



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN



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7TH APRIL 2024
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY)

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This time last week we were in the midst of building up to Easter, building up to the greatest event the world has ever known, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus demonstrating that he is both Lord of the living, and of the dead. Now as we continue to celebrate Easter, we are left with many lovely memories. Memories which will help us renew, and deepen, our faith.

For those who participated in the different celebrations, there will also be the memory of the prayerful, and uplifting, way in which we were able to celebrate. For this thanks are due to all who contributed in any way at all. Those who contributed to the celebrations, as well as those who decorated and prepared the church. Holy Week is a demanding time, but it's also a time when the parish comes together, as many people give of their time and talents.

One of the features of Maundy Thursday, is the 'Washing of the Feet'. Unfortunately, this year it was not possible to include this as, despite asking some of the parish groups, to provide members, only 3 people were volunteered. In Holy Week, everything we do depends on the good will of many people, putting themselves out, to ensure we celebrate as well as we can.

The Church gives us 50 days to celebrate Easter, to reflect on the wonder of the Resurrection. Let us continue to rejoice - to rejoice that Jesus is Risen, and with us forever.

Thank you too, for all your generosity at Easter, for the Easter Offering, and for the other gifts, and cards, and for your kindness and encouragement. All of which are greatly appreciated.

Let us continue, to rejoice together in the joy of Easter!

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter flowers collection. If you purchased a Lily for a deceased relative/friend then they can be seen around the Church in the arrangements and in Our Lady's chapel along with the remembrance book.



REST IN PEACE

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.

PAUL ROSEBLADE RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Paul Roseblade who died recently. Paul's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 16th April at 10.30am. We remember Paul's family and friends in our prayers at this time.

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.

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

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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).

CATENIAN DINNER INVITE - 1300KM WALK OVER 60 DAYS.

On Easter Sunday we heard that our parishioner Fraser Rosser-Smyth plans to walk from Geneva To Rome starting on May 14th. Fraser will now be attending our meeting and (7-30pm) dinner at Harpenden Golf Club on Wednesday 10th April to tell us about the challenges he faces and the route which takes him over the Alps and through Italy onto Rome, the final destination. He commented that whilst its primarily a personal journey he will also be supporting Harpenden Mencap an organisation close to his heart.

Come and listen to Fraser's story and hear about the challenges he will be facing, by joining us at the dinner. The cost for a two-course meal is £30 per person including wine. It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening so look forward to hearing from you via email by Sunday evening please, to denniscooper4@outlook.com. Thank you. Harpenden Catenians supporting our young people.

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!

OLOL YOUTH GROUP: SAT 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.

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.

THE HERTS CIRCLE OF THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Will be holding an open meeting on Sat, 13th April at 11 am when the Anglican Dean of St Albans Cathedral, the Rev'd Joanne Kelly-Moore, will speak about her Church Journey

from New Zealand to St Albans at St Alban & St Stephen Parish Centre, Beaconsfield Road, St Albans AL1 3RB. Parking is available at the Church. All are welcome. The meeting will be preceded by the Circle's AGM at 10.30 am.

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

THE HARDYNGE CHOIR

Great Cathedral Anthems

on 20th April at 7.30pm at High Street

Methodist Church Harpenden. for ticket prices and booking please visit www.hardyngechoir.org

or call 0845 475 1664

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th April
12.00 Noon

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Baptism Eldridge Family

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
Terry Newman RIP (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 7th April
8.30am
9.45am
11.30am

Mary & Damian Timlin RIP (Anniversary)
People of the Parish
Nigel Newham RIP (Anniversary)
Zoom Code 883 7014 5568

Monday 8th April
9.15am

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Sr. Regina (Special Intentions)

Tuesday 9th April
9.15am

Easter Feria
Stella O'Sullivan RIP (Recently Deceased)

Wednesday 10th April
9.15am

Easter Feria
Sr. Nora (Special Intentions)

Thursday 11th April
11.00am

St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
McDermott Family (Special Intentions)

Friday 12th April

Easter Feria

Saturday 13th April
12.00 Noon

Easter Feria
Baptism McCarthy Family

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Maureen Francis RIP (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 14th April
8.30am
9.45am
11.30am

Allan Healy RIP (Recently Deceased)
People of the Parish
Lucia Watson RIP
Zoom Code 883 7014 5568

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS 10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS