



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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Very often the message of the parables is very clear, sometimes less so. Last week, for instance, the parable seemed to praise a manager's craftiness, even dishonesty. Sometimes the apostles are so confounded by his stories that they take Jesus aside to ask what on earth he means. At other times when people ask something, Jesus answers a different question altogether, or asks one Himself.

But the Scriptures are rarely so neat. For one thing, though Jesus does tell us to do unto others, he also tells us to do *more than enough* or to give *expecting no return*. The message drawn by Jesus at the end of today's parable is *not* 'do unto others' or even 'do all you can to avoid the fate of the rich man'. No, Jesus unexpectedly turns the parable into a prediction of His own death and resurrection and people's reaction to it. 'If they will not listen to Moses or the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'" When we wonder why God doesn't intervene more, doesn't engage in more miraculous actions so people will mend their ways and believe in Him, Jesus answers us in Abraham's voice today that: I've already given you more than enough reason to believe; whatever God does, some people remain stubborn in their unbelief.

Today's parable, however, seems straightforward. Its clear message is along the lines of the Golden Rule: to 'do unto others as you'd have them do to you.' It sits pretty well with us, because both the rich and poor guys get their just desserts. Like the prophet Amos in our first reading today, Jesus often warns the rich that they've had their reward and promises the poor theirs is to come: the books are balanced in the end!

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, Grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering to you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

LIVE-STREAMING



Live-streaming of the 11.30am Mass will resume this Sunday, 25th September. The Zoom code for Sundays is: **883 7014 5568**.



PROCESSION OF GIFTS



It's almost three years since the bread and wine, were presented at Mass. We have resumed that practice, of bringing up the bread and wine, at the weekend Masses.

You may notice that we have two new communion bowls, complete with lids, one of which has been donated in memory of a parishioner.

SIGN OF PEACE

As you will be aware, the invitation is given at Mass to offer a sign of peace. How you offer, or receive, the peace is entirely up to you. Some will be comfortable to shake hands, others may prefer not to. It may suffice to simply say: 'peace be with you', or to acknowledge those nearby with a slight bow. Please be sensitive to one another.



CONFIRMATION 2023

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for young people in Year 9 or above, will commence soon.

Application forms are available for collection by the candidates after all

Weekend Masses. Completed forms and copies of Baptismal Certificates must be returned to Melanie in the parish office by **Sunday 23rd October**.



SAVE THE DATE FOR:

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT

DROP-OFF ON SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER, LOURDES HALL, HARPENDEN

Our 'Developing World' and 'Live Simply' Groups will be repeating this successful event for WORKAID. This charity refurbishes tools, haberdashery items and gardening equipment to help disadvantaged people in Africa by providing tools and training for new skills. Please start collecting any unwanted items you have and put them aside.

Full details will be provided soon of all the items needed by Workaid, with the delivery address & times, for Saturday 29th October and contact details. Happy decluttering!

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

Are you a student or about to start, at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a 'home from home.'

PAKISTAN APPEAL

Thank you very much for your contributions, last weekend, for CAFOD appeal following the floods in Pakistan. £1,090.01 has now been donated. It's not too late to make a donation, envelopes for contributions will be found in the porch, and can be returned to the presbytery. Contributions can also be made via the card machine, also in the porch.



WALSINGHAM TALK

The Herts Circle of the Newman Association will be hosting a talk about Walsingham: its history and mission today, to be given by the author Edmund Matyjawzek at the parish hall, SS Alban and Stephen Church, St. Albans, Beaconsfield Road AL1 3RB on Saturday, 15th October 15th at 11am. The talk is free but donations would be welcome. There is some parking available at the church and in Beaconsfield Road; also at the nearby train station

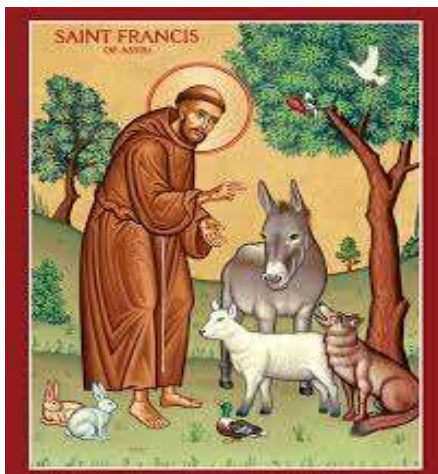
SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1st September to 4th October, Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of Ecology. Archbishop Martin of Armagh marks the beginning of the Season of Creation.

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45384>

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Livesimply group Invite you to Mass on Tuesday 4th October for the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of Ecology. Mass will be at 7pm.



SING FOR ... 3 !

There is still time to join!!

Our third project to raise money for Keystage Housing and NOAH. The past two projects have been enormous fun so please come along and enjoy some lovely music and a light-hearted few hours on a Tuesday .

The fee is £35 and payment details will be given once you sign up - email

katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk

Each of the following Tuesday evenings in the Undercroft at Our Lady of Lourdes. 7.30-9.00pm

TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER from 2pm in CHURCH - INFORMAL CONCERT

LIVESIMPLY QUOTE

When we speak of the need to care for our common home, our planet, we appeal to that spark of universal consciousness and mutual concern that may still be present in people's hearts. Those who enjoy a surplus of water yet choose to conserve it for the sake of the greater human family have attained a moral stature that allows them to look beyond themselves and the group to which they belong. How marvellously human! The same attitude is demanded if we are to recognize the rights of all people, even those born beyond our own borders. Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

<p align="center">Saturday 24th September</p> <p align="right">6.00pm</p>	<p>Our Lady of Walsingham</p> <p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Duncan Gallagher RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 25th September</p> <p align="right">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</p> <p>People of the Parish Mary Large (Spec Ints)</p>
<p align="center">Monday 26th September</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Mary & Alan Healy (Wedding Anniversary)</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 27th September</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</p> <p>Sarah Cullinane RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 28th September</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Diane Clark RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 29th September</p> <p align="right">11.00am</p>	<p>SS MICHAEL GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels</p> <p>Triona McGuire (Spec Ints)</p>
<p align="center">Friday 30th September</p>	<p>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 1st October 12 Noon Baptism</p> <p align="right">6.00pm</p>	<p>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor O'Brien Family</p> <p>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Hazel Tyrell RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 2nd October</p> <p align="right">8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</p> <p>Diane & Josephine Clark RIP People of the Parish Jimmy & Anne Brophy RIP</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.00AM - 10.30AM & 7.00PM - 7.30PM