



Parish Website

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

11TH FEBRUARY 2024
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



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SYNODAL GATHERINGS

The 2021-24 Synod is a major reform initiative happening in the Catholic Church right now. We have been part of it and we continue to be so. In fact synodality means we all have an active role in helping to discern how the Spirit is guiding our Church. Your views are most welcome however you feel about the Church or your own faith!

Please join us for an opportunity to sit together in two listening sessions for our Parish community. We will hear an update on the Synod and then using the synodal process we will reflect how together as a Parish we can better witness our faith and organise ourselves differently to do so.

The meetings take place on
Tuesday 13th February &
Tuesday 27th February
Between 7.30-8.45pm, in the Undercroft.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am and 6.00pm, and the Ashes blessed and distributed at those Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, a day when we are asked to eat less than we usually do, and refrain from eating meat.

- **The 9.15am Mass on Ash Wednesday, will be live-streamed.**

Zoom Code (check if Mass will be livestreamed)

FRIDAY MASS & STATIONS

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Mass at 7.00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross. This could be a good Lenten Practise. Giving an hour each week, to attend an extra Mass, and to follow Jesus' journey to Calvary, by making the Stations of the Cross'.

LENT GROUPS 2024

These groups will meet for 5 weeks, beginning 19th February (Ash Wednesday is 14th Feb) The theme will be; further reflections on the Our Father, using the Diocesan resource; We Dare To Say. We offer a choice of day/time but, to assist with the formation of Groups, we ask you to state your preferences 1st/2nd/3rd

If you have been in a group previously you will be contacted by email, if not

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN THE PORCH OF THE CHURCH

OR email: juliaandnigel057@gmail.com rachellee987@gmail.com

REPOSITORY DAY BY DAY BOOKS

We have received the DAY BY DAY Lent books for adults and children and these can be purchased from the Repository for £1 each. They are a lovely accompaniment for each day during Lent.

LENTEN ALMS

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

POOR & NEEDY

There are 2 collection boxes in the wall at the back of the church (near the repository) one of them being the **POOR AND NEEDY BOX**. Donations to this box are used by the parish for any parishioner in need. It will now also be possible to donate via the card reader in the church porch.

FROM THE CARDINAL

Thank you for your donations to the Cardinal's Appeal following a request from the Holy Family parish in Gaza City, and from the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem. £ 1,735 was donated.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

As a LiveSimply Parish, we have committed to share the gifts of creation with all our neighbours. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please give today using the envelope which can be found in the porch or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world are enabled to feed their families.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Caritas Social Action Network (CSANO) are working with St John of God Hospitaller Services, to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainians displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. The programme is dedicated to providing refuge to those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. The programme continues until March 2024. For more information please visit <http://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>, or email: homesforukraine.uk. Prayer cards, for Ukraine, will be found in the porch, please collect one.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

- The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 13th February. Any urgent matters please email or phone the Parish Office and leave a message. The office will re-open as normal on Wednesday 14th February.
- The deadline for notices for the Newsletter is 2pm on Wednesdays. Thank you.



THE NOODLE BOX

"The Noodle Box" continues to be available inside the church for anyone who needs a hot snack. The box is full of pot noodle/pasta cups and instant soups and take away cups.

They are free to take! Please spread the word, especially as the cold weather is upon us.



ST DOMINIC NURSERY FOR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

On the 30th January 2024, the application process for Nursery places opened for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.



Our Early Years provision enables parents to access 30 hours free childcare with Nursery morning sessions running Monday- Friday, 8.45am - 11.45am and an optional Lunch Club run by school and an afternoon Pre-School run by Friends Together running from after lunch club until 3.30pm. Wrap around care offered by Friends Together also means that care for children is available between 7.50am and 6pm, should this be required. For further information please visit our website www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk

Applications close at 3.30pm on 6th March.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

"Come and celebrate the joyful Feast of the Annunciation at England's Nazareth with a Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Monday, 8th April (in the Easter hols). Holy Mass will be at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham at 12 noon and we will walk (or go by coach) along the Holy Mile to visit the original site of the Holy House. Cost £23 for adults, free for children. Coach will depart from St Bart's St Albans at 8am and Letchworth 8.30am. To book please contact Rosemary Roscoe 07723 546642 email: rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com"

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH

The Next Youth Mass will be this Saturday 10th February at 6pm for young people in Year 7 to Year 13 and beyond are all very welcome to join and take an active role in this mass: Readers, Welcomers, Musicians, Altar Servers, please join us to make it as youth friendly as possible.

OLOL YOUTH GROUP:

Year 9 Confirmation Candidates & Year 10 and beyond this

Saturday 10th February 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Undercroft

Come and be part of this exciting project!

Future dates 17th March 10am - 3pm, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June & 13th July.

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Sat 10th February 12.00 Noon 3.00pm</p> <p>Youth Friendly Mass Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sun 11th February 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p> <p>3.00pm</p>	<p>St Scholastica, Virgin Baptism Brautigam & Silvey Families Sing for 7 Performance</p> <p>6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Piers Slinn RIP (Recently Deceased)</p> <p>People of the Parish Bruno Burgazzi RIP Maureen Jack RIP Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass with Anointing of the Sick</p>
<p>Mon 12th February 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Tara Craig RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p>Tues 13th February 9.15am</p>	<p>Feria Paul & Rosie Dowbekin (Intentions)</p>
 <p>LENT</p>	
<p>Wed 14th February 9.15am 6.00pm</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday Jean & Patrick Ward RIP An Turner RIP</p>
<p>Thur 15th February 11.00am</p>	<p>Lent Feria Mary Large (Special Intention)</p>
<p>Fri 16th February 7.00pm 7.30pm</p>	<p>Lent Feria Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Sat 17th February</p> <p>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</p> <p>Sun 18th February 8.30am 9.45am 11.30am</p>	<p>St Scholastica, Virgin</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Frank McConnachie RIP (Anniversary)</p> <p>People of the Parish Brendan Glynn RIP (Recently Deceased) Raju Jose RIP (Anniversary) Zoom Code 883 7014 5568</p>

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS
10.30AM - 11.00AM & AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS