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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (A)



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The Feast of Corpus Christi invites us to reflect with gratitude and wonder on one of the greatest gifts Christ has given to his Church: the Holy Eucharist. At every Mass, the Lord fulfils his promise to remain with us. Under the appearance of bread and wine, he gives us not simply a symbol of himself, but his very Body and Blood, offered for the life of the world.

The Eucharist is both a gift and a calling. It is a gift because here we encounter the living Christ. In a world where many people experience loneliness, uncertainty, and anxiety, the Lord comes to us and says, "I am with you." Each time we receive Holy Communion, we are united more deeply with him and with one another as members of his Body, the Church.

At the same time, the Eucharist calls us to live differently. We cannot receive the self-giving love of Christ and then remain unchanged. The One who gives himself completely to us teaches us to be generous, compassionate, forgiving, and attentive to those in need. The Mass does not end when we leave the church; rather, we are sent out to carry Christ's presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Corpus Christi is also an opportunity to renew our appreciation for Sunday Mass. Amid the busyness of life, it is easy to take the Eucharist for granted. Yet there is no greater privilege than gathering with the Lord's people to hear his word and receive his Body and Blood.

May this feast deepen our love for the Eucharist and help us to recognise in this sacred gift the enduring presence of Christ, who continues to nourish, strengthen, and accompany us on our journey of faith.

60 YEARS OF SERVICE

This weekend we have the pleasure of celebrating with Mgr Turner the 60th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. On 5th June 1966 he was ordained in St Mary and St Joseph's Church, Poplar. This is a wonderful moment to celebrate with him, 60 years of service and faithfulness, in a variety of roles, to God and His people. It is also a moment to give thanks to God for this example of service and faithfulness. At 11.30am this morning there is the Mass of Thanksgiving, and afterwards there is the parish celebration in Lourdes Hall, everyone is welcome to both the Mass and celebration afterwards.

- 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>
- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring food to Mgr Turner's party. If you are going to 8.30am or 9.45am Mass, you can bring your offerings to Mass. OTHERWISE, please bring your food to Lourdes Hall before the 11.30am Mass.
St Dominic's School has kindly offered the use of their car park for the party.
We look forward to seeing you.

THANKSGIVING

Next Sunday, the children, who recently made their First Holy Communion, will be attending the 9.45am Mass. This is an opportunity for all those who celebrated

this event, to come together as one group, and, with their parents, to thank God for the wonderful gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Afterwards the children will adjourn to the Undercroft for a short celebration.

FIRST COMMUNION 2027

As this year's First Communion preparation draws to a close, so we begin planning for next year. From next Sunday, registration forms for children in year 3 and above (from Sept), can be collected after Mass. When complete, these should be returned to the Parish Office with a Baptismal Certificate, unless Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes. It is expected that those applying are from practicing Catholic families, ie. attending Mass every Sunday.

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 it's connection with the Spanish Mystic, St John of the Cross. The final, full day, will include a trip to Salamanca, famous for it's 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 this **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.

PATRICIA KELLY RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Kelly who died recently. Patricia's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 9th July at 11.00am. We remember her family in our prayers at this time.

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

We have to understand that a true ecological approach must become a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. *Laudato Si', 49*

FROM THE CATENIAN'S

Come, take a look.

Harpenden Catenians will be holding their monthly men's meeting on 10th June at Harpenden Golf Club. There is short meeting starting at 7pm followed by a convivial dinner and Catholic men of the parish are very welcome to join us. There are no conditions as it really is a *just a come and take a look*, invitation. It's important that Catholic men and through them their families take time out to mix socially, feel able to chat freely and listen to likeminded people.

Just let Simon know at simon-davies9@sky.com before this Sunday please, so he can book you in.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Music and Children's Liturgy Groups are hosting an end of term party for the children who come to the 9:45am Mass. Please join us in the Presbytery Garden (weather permitting) after Mass on

Sunday 12th July for drinks and party food. All children and their families are welcome.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN SCHOOLS

Are you a parent or parishioner who would like to learn more about how our children can be taught the Church's Social Teaching through their school curriculum? If so come to a talk at Saint Alban and Stephen parish Centre on Thursday July 9th 2.30pm - 3.30pm and hear about a local school's implementation of CST into theirs. Miss Maria Gallego will give a talk entitled "Catholic Social Teaching: From Pope Leo X11 to Nicholas Breakspear School " Marta is the Head of Biology and Deputy Head of Science at NBS . Hosted by the Herts Circle of the Newman Association.

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

HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Join us for a Public Meeting with guest speaker Andrei Lussmann where he will share insights from 24 years of serving sustainable affordable food through rising costs and competition. 7.30pm on Thursday 11th June at High Street Methodist Church. It is completely free to attend, attendees just need to sign up for a ticket.

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harpenden-society>

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.

Tickets can be booked

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

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 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>Gemma Osbourne (Special Intentions) People of the Parish Monsignor Harry Turner Jubilee Mass 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>Monday 8th June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Sarah Colley RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 9th June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Stuart Ross (Special Intention)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 10th June 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Maureen Calder RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>	
<p>Thursday 11th June 11.00am</p>	<p>St Barnabas, Apostle Lydia & Arun (Special Intentions)</p>	
<p>Friday 12th June</p>	<p>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</p>	<p>Recently Deceased Antonio Marti RIP Sarah Colley RIP Maureen Calder RIP</p> <p>Prayer for the Faithful Departed</p>
<p>Saturday 13th June</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p>	<p>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p> <p>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mary Hammond RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 14th June 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>People of the Parish First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass Beryl Vasquez RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>	
		<p>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>