



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

22nd January 2017
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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‘Follow me’ is the invitation we hear Jesus making to Simon and Andrew, and later to James and John, in today’s Gospel, and both pairs we hear ‘at once’ left and followed him. The seeming speed of their response is surely amazing. They don’t appear to ask any questions, have any doubts, or enter into negotiations, they simply hear the call and they respond without hesitation. Clearly they recognised something in Jesus which meant they could make such an immediate and total response.

In different ways in our lives, every day, Jesus is inviting us, calling us, inviting us to be his disciples, to live our discipleship with ever greater commitment. We can assume that those early disciples already knew something about Jesus, if they hadn’t encountered him personally then they would have known someone who did, Jesus’ reputation went before him, and people wanted to know more about him, to draw closer to him.

To be a disciple of Jesus is not just to know what he wants us to do, important as that is, but it is first and foremost knowing Jesus, it is about being in relationship with him, it is about encountering him in a real and personal way. We can encounter Christ in so many ways, in prayer, at Mass and in the other sacraments, as well as in serving those who are in need and forgotten. All of these ways, and others too, are opportunities to meet Jesus, to encounter him. If we are to hear the call ‘follow me’ then we consciously need to encounter Jesus, that’s an essential step to being a disciple.

HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA QUIZ NIGHT

Shake off the winter blues by coming to a fun Quiz run by Ginny St John Glew at Lourdes Hall on Saturday 28th January! Enjoy a Fish and Chip Supper from Godfreys, a cash bar and a raffle while raising funds for Spotlight's projects in Uganda that include building a desperately needed clinic. Starts at 7 for 7.30 pm prompt start and you are guaranteed a great time! Tickets are £12.50, tables of 6/8/10/12 available or you can join a table. More info please contact Annette Peacock on 01582 766364 leaving details on answer-phone or email on annettepeacock@hotmail.com

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st January

10.00am Russell Sinfield (RIP) rec.dec.
6.00pm Denis Beckwith (RIP)

Sunday 22nd January

8.30am The People of the Parish
9.45am Patricia Scalon (RIP) Anniv
11.30am Owen O'Sullivan (RIP) Anniv

Monday 23rd January

9.15am Helen Barto Intentions

Tuesday 24th January

9.15am Denis Mann (RIP)

Wednesday 25th January

9.15am

Thursday 26th January

11.00am Mary Neal (RIP) rec.dec.

Friday 27th January

9.15am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Saturday 28th January

10.00am Russell Sinfield (RIP) rec.dec.
6.00pm Bernard McGarry (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 29th January

8.30am The People of the Parish
9.45am Peter Lynch-Kelly (RIP)
11.30am Lisa King & Maurice Purtill
(RIP) Anniv

CONFESSIONS

**Saturday 10.30-11.00am
and after the 6.00pm Mass.**