham RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SATURDAYS 10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS (No Confessions on Holy Saturday)</p>	