



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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"Lord increase our faith," the apostles ask Jesus. This prayer may well reflect the feelings of some communities of early Christians, who saw their future in very dark colours and who wondered whether, as a small minority in a sea of hostility and even persecution, they had any future. And, in the ensuing centuries, many Christians have been overwhelmed with persecution and the obliteration of their Church. It is a feeling that thousands of Christians must have felt, and likely still feel in various parts of the world today. But we need to have courage and not misjudge or underestimate the power of Christian faith!

The faith that is being asked for is not to have a better knowledge of our catechism. What is being asked for is a much deeper and stronger trust and confidence that our God is near us, even when He seems so far away, that He will take care of his own.

That does not mean, however, that with such a faith Christian life will be free of all hardship and difficulty. Being a Christian, taking the Gospel seriously, is never going to be a tea party. God has promised his loving care but he has never promised a life free of pain, difficulties, suffering, or even sudden and violent death. Let us not forget that "He did not spare his own Son."

What God does promise is that, with a deep faith and trust in him, we can endure pain and difficulties, that we can accept pain and suffering, if and when it comes, for the sake of making the message of Jesus a reality in our world. We too can pray: "Lord increase our faith,"

NOVENA

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will resume after the 9.15am Mass, every Wednesday. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This title is associated with an icon of Our Lady from the late 1400s. Our Lady of Perpetual Help can be a powerful intercessor for us.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - HARVEST - WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Family Fast Day is this coming Friday 7th October so, please collect an envelope today after Mass and bring it back next weekend.

For more information go to <https://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday>



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.



SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS

Canon Dwyer will be available in the church, on Tuesday 11th October and Monday 17th October, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, to discuss the possibility of signing Priests References, in connection with transfer to secondary schools.

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.



PARISH HOMELESSNESS ACTION GROUP.

Keystage Housing are in urgent need of bedding for their Homeless Hub in Luton.

**Single and Double Duvets
Sheets**

Duvet covers

Please note items need to be in good condition- not threadbare/ torn or

stained and preferably clean if possible.

Please contact Cathy Seaton to drop off donations:

cmann100@hotmail.com

For more information about Keystage Housing

www.keystagehousing.co.uk

Many Many Thanks for all your support!



NEWSLETTER EMAIL LAST WEEKEND

Last Saturday any Parishioner with a BT email address unfortunately did not receive the weekly Newsletter email, the problem was not at our end, but with BT so hopefully normal service has been resumed this weekend.

CHORISTER RECRUITMENT

Years 4 and above.

Weekly term time

rehearsals, on **THURSDAY 7-8pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. They sing at Mass every other Sunday, 11.30am, with rehearsals 11.00am. The choristers also sing at Weddings, Remembrance Sunday on Church Green, Advent Service, Candlelight Carol Service and at Concerts throughout the year. It is a very traditional pathway of musical training, vocal training and community belonging. The choristers develop a sense of duty and commitment to the church and to their fellow singers.

Due to the pandemic we now have spaces in Years 4 and above as the pattern of normality was disrupted and accessing church and music was limited. This is no longer the case!

There is a chorister's concert on Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes. Please



come and hear the choir with a view to starting after the half term holiday. We will then be preparing for Advent and Christmas and this is a good time to join. Please contact Katie Metcalfe, Director of Music, at katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk , 07931 707007

CHORISTERS CONCERT

Do join us for our Choristers Concert on Thursday 20th October 7.30pm in Church - everyone is welcome for an hour of music and refreshments.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

Since the beginning of September, the relics of St Bernadette are being taken to churches in every Diocese in England, Scotland and Wales.

They have already been in our Diocese, in our Cathedral and in other churches. They are, however, returning to two churches in the Diocese. On Monday 17th October: the relics will arrive at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1NJ. Church to open at 1pm to midnight, then Tuesday 18th from 6.00am to 8.15am. Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. For full programme, visit:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>

And from 4.00pm on October 28th, until 9.15am on October 30th, the relics will be in the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, Willesden, NW10 9AX. For more information visit: [Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden - Church of Our Lady of Willesden \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden - Church of Our Lady of Willesden (rcdow.org.uk))

PARISH WALK

Do join us for the Parish Walk in the Park or a new idea. Wednesday 12th October. I was wondering whether I could introduce you to the Batford Nature Reserve which is just behind my house. It runs partly beside the River Lea and has lots of interesting things to see. It takes about an hour to walk round, slowly, and is mostly flat terrain. Stout shoes needed if it's been raining. We could either have coffee at my place or in The Marquis of Granby which has a cafe. Gathering point Marquis of Granby after morning mass. Everyone welcome Let me know what you think and if you need a lift. contact Janet Evers: janet.evers1938@gmail.com Phone 01582 621960.

CAFOD THANK YOU

Thank you for your parish's prayers and donations to our DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal. Our partners have been able to deliver immediate food and medical relief to flood affected communities in Sindh Province in Pakistan and will continue.

WALSINGHAM TALK

The Herts Circle of the Newman Association will be hosting a talk about Walsingham: it's 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 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 finishes on 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>



**RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT
SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER BETWEEN
10AM AND 4PM.
DROP-OFF AT LOURDES HALL,
HARPENDEN.**

Our 'Developing World Group' and 'Live Simply' Group 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 see the list of Tools and Equipment needed in the leaflet in our church foyer and on our parish website. You can drop off the items at Lourdes Hall on **Saturday 29th October between 10am and 4pm.** If an item is too large for you to transport we can come and collect it. Please email Elizabeth.hines@gmail.com or phone/text: 07905 797729. Happy decluttering!

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

<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 Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</p>
<p align="center">Monday 3rd October</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 4th October</p> <p align="right">9.15am 7.00pm</p>	<p>St Francis of Assisi</p> <p>Margaret Levoir RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 5th October</p> <p align="right">9.15am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Alan Young RIP Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 6th October</p> <p align="right">11.00am</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Triona McGuire (Spec Ints)</p>
<p align="center">Friday 7th October</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 8th October</p> <p align="right">2pm</p> <p align="right">6.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Wedding</p> <p>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Eileen Bagge RIP</p>
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CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 10.00AM - 10.30AM & 7.00PM - 7.30PM