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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)



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There are some words of Jesus that are so familiar that we can easily pass over them without noticing how extraordinary they really are. On the Feast of the Holy Trinity, we hear perhaps the most well-known of all: *“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”* These words remind us that the Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved, but a mystery of love into which we are invited.

At the heart of God is relationship: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — a communion of perfect love. And that love is not closed in on itself. It reaches outward toward us. Jesus tells us that God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. God’s first desire is not condemnation, but mercy, healing, forgiveness, and life.

Some people may carry an image of God as distant, disappointed, or waiting to catch us out. Yet the Gospel shows us something very different. In Jesus, we see the face of a God who comes close to us, who knows our weakness, and who continues to love us patiently. The Holy Spirit is then given to remain with us, guiding, strengthening, and reminding us that we are never alone.

The Feast of the Trinity invites us not only to think about God, but also to reflect God in the way we live. If we are made in the image of a God who is loving relationship, then our lives too should be marked by love, unity, forgiveness, and compassion.

Each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we place ourselves again within the life and love of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we remind ourselves that, through Baptism, we share in the Divine life of the Holy Trinity.

60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Next weekend, we look forward to celebrating with Mgr Turner the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. For him, this is a wonderful achievement, 60 years serving God and His people. To mark this occasion there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, next Sunday 7th June at 11:30am. Following the Mass, everyone is welcome to continue the celebration at a parish gathering in Lourdes Hall. If you would like to take part, please add your name to the signup sheet affixed to the lift wall (only sign up if you can come). The Monsignor is very clear that he doesn't want any presents, but if you wish, you can make a donation to one of his favourite charities:

www.passage.org.uk

<https://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk>

£ Aid to the Church in need

<https://acn.uk.org>

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the Priest's Training Fund. £3,125 was donated, which is a great sum of money! This will now be forwarded to the Diocese. How good it is to know that we have played our part, in supporting the work of supporting the work of forming vocations for our Diocese.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Over the past month, or so, we have had the opportunity to pray, especially, for Vocations to the Priesthood. Now that this time of prayer has ended, our prayers don't need to come to an end. The prayer cards that we have been using in church, will be found in the church porch. If you haven't already got one, please collect one, and please keep praying for Priestly Vocations.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Following the success of the Lourdes pilgrimage last year, we are planning another one, but this time to Spain, from 5th to 10th October 2026. Do consider being part of this potentially wonderful experience, by emailing dennis@denniscooper.uk Brief outline of Schedule. Flight to Madrid & hotel check-in. The pilgrimage will include a visit to the English Collage at Valladolid, and an optional walking tour of Madrid. Visits to Avila (famous for being the home of St Teresa) and the magnificent 12th century Wall, A day visit to Segovia, renowned for its connection with the Spanish Mystic, St John of the Cross. The final, full day, will include a trip to Salamanca, famous for its two cathedrals, and two universities. The cost includes flights, 5 nights half board accommodation, airport duty and taxes, one 20kgs suitcase. Cost per person in a shared room is approx. £950 tbc subject to a minimum group size 20 and potential airline price increases due to external forces. Hence why a speedy response is encouraged.

DWG TEA IN THE GARDEN

The Developing World Group will be holding their Annual Tea and Cake in the Garden next **Saturday June 6th from 10am-2pm** At 38 Park Avenue North AL5 2ED. Plants and Homemade Cakes will be on sale (cash preferred please). Everyone is most Welcome as are donations of plants.



WELCOMERS FOR THE 9.45 MASS

We are looking for additional helpers to welcome at the 9.45 Mass. If you aren't already busy volunteering and particularly

if you are someone that is happy chatting to families and children and explaining the different ways in which they can help at Mass, then we really need you. We are a very friendly group and it's a great way to get to know people in the parish. Please come and chat to us if you think you might be interested.

CAN YOU HELP?

Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with our Parish Youth Group. Hopefully, we can soon meet, and talk about the way forward, and what we can do for our young people. Many people, quite rightly, say 'what are we doing for our young people/' This is the right question to ask. If the parish is to provide for our young people, then the question might be reversed, and we can ask: what are you prepared to do for our young people? There is still room for more to be involved, so do think about how you can assist. If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact Canon Dwyer.

CATENIAN UPDATE

The recent Catenian dinner was a great success with 31 people attending, including non Catenian parishioners. Did you know that Catenians are one of the main sponsors of Flame, being held next year on Saturday 6th March and organised by CMYfed (The Catholic Youth Ministry) . Tickets are now on sale. Visit <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/> Through the Catenian Bursary Fund, Catenians support our young people and have over time awarded £1.2 million- to 16–25-year-old Catholics, to serve in Lourdes or take part in personal projects that help develop their character, through faith. Interested in finding out more about becoming a Catenian, then email Simon

Davies at simon-davies9@sky.com
Nothing ventured nothing gained!

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY 28 JUNE

After the 11:30am Mass, please join us for our Parish Picnic in Rothamsted Park. Bring your own food and drink, and a picnic blanket. Outdoor games are very welcome! We'll walk across to the park together after Mass. Please say a prayer for sunshine. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon together.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Save the date for this very popular annual event. It will be held on 5th July in the Presbytery garden More details will be available in the coming weeks.

REPOSITORY

We are now entering the seasons of First Communion and Confirmation, and the repository has been restocked with a beautiful selection of cards and gifts to mark these very special occasions. Do come in and choose something meaningful to celebrate an important moment in a young person's life. We also have a lovely range of Baptism and Wedding gifts, along with cards for all occasions and Jubilees! Pop in and have a look — you're always very welcome!

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Any notices for the Newsletter please email the Parish office by lunchtime on Wednesday
Thank You.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please let the Parish Office know if you have moved/changed any of your contact details so we can keep our records as up to date as possible.

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/2025/11/Parishioners-Registration-Form-2025.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office.

harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

WINTERSHALL

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

16 - 20 June 2026 -

The Story Of Jesus, Brought To Life
Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools.

Tickets can be booked

at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>

Please note that 16th & 17th June are schools' only days. There is limited availability on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June. At present there is availability on Saturday 20th June but please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

GIFT AID 2025/2026

As the 2025/2026 tax year ended on 5th April 2026, we will soon be submitting our Parish Gift Aid claim.

If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid is a simple way to make your donations go further—at no extra cost to you. For every £1 you give, the Parish can claim an additional 25p from HM Revenue & Customs, significantly increasing the value of your support.

Whether you donate through the card machine or by standing order, you can include your contributions in Gift Aid. All it takes is completing a short Gift Aid declaration form.

By signing up, you are helping the Parish continue its mission, maintain the church, and support our community. If you haven't yet joined the Gift Aid scheme, we warmly encourage you to do so.

Forms are available in the church porch, and completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office. If you would like more information or wish to set up a standing order with Gift Aid, please contact the Parish Office—we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia,

When: 1st August 2026

Where: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Time: 12:00 to 17:00, beginning with the Pilgrim Mass at noon.

Coach from Harpenden: Chef Peking at 7.30am

Price: £30 Adults & £12 Children

Further information about the pilgrimage, livestreaming and coach meeting points can be found on the website

<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

To book contact Geraldine 07971028415

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Saturday 30th May 12.00 Noon</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sunday 31st May 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>Feria Baptism Pancamo & Barratt Families</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Paddy Brown RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Yvonne McBrearty RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish David Mercer RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>	<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</p> <p>Newly Baptised Heavenly Father, Surround these newly Baptised children with Your love, guide them in Your truth, and help them to grow in faith, hope and charity. Bless their families and godparents as they nurture them in the life of Christ. May these children always know the joy of belonging to Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>Recently Deceased Paddy Brown RIP Yvonne McBrearty RIP</p> <p>RIP Anniversaries John Fsadni RIP Maria Castro RIP</p> <p>Prayer for the Faithful Departed Loving Father, welcome those who have gone before us into Your peace. Comfort all who mourn, and keep us united in faith and hope until we meet again in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.</p>
<p>Monday 1st June 9.15am</p>	<p>St Justin, Martyr John Fsadni RIP (Anniversary)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 2nd June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Maria Castro RIP (Anniversary)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 3rd June 9.15am</p>	<p>St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Private Intention</p>	
<p>Thursday 4th June 11.00am</p>	<p>Feria</p>	
<p>Friday 5th June</p>	<p>St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr</p>	
<p>Saturday 6th June 12.00 Noon</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sunday 7th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>Feria Baptism Conway Bromwich Family</p> <p>THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) Antonio Marti RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>People of the Parish Monsignor Harry Turner Jubilee Mass Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>	