



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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At election times we get lots of literature in the post, or through social media, or people call to the door, to canvass our vote. The canvassers, who usually travel in twos, will be well briefed, and they have their arguments polished and ready. Since they are representing the election candidate, they stay "on message", echoing the political manifesto of the candidate's party. Today's gospel is about a deeper target than voters-seeking votes, but there are similarities. Jesus sent them out in pairs. Although Jesus called each one individually, he never sent them out alone.

Jesus sent them out like lambs among wolves. That wasn't very encouraging, but they had a choice. They could preach a message that made people comfortable in their complacency; or they could preach the message of Jesus, that called for fundamental change. Whatever challenges they encountered, they returned full of enthusiasm for the welcome they got at people's doorsteps. They had obeyed Jesus, and it worked. They experienced for themselves his healing power. And further still, Jesus assured them that their names were "written in heaven".

Our discipleship can be summed up in two phrases: "Come and see" and "Go and tell." If we have personally felt the value of having Jesus in our lives, we shall want to tell others about him. There is a difference between witnessing and preaching. We are all called to witness, but not all are called to preach. Many good Christians witness with their actions, rather than their words. But we can all bear witness to Christ, through the quality of our living. We might reflect on the challenging question attributed to G. K. Chesterton: "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

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.

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

This weekend 33 young people from our parish, and a further 8 from the parishes of Redbourn and Wheathampstead have been Confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan. 36 were confirmed yesterday, and Canon Dwyer will Confirm a further 5 at the 11.30am Mass this morning. This is such a special moment for these our young people, and for our parish, as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray that they will be open to gifts that they receive through the Spirit.



FIRST COMMUNION 2023

The First Communion celebrations, for this year, having been concluded, we now look towards the summer of 2023. Parents of children who move

into year 3, and above in September, 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 22nd.



THANKSGIVING MASS

Now that all the children have received their First Holy Communion, at the two celebrations, next Sunday 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. We hope to see all the children, and their families, at the 9.45am Mass.



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.

MOVING ON

It's very good as we see much of our lives returning to what we know as 'normal'. And that's particularly true here in the parish, where most activities have recommenced. We would like to think of the church as a safe place, so for that reason hand gel will continue to be distributed, or be available, both on arrival and departure. The wearing of masks will be left for individuals to choose. **If, however, you contract Covid, or are feeling unwell, please stay away.**

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL.

This very popular annual event is today, **Sunday 3rd July** in the Presbytery garden from 3-5pm. If you would like to come but do not yet have a ticket, just turn up.

Tickets cost £10. And try to remember to bring something for us to take to the Food Bank. Proceeds from the event will go to the Barcelona project in South Africa.



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 11th July at 9.30am.

Christopher Hynes RIP

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 19th July at 11.00am.

We remember all their families in our prayers

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

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 conveyor 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.

PARISH WALK

Do come and join us on 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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ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Milk and juice collections for the foodbank this week-end.

So please, if you can, bring a carton of UHT milk or long life juice to the church this Saturday or Sunday. Thank you. Laudato Sii group

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

LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS) CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY



Next Sunday
10th July 2022
12pm to 6pm
(last admission
5pm)
Admission
£5.00 per
person (FREE

entry for children aged 5 and under)

There will be live music by the popular local band Soulfish, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle.

A link to the ticket page and more information can be found at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

LIVESIMPLY LITURGY GROUP

Quote (Fratelli Tutti)

"I realize that some people are hesitant and fearful with regard to migrants. I consider this part of our natural instinct of self-defence. Yet it is also true that an individual and a people are only fruitful and productive if they are able to develop a creative openness to others."

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Sat 2nd July	feria 11.00am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Thomas & Edith Dare RIP
Sun 3rd July	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	People of the Parish Paul Gallagher RIP (Months Mind) Patricia McGill RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568
Mon 4th July	feria 9.15am	
Tues 5th July	feria 9.15am	Zoom Code 846 8231 6518
Wed 6th July	feria 9.15am	
Thu 7th July	feria 11.00am	Ray Sufflebotham RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 843 3670 2322
Fri 8th July	feria	
Sat 9th July	feria 1.00pm 6.00pm	Wedding 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Jacqueline Dodds RIP
Sun 10th July	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am	People of the Parish First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass Anna Hannon RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568
CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 7PM - 7.30PM		