



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

5TH JUNE 2022
PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)



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As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

At his Ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled, and anointed, with the Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house shakes with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just as the first followers of his proclaimed the good news about Jesus; so we are called to do the exact same today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, so too must each of us today.

As celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, *'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'*

ATTENDING MASS

As you will have read, in the Cardinal's message last Sunday, **the obligation to attend Mass every Sunday, and on holydays of obligation, is restored from today.** As has always been the case, the exception being where someone is prevented from doing so, by reason of health, or when caring for a sick person. Surely though, we don't need an obligation to attend Mass, we do so because we want to, because we love the Mass, because we recognise the wonderful gift of the Eucharist we receive at Mass. The obligation simply serves to highlight the importance attendance at Mass should hold in our lives. It would be so good to see attendance at Mass, returning to pre-pandemic levels. If you know someone, or a family, not attending, do encourage



them, invite them back, let them know that they are missed, and that they will be most welcome. This is a task, a mission, not just for the Parish Priest, but one we can all share in.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY

Canon Dwyer has a BIG Birthday so we will be celebrating today Sunday 5th June in the Presbytery Garden after the 11.30am Mass. Pop in for a drink and a piece of cake. Everyone is very welcome.



PLATINUM PRAISE

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this weekend, Harpenden Churches will be gathering for **Platinum Praise this Sunday evening, 5th June, between 6:30 - 8:00pm, on Harpenden Common**, by the Public Halls. Everyone is welcome to join this evening of Praise and Thanksgiving for our Queens Platinum Jubilee. There will be some chairs available, **but it may be a good idea to bring your own chair or picnic blanket.**



PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the collection for the Priest Training Fund in recent weeks. Your support for our 19 current seminarians, is both encouraging, and appreciated. The fund closes this week. If you haven't yet made a donation, it is not too late to do so. Donation envelopes will be found in the porch, which you can drop into the parish office, or you can make your donation online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations through the Diocesan website.

JACQUELINE DODDS RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jacqueline Dodds who died recently, Jacqueline will be received into the Church on Monday 6th June at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will follow on Tuesday 7th June at 1.00pm. We remember Jackie's family in our prayers at this time.

FIRST COMMUNION IN THE REPOSITORY

We are approaching the First Communion season and the repository has a variety of gifts suitable for girls and boys such as necklaces, bracelets, pens, bibles, photo frames & albums, rosary beads, first missals and candles, together with First Communion cards and invitations.

CAFOD FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this the paradox of abundance. Clearly the current global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey. Further information to follow on what we can do here in Harpenden.,

ST ALBANS AND DITRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank this weekend. So please, if you can, bring a carton of UHT milk or long life juice to the church this Saturday or Sunday. Thank you. Laudato Sii group



DWG BIG THANK YOU!

The Developing World Group thank everyone for their generous support to last



Saturday's plant sale and open garden. We were truly blessed with wonderful sunshine and raised £620 towards future projects. Should you wish to find out more about the group, please visit the parish website

or email elizabeth.hines@gmail.com

PARISH WALK

'June brings violets, lilies roses, fills the children's hands with posies.'

The parish walk this month will take place on Wednesday, June 8th. Let's foray forth and admire all the flowers that come out in June and end with a coffee and chat at a nearby café. The weather should be good but if not we make straight for the coffee! We meet outside of Our Lady of Lourdes, after Mass at 10.00 and walk for about an hour, everyone at their own pace. Do come: it's very sociable and a great way to meet people if you are new to the parish.

Contact Janet Evers if you need more details: janet.evers1938@gmail.com Tel 01582 621960

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

IS FREEDOM OF RELIGION THREATENED ?

This a talk to be given by John Duddington editor of Law and Justice, The Christian Law Review on Saturday, 11th June 2.30 -4.00 at St.Bartholomew's Church 47 Vesta Avenue, St.Albans AL1 3PE. Hosted by the Herts. Circle of the Newman Association. All are very welcome to attend. Please contact Janet Evers if you need a lift

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CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Summer Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Saturday 25th June, 7.30pm.

Arias and Choruses from Handel's Samson with soloists including

Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackery.

Choirs from Our Lady of Lourdes, High Street Methodist Church, St. George's Music Society and St Nicholas Church.

Guest orchestra featuring graduates from the Royal Academy of Music.

Tickets on sale from the parish office, online <https://ticketsource.co.uk/Our-Lady-Of-Lourdes-Church-Choir> (which does include a small booking fee) and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday. £15 adults, £5 students and children.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Many hands make light work!

Would you consider volunteering your time to join the Church Cleaning Team? Volunteers are needed to clean the Church on either Tuesday or Thursday morning. The rota would be on a four weekly basis and would only take approx. 40 minutes after morning Mass on Tuesday or Thursday. Please contact Melanie in the Parish Office if you are interested.

RED MISSION BOXES (MISSIO)

Please bring your Red Mission box to Mass and either leave with a Steward or take to the Sacristy. These will be emptied and returned and left at the back of the church.

Thank you

LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS)

CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm (last admission 5pm) Admission £5.00 per person (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under) There will be live music by the popular local band Soulfish, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. A link to the ticket page and more information can be found at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

**VACANCY
AT WESTMINSTER
CATHEDRAL**

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details please see Diocese website.



**LIVESIMPLY LITURGY
GROUP**

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. We have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. When the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests, new forms of violence and brutality, and obstacles to the growth of a genuine culture of care for the environment."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK	
Sat 4th June 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	Easter feria Baptism Munnelly Family PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)
Sun 5th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) People of the Parish Gerry Maureen & Geraldine Martin RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568
Mon 6th June 9.15am 6.00pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Reception into Church of Jacqueline Dodds
Tues 7th June 9.15am 1.00pm	feria Zoom Code 846 8231 6518 Requiem Mass for Jacqueline Dodds Zoom Code 847 1346 7755
Wed 8th June 9.15am	feria
Thur 9th June 11.00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Zoom Code 843 3670 2322
Fri 10th June	feria
Sat 11th June 11.00am 6.00pm	St Barnabas, Apostle FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 1 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) Lily & Francis Moran RIP (Anniv)
Sun 12th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) People of the Parish Zoom Code 883 7014 5568