



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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It is interesting to notice how Jesus answers people when they put direct questions to him. Today he is asked "Who is my neighbour?" and he doesn't answer, but instead tells the story of the Good Samaritan. Yet the story doesn't answer the question and perhaps that's because Jesus is looking into the heart of the questioner and knows that he needs to pay attention to a much more important question.

To get to that, we have to go back to the beginning. The whole scene begins with the man asking another question. "What do I have to do to inherit eternal life". On the face of it, he wants to know how to get into heaven. Jesus asks him what is written in the Law and, of course, he gets the answer right! Love God and love your neighbour. However, he persists in his search as though he was asking a question that will cover everything. So now, Jesus the teacher, continues the lesson which becomes an invitation to self-knowledge.

Listening to the story, the lawyer gradually sees his segregated world view being dismantled as the expected good guys fail and the villain becomes the hero. He painfully learns that the question that matters is not "Who is my neighbour" but, "what kind of neighbour am I?" He is told to become the kind of neighbour that the Samaritan is, someone moved by compassion for a brother or sister in need and to "go and do likewise".

The scene begins with a religious person who thinks that he has an important question to ask, and it ends with him being challenged with a life lesson that turns his world on its head and leaves him with a much more important question: "What am I doing about the people lying half dead on the road to Jericho?"

Remarkably, the question still stands!

## MONDAY MASS

Tomorrow, Monday, there is no Mass at 9.15am, as the funeral Mass for the late Siobhan Moss, will be taking place at 9.30am.

## NEW PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCHED!



After a considerable amount of hard work, the Mission Development Team are pleased to announce the launch of the new parish website which can be viewed

at [www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk).

It provides a significant source of reference as part of our parish mission of 'Seeking Christ Together' to be used by parishioners, visitors, and those seeking more information about our parish life and the Catholic faith. It is the place to visit for information, encouragement, and inspiration as it reflects the joys of the Catholic family and Our Lady of Lourdes as a vibrant and active parish that is welcoming to everyone irrespective of the reasons they attend Mass, visit our church, attend an event, or join one of the many parish groups. Do visit the site and take a look around. Thank you to everyone who helped us along the way.

## CONFIRMATION

Over three Masses last weekend 32 young people from our parish, as well as 8 from the parishes of Redbourn and Wheathampstead received the sacrament of Confirmation, from Bishop Paul McAleenan and Canon Dwyer. Each of the Masses was a happy and joyful celebration, thanks to all those who contributed, choir, servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners; how good it is to celebrate so well, thanks to those who give their time so generously. Thank you, also, to the Catechists who give their time to prepare the candidates.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to Anna Painter who, after 14 years, leading the Confirmation Catechists, is standing down this year. We are so grateful to Anna for all that she has done during this time.



## THANK YOU

### Re: Mission Appeal Donation for the weekend of 19th June 2022

On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that took place recently at your parish. The £1,456.30 we have received will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help. Events in the world continue to cause concern, and we need to try and understand why people driven to desperation through fear, hopelessness and poverty can resort to desperate and drastic means of redress. Sadly this only leads to increased sufferings, injustice and hate. We are all children of God, and they are our brothers and sisters. The Love of Jesus is universal, so too should our love and concerns. We continue to be faithful to work among the social and cultural outcasts and victims of war, violence and natural disasters and are grateful for your prayers and support for our missionaries at home and overseas.

## THANKSGIVING MASS

Now that all the children have received their First Holy Communion, at the two celebrations, today they will all be gathering



again for the Thanksgiving Mass. Another opportunity to wear those First Communion outfits, and more importantly to thank God for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist.

After Mass the children will be gathering in the undercroft for a short celebration.



## 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 July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

### Henry Wraight RIP

Details of Henry's Requiem Mass to follow once they are confirmed.

### Siobhan Moss RIP

Requiem Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.

### Christopher Hynes RIP

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.

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

**NB There will be no 9.15am Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

## 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.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Office Administrator is on holiday for the next two weeks, so if you leave a voicemail, or send an email, please be patient as the response time may not be as efficient as usual!



**THANK YOU** very much to the wonderful Ladies Group for our enjoyable Strawberry Social last Sunday which raised the magnificent sum of £700. Thank you to all who came and also the many parishioners who bought tickets even though they were not free to attend. You really make a difference to the lives of our brother and sisters in the Barcelona settlement in



South Africa. Sr. Margaret and I keep you in our prayers. *Sr. Regina*

## 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**

## PARISH WALK

Do come and join us this Wednesday 13th July for our monthly walk. We start off from Our Lady of Lourdes church after Mass, about 10.00am and walk in Rothamsted Park for about an hour where we share our knowledge of all the wonders of nature around us. Then it's off for coffee and a friendly chat at a cafe of choice. It's a wonderful way of getting to know people in our parish so do give it a try. For further details contact:

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## 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](http://www.harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk).

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK**

<p><b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> 1.00pm  6.00pm</p>	<p>feria Wedding  <b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Jacqueline Dodds RIP</p>
<p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>  8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>  Joan Teahan RIP (recently deceased) People of the Parish, FHC Thanksgiving Mass Anna Hannon RIP  <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>  9.30am</p>	<p><b>ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe</b>  Funeral Mass Siobhan Moss RIP</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Souls in Purgatory <b>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> 9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p><b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>  11.00am</p>	<p>feria  Special Intention IP <b>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b></p>	<p><b>St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b></p>
<p><b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> 12.00 Noon  6.00pm</p>	<p>feria Baptisms Arevalo &amp; Kearns Families  <b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Ann Considine RIP</p>
<p><b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>  8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p><b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>  Mike Twomey RIP (Months Mind) People of the Parish Ita Long RIP (Recently Deceased)  <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.00AM - 10.30AM &amp; 7PM - 7.30PM</b></p>	