



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

2nd July 2017
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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(Retired)**

Openness to life! Hospitality of heart – These are some of the themes that suggest themselves through the readings of this Sunday. The woman in the first reading was open to life; she welcomed the prophet into her home, aware that he was a holy man of God. In the gospel we hear how we are to open our lives to Jesus, give him first place, even to bearing his cross. Our welcome is to be whole-hearted, and if I am to exercise this total acceptance of Christ in my life I have only to turn to my neighbour. “He who welcomes you, welcomes me.” Nothing could be clearer. Christ is all around me. He is present in my home, at work, in those who pass me in the street.

We may expect, then, that Christ will come to our doors in many disguises and almost always at the wrong time! His appearance, what he is wearing, may not always alert us to who he is. Rather, he may be found in the stranger, the outcast of society, the neighbour, the child needing attention, the sick person.

The giving of a “cup of cold water” is quoted as a sign of Christian charity. Perhaps this is because it does not cost much in rain-drenched climates! In a hot, dusty climate, however, a drink of cold water can be a life-saver. The attitude of thoughtfulness, the lack of self-absorption; these would seem to underline the Christian attitude towards others. It is not what is given that counts but the heart with which it is given.

NILAND CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Daily Call to Serve –
Sr Regina McGarry OP &
Monika Cleaver, Thurs 6 July,
10am-12.30.

Suggested donation £6.

Garden Retreat - Cry out with
joy to the Lord all the earth!
Sr Laurentia Carroll OP &
Sr Anne Walsh OP Tues 11 July,
10am-3pm.

Suggested donation £12.

Please bring a packed lunch and
rain gear in case!

Niland Conference Centre at
Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road,
Bushey Heath WD23 4EE.

Registrations welcome but not
required bookings-
finance@nilandcentre.co.uk or
020 8950 4000. Refreshments
served at all events.

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 1st July

Dedication of The Cathedral (1910)

10.00am

6.00pm The People of the Parish

Sunday 2nd July

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Desmond Greig (RIP)

9.45am Cynthia Gallagher (RIP) &
Duncan Gallagher (RIP)

11.30am PJ Lynch-Kelly (RIP) Anniv

Monday 3rd July – St Thomas, Apostle

9.15am Sr. Fildelma Intentions

Tuesday 4th July

9.15am

Wednesday 5th July

9.15am Sr. Corona Intentions

Thursday 6th July

11.00am Ray Shufflebotham (RIP) Anniv

Friday 7th July

9.15am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Saturday 8th July

10.00am The People of the Parish

6.00pm Tommy Bradley (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 9th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Sr. Conrad Intentions

9.45am Christine Walsh (RIP) Anniv

11.30am Doris Fletcher (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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

**NB. Entries for the Newsletter must
be sent into the office by Wednesday
at the latest.**