



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

24TH JULY 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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There are many ways of praying, and many gurus offering to teach us meditation. We may readily identify with the disciple who asked, after watching Jesus at prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray." They wanted to know how Jesus set about prayer, in his own heart. St Luke's Gospel is notable for its prayerful focus. More than the other Evangelists he draws attention to Jesus praying - whether alone, on the hills or in the garden of olives.

Like that unnamed disciple, we can sincerely ask, "Lord, teach us to pray." But first we need to sit in silence, just aware of him. Then gradually, like the apprentice learning from the master, or rather, like good soil becoming fertile from the falling dew, his prayer takes root and germinates in our hearts. Slowly we too begin to repeat that central prayer which links our whole being to the one that Jesus calls, "Abba, Father." Luke's wording of the Lord's Prayer begins with the simple cry "Father!" It is a form of address that would not have been on the lips of anyone but Jesus. It originated in, and revealed, his profound bond with the Father. Jesus was Son of God in the depth of his being.

The early Christians, especially those who listened to St Paul, cherished the moment of Baptism when they became children of God. In the depths of their hearts they could hear the Spirit of Jesus urging them to make their own his intimacy with God, "Abba, Father". This title of familiarity expressed perfectly the unique intimacy, and total confidence, of their new status. Even as it revealed the core identity of Jesus, it makes us aware of the dignity of our adoption as children of the Father. Who better to introduce us to prayer than Jesus himself and, of course, the Holy Spirit he shares with us?

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

With the schools now closed for the summer, it seems that holiday time, for many, is finally here. As St Dominic's closes it is an opportunity to thank the Headteacher and staff, for their dedication, and good work, in what has been another challenging year. We wish them all a restful and happy holiday, as well as children and parents. And for all our parishioners, it is to be hoped that the coming weeks will provide an opportunity, for you to have happy and safe holidays, or at least some time to rest.



NEWSLETTER

This is the last Newsletter until Sunday 11th September. Keep an eye on the website (see below) for any news or information.

PARISH OFFICE



Melanie is back from her holiday on Monday and the Parish Office will re-open as normal Monday to Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm for all enquiries.

MASS TIME CHANGE

For this week only, Mass on Monday 25th July will be at 8.30am. There is no Mass at 9.15.



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.

FIRST COMMUNION 2023

The deadline has now passed for Registration, if you still have to send your form into the Parish Office please do so as soon as possible.



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.

HENRY WRAIGHT RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Henry Wraight who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be held on the 1st August at 11.00.

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. Like everyone else they need some time to themselves. So, Masses will not be live-streamed now 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.

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: -Wednesday 3rd August.
Please contact: -juliaandnigel057@gmail.com (07891083251) for more details

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

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

<p align="center">Saturday 23rd July</p> <p align="right">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="right">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">Monday 25th July</p> <p align="right">8.30am</p>	<p>ST JAMES, Apostle</p> <p>Michael Lenihan RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 26th July</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Rod Hills RIP (Months Mind)</p> <p>Zoom Code 846 8231 6518</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 27th July</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 28th July</p> <p align="right">11.00am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Karol Gajewski RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Zoom Code 843 3670 2322</p>
<p align="center">Friday 29th July</p>	<p>SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 30th July</p> <p align="right">12 Noon 6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Baptism Barratt Family</p> <p>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Hannah Jones RIP</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 31st July</p> <p align="right">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</p> <p>People of the Parish Anne Charleston RIP (1st Anniv) Thomas Family Intentions</p> <p>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.00AM - 10.30AM & 7PM - 7.30PM