



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

17TH JULY 2022

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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We all know people who seem to be busy and active all the time. We also know those who have the habit of letting others do all the work. Neither extreme is good for us. We can't be busy all the time and neither can we sit back and let others do all the work. What is called for is balance; being active and engaged and taking time to rest and renew ourselves.

In today's Gospel, we are given the two complementary sides of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We have Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to him as he spoke. We are also presented with Martha who prepared and served the food. Neither one is better than the other. Both ways of experiencing and encountering Jesus are needed and part of our own daily lives. There are times when we are busy with the daily routines and activities that occupy our days. This is normal and healthy. These are the times when we can look to Martha as a role model. Serving others is how we put our faith and love into action. However, there are times when we are called to be silent so that we can hear what Jesus is saying to us. Mary in the gospel is an example of this listening attitude.

In scripture we are encouraged to *be still and know God*. If we are always busy and active we are not allowing ourselves time to maintain our friendship with God. On the other hand, we are also called to live in the ordinary world of house, work and daily activities. Through our prayer and relationship with Jesus, we can bring a deep quality of service and ministry not only to our own lives but the lives of those we serve and care for.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The new PPC began meeting in February, and has been meeting monthly since then. Following on from the Parish Survey, members have been considering how to take some of the suggestions forward and, as well, have been thinking about the responses made in the Synodal process, a good number of which overlap. One repeated concern has been our responsibility for our young people. The PPC is actively reflecting on this and intend to say more about this after the summer break. If you want to discover more of what the PPC is doing, you will find the minutes of meetings, on the parish website. The PPC is, it is hoped, for the good of the parish, if you have questions, suggestions or comments to make, do speak to one of the members, or you can send an email to: ppc@catholicchurchharpندن.org.uk

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of Henry Wraight, and Christopher Hynes who died recently.

Henry Wraight RIP

Requiem Mass on Monday 1st August at 11.00am

Christopher Hynes RIP

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 19th July at 11.00am.

We remember their families in our prayers at this time. May they Rest In Peace

FIRST COMMUNION 2023

The First Communion celebrations, for this year, having been concluded we now look towards the summer of 2023. Parents of children in year 3, and above, who would like to enrol their children for First Holy Communion preparation, can collect a form after Mass today. **Completed forms should be returned to the parish office, with a Baptismal certificate, by this Friday July 22nd.**



FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

It's perfectly understandable that, from time to time, small children can become restless during Mass. If this happens parents are welcome to take the children to the 'crying' room; which is on the right as you enter the church.

TUESDAY MASS

On Tuesday, there is no Mass at 9.15am, as the funeral Mass for the late Christopher Hynes, will be taking place at 11.00am.

PARISH OFFICE



Melanie is away on holiday, so if you leave a voicemail, or send an email, please be patient as the response time may not be as efficient as usual!

OASIS

This is a friendly, informal group which meets once a month to read the scripture for the coming weekend. We reflect on the readings, share our thoughts and pray together. All are very welcome whether to read, speak or just enjoy listening. **Time: -2.00pm to 3:30pm**
Next meeting: -this Wednesday 6th July
Please contact: -juliaandnigel057@gmail.com (07891083251) for more details

LIVE-STREAMING HOLIDAY

The parish is very fortunate to have two volunteers who have set up, and continue to operate, the live-streaming of some Masses, and other events. After live-streaming the 11.30am Mass this morning, there will be no more live-streaming until early September. We are very grateful to those who look after this facility, and thank them for what they have done to keep us connected. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who finds live-streaming to be of benefit.

PARISH WEBSITE

The new parish website is now up and running, providing a variety of different information, about different aspects of parish life. If you haven't yet had a look, do take a few minutes to

do so. You can visit it at:

www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk

HOMELESSNESS ACTION GROUP

As you know, we support two groups in Luton, NOAH and Keystage. NOAH have told us of a number of volunteering opportunities they have:

- Catering - working in our kitchen in support of our chef at breakfast, lunch or evening meal times
- Welfare - engaging with our service users in conversation, listening to their issues, providing friendship, engaging them in recreational activities
- Outreach - accompanying our outreach workers as they engage with homeless people on the streets
- Retail - Join us as a Store Associate, working back of house or on the shop floor in one of our retail outlets
- Administration - Work in our new Store Support Centre as we support customers and staff alike.
- PAT testing - Help us make the most of our donations by offering us some time with your PAT testing qualification.
- Delivering - Join us as a conveyer and help keep our shops full.
- Fundraising - helping raise funds for NOAH or get involved in staging events
- Professional - we always need help with services, be it through professional trades men and women through to business professional in finance, marketing, PR etc.

To find out more do

email volunteering@noahenterprise.org or telephone 01582 728416. If you go to NOAH's website you can apply online and/or download an application form and email it back.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This year's Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on 6th August led by Bishop Philip Egan. A coach will leave Harpenden at 7.30 am and St. Bartholomew's church, Vesta Avenue, St Albans at 7.50 am. Tickets cost £20 (adult) and £10 (child) which includes Priory entrance. To book please contact Geraldine on 07971028415

For more details call 01858 571242 or visit

www.prolifepilgrimage.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK FINANCIAL CONTROLLER VACANCY

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Diocesan Financial Controller to ensure the efficient management of diocesan finances. Reporting to the Finance Director (FD) and responsible for managing and developing a small team. More details are available from the poster on the noticeboard in the Church porch.

HARPENDEN LEARNING FOR LEISURE

(HLfL) is a not-for-profit organisation run by local people. It runs daytime courses on a wide range of topics ranging from Current Affairs to Making Sense of Modern Art with plenty in between. They are ideal for those who wish to keep their brain active, get out the house and meet other people. To find out more visit www.harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

<p align="center">Saturday 16th July 12.00 Noon</p> <p align="center">6.00pm</p>	<p>feria Baptisms Arevalo & Kearns Families</p> <p>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Ann Considine RIP</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 17th July</p> <p align="center">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</p> <p>Mike Twomey RIP (Months Mind) People of the Parish Ita Long RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p align="center">Monday 18th July</p> <p align="center">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 19th July</p> <p align="center">9.15 am 11.00am</p>	<p>Feria No Mass Funeral Mass for Christopher Hynes RIP</p> <p>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 20th July</p> <p align="center">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 21st July</p> <p align="center">11.00am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</p>
<p align="center">Friday 22nd July</p>	<p>ST MARY MAGDALENE</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 23rd July</p> <p align="center">6.00pm</p>	<p>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe</p> <p>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Rita Dooley RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 24th July</p> <p align="center">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</p> <p>John Novak RIP (Months Mind) People of the Parish Helen Kennedy RIP</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>
<p align="center">CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.00AM - 10.30AM & 7PM - 7.30PM</p>	