



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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



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From an early age most of us are brought up to say 'thank you'. Today, we hear about the ten lepers who had been cured, but only one returned to express their thanks. Gratitude, the heart of prayer, begins in recognising our gifts and blessings. Then we are moved to turn back in praise of the giver, and express thanks for the gift. Coming to Mass should not depend on how we feel or what we get from it. The Eucharist begins when we find the gifts of God in the saving work of Jesus Christ through his death and resurrection. We turn back to God in praise and gratitude.

What happened to the other nine?" Was Jesus disappointed? One out of ten. Is that our average score in showing appreciation to God or people? One word of appreciation will encourage someone to undertake a new activity, whereas any negative criticism will make it harder to keep going. How many marriages flourish when both parties make a constant effort to show gratitude, and give praise?

We do well to count our blessings, as we recognise, and count, our own gifts. It's a lovely practice to reflect at the end of each day and pick out just one blessed moment: a cheerful moment, helpful people, music, beauty, a flower, a good meal, birdsong, somebody's good example. The list is endless. Just one blessing each day. Maybe note it in a diary. Over time this practice of gratitude will help you become more aware of God's blessings. It can transform you, make you less negative as a positive outlook takes over in your life. Gratitude is the heart of prayer and the key to happiness.

## NOVENA

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, has now resumed 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.



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## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

Last Friday was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. 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.

Anything you were able to save through your self-denial, will be collected as you leave Mass today. Please use the envelopes if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm**, to discuss the

possibility of signing Priests References, in connection with transfer to secondary schools.

## 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](mailto:cmann100@hotmail.com)

For more information about Keystage Housing

[www.keystagehousing.co.uk](http://www.keystagehousing.co.uk)

Many Many Thanks for all your support!



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk), 07931 707007



## CHORISTERS CONCERT

Do join us for our Choristers Concert on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Church, everyone is welcome for an hour of music presented by the Choristers followed by refreshments. Free entry and a retiring collection for the choir.

## SING FOR 3 CONCERT

Join us in Church next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm for our Sing for 3 Concert.



Refreshments will be served in the Undercroft afterwards. Entrance by donation to NOAH and Keystage Housing, toiletries and warm hats/gloves are especially welcome.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, until 9.15am on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

## PARISH WALK

Do join us for the Parish Walk in the Park or a new idea this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 café.

Gathering point Marquis of Granby after morning mass. Everyone is welcome Let me know what you think and if you need a lift, contact Janet Evers: [janet.evers1938@gmail.com](mailto:janet.evers1938@gmail.com) Phone 01582 621960.



## 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, 15<sup>th</sup> October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT  
SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Elizabeth.hines@gmail.com) or phone/text: 07905 797729.

Happy decluttering!

## THE HARPENDEN TRUST CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Harpenden Trust is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Christmas appeal collection. The Care Fund is dependent on the funds raised to support individuals and families in need in Harpenden. If you can spare a few hours this December/January then please contact the office: 01582 460457

[admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK**

<p align="center"><b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> 2pm</p> <p align="center"><b>6.00pm</b></p>	<p>feria Wedding</p> <p><b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Eileen Bagge RIP</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>11.30am</b></p>	<p><b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b></p> <p>Ivan Rosbotham RIP (Recently Deceased) People of the Parish Kathleen Hegarty RIP <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9.15am</b></p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Felix Doran RIP</p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9.15am</b></p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center"><b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9.15am</b></p>	<p>feria</p> <p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p>
<p align="center"><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>11.00am</b></p>	<p><b>ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the Diocese</b></p> <p>Lesley Berry (Sp Int)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	<p>feria</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>12.00 Noon</b> <b>3.00pm</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor</b> Baptisms Green &amp; Fitzgerald Families Sing for 3 Concert</p> <p><b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Sean &amp; Patricia O'Reilly RIP</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p align="center"><b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>11.30am</b></p>	<p><b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b></p> <p>Bridget Doran &amp; Family (Sp Int) People of the Parish Frank Flanagan RIP (Anniv) <b>Zoom Code 883 7014 5568.</b></p>

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