



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

9TH JULY 2023

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



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It can sometimes happen, that when we tell another person something that has happened to us, we are not believed. We share an experience in good faith, hoping to be listened to, and believed, but the opposite happens. This can upset and even anger us. In the gospel this Sunday, as Jesus sends out his disciples, he prepares them for the possibility of such a response to their message. Either they will be welcomed, and able to minister fruitfully, or they will be rejected and their ministry will not be accepted. Jesus is not asking them to do anything, he has not already done or experienced himself.

Not everyone who heard him accepted his message, and often he was rejected and run out of town! This is not surprising as his message was, and still is, very challenging. The message Jesus speaks is one of mercy, love of strangers and even enemies, forgiveness, and concern for the poor and neglected.

Jesus called each of these disciples personally and then sent them out in his name. He trusted them with the responsibility of carrying out his mission and ministry. Today, Jesus calls each of us by our name, and entrusts us with the same responsibility. Today, each of us is asked by Jesus to not only to hear and believe in him, we are called to share this good news whenever, and wherever, we can.

Through our Baptism, we are called to be missionary disciples. We do this through the quality of the example of our lives. The church teaches us that, the gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Jesus has called each of us by our name, he has filled each of us with his Spirit, and sends us out in his name; we are not alone.

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

It is that time of year, when parents are invited to consider if they would like their children to be prepared for First Holy Communion next year. This year the arrangements are a little different.

Over the years it has become a source of concern, that quite a number of the First Communion families, do not regularly attend Mass each week. This year the hope is that parents can be encouraged to take the promises, made at their children's

Baptism, more seriously. These new arrangements are not 'closing the door' on anyone, but a pathway to a renewed and deeper commitment. Parents who would like their child to be enrolled for First Holy Communion preparation, need to make an appointment to meet with Canon Dwyer. To participate in the programme, children for the programme should be in Year 3 from September 2023, or above. To make an appointment, please call the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday, between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Parent(s) and child should attend the appointment. If the child was not Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes, please bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 10th July and will re-open on Monday 17th July.



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/2023/05/OLOL-Database-New-Parishioner-Form-May-2023.pdf>

Completed forms can be emailed or posted into the Parish Office.

harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

FUNERALS

Please pray for those who have died recently.

WILLAM (LIAM) KELLY RIP

The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 10th July at 11.00am.

PATRICK O'GRADY RIP

The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 13th July at 11.00am.

JOHN FSADNI RIP

The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 17th July at 11.00am.

MARIAN ROSEBLADE RIP

Details of Marian's Funeral Mass to follow.

May they rest in peace, and let us pray for the comfort of their families

MASSES THIS WEEK

There is no 9.15am Mass tomorrow, Monday, as the funeral of the late Liam Kelly, will be taking place at 11.00am. On Thursday, the 11.00am Mass, is the funeral of the late Patrick O'Grady.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The Universe Newspaper is back in print the cost of the paper is just £3.50 and is available from the porch.

DEVELOPING WORLDS GROUP

We warmly welcome allcomers to join our merry but increasingly small band. To find out more or to get involved please call Betty Hines on 01582 843409 or 07905797729 or email elizabeth.hines@gmail.com



GETTING MARRIED?

Couples intending to get married, need to give at least six months' notice, as required by the Diocese. Pre-marriage preparation, provides an opportunity to reflect, not just on the wedding, which is for a day, but on the marriage, which is for life, as well as looking at the other necessary arrangements. Anyone getting married within the next year should be in contact with Canon Dwyer. If you know of couples hoping to marry in the coming year, please draw their attention to this notice.



JOIN A COURSE RUN BY HARPENDEN LEARNING FOR LEISURE (HLfL)

If you are interested in the world, keen to keep your brain active and want to participate in an activity with like minded people then an HLfL course may just be what you are looking for. HLfL is a not-for-profit organisation run by local

people. We run courses on a wide range of topics, each led by an experienced professional. Each course comprises 10 weekly daytime sessions, each session lasting 1 ½ or 2 hours. No qualifications are required to attend. There is no homework and no exams. Fees are payable, but are set at a level to only cover costs.

Courses this autumn include creative writing, history, art, music, literature and current affairs. Classes run from The Harpenden Trust Halls in Southdown, Harpenden and the Function Room of the Plough and Harrow pub, just across the road. Ample free parking is available at the Co-op car park nearby. Why not find out more about these classes by visiting the HLfL website:

www.harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk .

If you have further enquiries please email Elaine O'Brien:

info@harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk.

Elaine will happily call you back if you would like to speak to someone in person, but remember to include your phone number. So look us up, read about the courses we offer, and get learning for leisure!

LOURDES HALL

SOUTHDOWN ROAD HARPENDEN

Available for Hire, and for one off Parties for more details contact

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MASS INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 8th July 2.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p>feria Wedding</p> <p>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Brian Armitage RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 9th July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>John Fennessey RIP (Month's Mind) People of the Parish Colm Murray RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 10th July 11.00am</p>	<p>feria Requiem Mass William (Liam) Kelly</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 11th July 9.15am</p>	<p>ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe Special Intentions (IP)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 12th July 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 13th July 11.00am</p>	<p>feria Requiem Mass Patrick O'Grady</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 14th July</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 15th July 1.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p>	<p>St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor Wedding</p> <p>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Francis & Lily Moran RIP (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 16th July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</p> <p>Fred MacCommell RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Edie Dalglish RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS

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