



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

8TH OCTOBER 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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If you asked somebody to do something and they didn't do it, you might give them a second chance. If they failed to do it a second time, your patience might be stretched. If they failed a third time, you would definitely give up on them. Thankfully, our ways are not God's ways. God clearly has more patience with us, than we have with ourselves and each other.

The first reading and the gospel this Sunday, both use the image of the vineyard to speak to us, about the patience and generosity of God.

Jesus tells the chief priests and the elders a parable. The owner of the vineyard sends workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest. However, these poor servants do not receive a positive welcome. They are attacked and beaten. The owner then sends more workers into the vineyard. Sadly, these workers are treated in much the same way. Lastly, the owner decides to send his son in the hope and belief that they will treat him with respect. Alas, his hope is ill placed; they kill his son. The owner of the vineyard represents God, and his son is Jesus Christ. Also, very clear in the parable, is that those who killed the servants and the owner's son are the Scribes, Pharisees and the elders.

But this, like all parables, is held up to us today, so that we can see ourselves in it and learn from it. God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. Like those in the gospel, we have to choose freely, whether to accept, or decline, God's generous offer. The burning question from this parable, for us today is simple, but challenging; what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing today, through our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Last Friday was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, when we were asked to deny ourselves in some way, so as to support some of the poorest people in our world. Anything you were able to save will be collected as you leave Mass today. If you wish to 'Gift-Aid' your contribution, please use one of the CAFOD envelopes.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The prayer of the Rosary leads us through those significant events of our Lord's life, providing us with an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on these important moments in our faith. During this coming month do try to give some time to pray this great Gospel prayer.



CONFIRMATION 2024

First Session today 8th October
1.30pm - 3.30pm. in Lourdes Hall.



SECONDARY REFERENCES

For parents who require a priest's reference, in connection, with applications for secondary school places, Canon Dwyer will be available, in the church, on Monday 16th October from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

YOUTH FRIENDLY MASSES:

The next Youth friendly mass will be on Saturday 11th November at 6pm. 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! Contact the parish office if you'd like to take part. Those masses will take place once a month on the following dates: **9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.**



LOL YOUTH GROUP:

Year 10 and beyond Save the date:

Saturday 11th November 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Join us for our Parish Youth Group 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. *Come and be part of this exciting new project!* Future dates 9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 17th March 10am - 3pm, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.



REPOSITORY

The Repository has some new attractive stock. There are modern engaging books for children including colouring books, Mass books, and Bible stories written and illustrated in a way which will appeal to children. We also have some beautiful new Statues, Crucifixes, and Baptism gifts, and a wide selection of cards including a new range of 'I lit a candle' cards which are always popular. Come and have a look and you will be surprised at what we stock.

SING FOR 6 CONCERT

You are all invited to join us for the Sing for 6 Concert today at 3pm in aid of Noah & Ketstage Housing. Entry is by donation of items required by Noah & Keystage Housing (hats gloves, socks for winter, new underwear & toiletries) Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Undercroft.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Father Mark Walker, Parish Priest of East Acton, is leading a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from 19th to 26th February 2024. He extends a warm invitation to any parishioners, who might like to join him. The full package price: £1867 pp, based on min 30 passengers. For a booking form, or more information, please contact: Fr Mark Walker actoneast@rcdow.org.uk.

HOMELESSNESS GROUP DONATION BINS

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far but please keep the donations coming. Keystage Housing are separate for non perishable food eg. Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta/ Ragu sauces and personal hygiene toiletries eg. Toothbrushes Shower gel/ soap & Shampoo. If you could add a few items to your weekly shopping they would be very grateful, please drop off any donations into the yellow bin in the courtyard of the Church
Thank you!

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP SAVE THE DATES



QUIZ NIGHT

NEXT SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM
VENUE: LOURDES HALL



Last call! We have a few spaces left to make up a table for this evening of light-hearted brainteasing in aid of DWG's latest project - a bore hole for the Kyangala community in Kenya. Fish and chip supper, BYO bottle, enticing raffle. £20 to book a place please contact Betty Hines 07905797729

LET'S AUCTION YOUR 'LOLLY IN THE LOFT'

Please donate any valuable items your family doesn't need. eg. *Grandma's silver teaspoon collection, Grandpa's watch, Mum's pearl necklace, Dad's miniature car collection!* The



'Lolly' will be auctioned by Tring Auctioneers and all proceeds will help to bring clean drinking water to the village of Kyangala, Kenya.

Drop off your 'Lolly' on Wednesday 8th November between 10.30am and 8.00pm* at 10 Holly Bush Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4AT Tea and Cake provided too! For more information email: louisamvphillips@googlemail.com or phone: 07734 190488

*Or any other day by arrangement.

AREN'T WE FORTUNATE!

In our part of Hertfordshire, we have such an outstanding and historical building as St. Albans Abbey / Cathedral. Catholic Mass is celebrated there every week. There is no other

example of this anywhere in the UK. It has taken place since 1983 every Friday. Next Friday 13th October at 12.00noon there will be a celebration Mass which will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Catholic Mass at the Cathedral. On Sunday 15th October the Cathedral itself will celebrate a Solemn Evensong celebrating its work of relating with other churches in our part of Hertfordshire. You are warmly invited to this ceremony as well followed by refreshments.

UKRAINE IN OUR HEARTS

Next Sunday 15 October 2023 at 3pm, in St Nicholas' Church, Alla Kravchuk (soprano) and Oksana Hermanchuk (piano), will be offering a programme of songs reflecting Ukraine's rich musical heritage from classical to jazz, favourite songs and classical music. Profits from this concert will be donated to DEC Ukraine humanitarian appeal. Tea and cake will be served during the interval. Tickets: £10 per person with those under 16 years free Available from St Nicholas' Parish Office on 01582 765524 or administrator@parishofharpندن.org Office opening times - Monday - Friday 10am to 2pm.



A NEW VENTURE IN SOUTHDOWN

Following the decision to discontinue worship at Southdown Methodist Church we are investigating the possibility of creating a new outreach venture based on the premises. It is proposed that the building be converted into a performing arts centre, at the heart of which will be a studio theatre that can be used for small scale performances, classes, workshops, digital media preparation and creative forms of worship using drama. If you would like to know more about the project, and would consider being a part of the development team, please contact Mike Lees by email at mike.lees001@gmail.com



LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

Available for Hire, and for one off Parties
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MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 7th October</p> <p>Youth Friendly Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7pm-8.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth Group - Undercroft</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.45am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Andy Donahue RIP</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p> <p>Sing for 6 Concert</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 9th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</p>
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CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS
10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS