



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**23rd July 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Now that the schools have closed for the summer, everything seems to be much quieter as many people go away on holiday and, all but essential, meetings and activities grind to a halt. Given how busy life can be, for so many, it is good to be able to have a break, a change of pace, and to rest from our normal activities.

Taking a rest, a break, is an essential part of life. Indeed, Jesus sets us a good example in this regard, not infrequently in the Gospels we hear how he chooses to escape the unrelenting crowds, and takes the opportunity to go to a quiet place to rest, and to pray.

When we go away we step out of our regular habits and ways. But what we do take us with is our faith, that is something we don't leave behind. It's not uncommon to hear people lamenting the fact that they don't have enough time for prayer, or for the Lord, in their everyday lives. Holidays are not a time to have a 'holiday from the Lord', so we can still go to Mass, even if it's in a different language; but they can also be an opportunity to make time for the Lord. They can be an opportunity to make a little time, perhaps in the rest and the stillness, to be more conscious of the Lord, to make a little more space for him.

To all who are going away, have a safe and happy time, and to those staying at home, do have some rest and relaxation.

Parish Office
**Open Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday**
9.30am – 12.30pm

Office Administrator
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Also in Residence
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DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

During July, parishioners donated a record £382 via Standing Orders, which was augmented by £233.83 in cash and cheques provided in the second week of July. As a result, the Group requires only £1101 to fund its current project - an oxygen concentrator (at £2020) for Tabor Home, a refuge for the sick and dying in Gode, Ethiopia. Please see Parish website for an account/photos of the project - clicking on the 'Parish Newsletters' tab, then on 'June 2017 DWG Project Update'. We hope that with your support, including at the 21 July Golf Day, we will achieve this before the end of the month. Thank you very much for all your donations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A member of High Street Methodist is concerned about the lack of affordable housing in Harpenden and is interested in forming a group with a view to setting up a community land trust. For more information see:

www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk If you have any expertise in this area and/or are interested in being part of this group, please contact Deacon Angie Allport on 01582 713773 or angie.allport@methodist.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene

10.00am Denis Mann (RIP)

6.00pm Gillian Horn (RIP) Anniv

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8.30am Terry Sullivan & Family (Special Intention)

9.45am Gerald McGuinness (RIP)

11.30am Kathleen Costello (RIP)

Monday 24th July Feria

9.15am

Tuesday 25th July St James, Apostle

9.15am Margaret Fleming(RIP)

Wednesday 26th July Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am Ela Samantha Target (Special Intention)

Thursday 27th July Feria

11.00am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 28th July Feria

9.15am Freda Margreaves (RIP)

Saturday 29th July St Martha

10.00am Nora O Reilly (RIP)

6.00pm Bill Watson (RIP)

Sunday 30th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Michael Silvester De Silva (Special Intention)

9.45am Christine Walsh (RIP) Anniv

11.30am Sister Brenda Quigley (RIP) 1st Anniv

CONFESSIONS

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