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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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Today we are reminded of the importance of hope, anchored on Christ, and on our resurrection in Him. We are told that if we valiantly persevere, through the temptations, hardships and difficulties of this life, we shall achieve our hope in Christ. Hence, we should always rejoice in the glorious future, promised us by Christ, when we shall be filled with the vision of God's glory.

What keeps us going as Christians, is the hope that one day, our lives would be better. It is the hope that, "we shall see God face to face". It is the hope that, the fullness of life does not reside here on earth, but in the eternal kingdom of God. Hope is the virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel speaks of the hope of the resurrection of the dead! The Sadducees were looking for a way to trap Christ, they wanted to justify their belief that life ends here on earth. Through his discussion with them, Christ reassures us that life does not end here. And St Paul too writes: "Our hope must not end here because we are on a journey toward eternal life in Christ.

Today, the Church beckons us to hold on to the hope we have, in the joyful fulfilment of God's promises, and in our resurrection in Christ. Hope strengthens our faith, and keeps us praying. We can pray with the psalmist to the Lord: "Guard me Lord and I shall awake, with the sight of your glory!"

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Today we make the annual collection in support of the Sick & Retired Priests of our Diocese. Presently there are 66 retired priests, a number which is expected to double by 2025. By donating to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has



regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection after Mass. You can also donate via the card machine.

THURSDAY MASS

Next Thursday, November 10th, Mass will be at the earlier time, for a Thursday, at 9.15am.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember, and pray for, the dead of the two world wars, and of the more recent conflicts. As usual, there is the annual Remembrance Service on Church Green, at 10.50am, when we join with the other churches to remember and pray.



HOLY SOULS

During November we continue to pray for, and assist, the Holy Souls with our prayers. During the month, 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.

PIZZA & POP

This is a final reminder that we are planning a fun, relaxed, social "Pizza and Pop" evening, on Tuesday between 7.30pm-9pm in the Undercroft. This event is being hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council and will be a great chance to meet other families, to share your ideas, and to help our young people and families, to feel more engaged in



the parish community. This event is being put on for parents, grandparents, teenagers and young adults. We can't wait to see you there".

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



It's 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 Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, on Tuesday 22nd November, and Monday 28th 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.

SUNDAY 9:45 MASS - A CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

A chance to join the 9:45am music team and swell the joyous praise to our Lord and God! We are looking to bring in any youngsters and adults who either play an instrument or just love singing along to the hymns and mass settings. Music is circulated during the week and we have a quick practice just before mass. The emphasis is always on the enjoyment of making music! Come up and speak to any of the team after mass on Sunday if you would like to get 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.



ADVENT DAY TO DAY BOOKS

Advent Day to Day books for adults and children are now available for sale in the repository at a charge of £1 each. These books are an excellent guide to the Advent season.

LINOCUT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hand printed linocut Christmas cards by Teresa Newham are now available at a cost of £2 each or three for £5. All proceeds to Our Lady of Lourdes Building Fund. Eight designs to choose from. For further details please call Teresa on (01582) 766403 or email marbretherese@googlemail.com.



PARISH WALK 9TH NOVEMBER

We had a very enjoyable walk last month which took us half way round the Batford Nature Reserve and I suggested we should do the second part, which includes the chalk stream, this month. It will begin from the Marquis of Granby at the end of Crabtree Lane about 10.15 am where there is parking, also in Marquis Close. I will be at Our Lady of Lourdes after Mass that day to take any one to the walk who would like a lift. Do wear sturdy foot wear as it can muddy. Coffee at my place afterwards. Janet janet.evers1938@gmail.com 01582 621960



WATFORD HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:

Memories Café - bereavement and loss drop-in support sessions.

Every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy.

Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most.

For more information please email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

Weekly Advent Reflections on Zoom

Each Sunday evening in advent you are invited to join us for 30min of reflection on the weekly themes of Advent. For more information, please email Deacon Anthony - revdeacon@mail.com

“The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. Humanity is called to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.” Laudato Si.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please see the job vacancy advert on the noticeboard in the porch. The position will be working for the SVP in Noth & East Herts, St Albans & Watford. 15 hours per week home based.

Upcoming Events:

SING FOR - CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

For those who fancy a sing to continue our fundraising for NOAH and Keystage Housing, and to add sparkle to a community event ... for family and friends to take part too, no joining fees but there will be bucket collections at the event itself.



Friday 25th November 7pm -8.30pm Rehearsal in the Undercroft

Saturday 26th November 4.30pm-5.15pm

Christmas Singing at the Engineer Pub, St John's Road as part of their Christmas Market.

Please email Katie Metcalfe

katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk so I know how many copies of the music I need!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

This will be held on Saturday December 3rd at the Lourdes Hall, **AND FOR THE FIRST TIME**, will be in the afternoon from 12 noon to 3pm to enable families who have football, rugby, swimming, etc. to attend. Put the date in your diary and look out for more news next week.



**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	
Sat 5 th Nov 6.00pm	feria 32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Frank McConnachie RIP
Sun 6 th Nov 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Johanna Gregory RIP Holy Souls/ People of the Parish Raju Jose RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.
Mon 7 th Nov 9.15am 2.00pm	feria Ellen Hanrahan RIP Baptism Mattison Family
Tue 8 th Nov 9.15am	feria Holy Souls
Wed 9 th Nov 9.15am	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Holy Souls Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thur 10 th Nov 9.15am	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor Peter Trueland RIP (Anniv)
Fri 11 th Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Sat 12 th Nov 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Baptisms Proctor & Micallef Families 33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Peggy & Jack Shaw RIP (Anniv)
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CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.00AM - 10.30AM & 7.00PM - 7.30PM	