



# **Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Hidden or buried treasure sounds like an adventure story. This is intended by Jesus. Finding the kingdom of God is like an adventure in which there is a treasure that we did not expect to find, that fills us with wonder and tension and drama. Not everyone finds this treasure, which is what makes the story exciting. Jesus could have said that the man dug up the treasure and took what he wanted and left the rest out in the field for others to find easily, but he doesn't. The man hides the treasure again.

We who find the treasure of the kingdom of God will come to understand (whether immediately or over time), that it is more valuable than all that we have – all that our lives consist of. The treasure of the kingdom of God does not fit nicely or easily into the lives that we have already constructed for ourselves. Treasure stories are all about disrupted lives. One cannot discover hidden treasure and remain the same or continue, in an undisrupted way, to live the life one has always lived. In a sense, the measure of the disruption of our former lives is also a measure of the meaning of the treasure we have found. Some of us, perhaps, have not yet discovered the treasure that is worth exchanging our lives for.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER  
HARPENDEN ARTS FESTIVAL  
2018**

The Harpenden churches are planning an Arts Festival next Spring, with the theme "beauty, abundance and order". Different churches and other venues will host events. If you are interested in arts & crafts, photography, music, drama, poetry or dance and would like to be involved in some way, please contact Teresa Newham on (01582) 766403.

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

8.00pm, Canon Iain Lane will speak on "The Road to Emmaus" at St Thomas More, Wheathampstead.

**NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE**

for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals.. for more information or if you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact [matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk)

**MEGA MAKERS!**

A crazy fun-filled time for ages 5-11. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00 - 12.30 at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden. For further details please see noticeboard at the back on the church.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK</b>
<p><b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July St Martha</b> 10.00am Nora O Reilly (RIP) 6.00pm Bill Watson (RIP)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8.30am Michael Silvester De Silva (Special Intention) 9.45am Christine Walsh (RIP) Anniv 11.30am Sister Brenda Quigley (RIP) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv</p>
<p><b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July St Ignatius of Loyola</b> 9.15am Special Intention</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August St Alphonsus Liguori</b> 8.30am Josie Meehan (Special Intention)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August feria</b> 9.15am Gerard Conway (Special Intention)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August feria</b> 11.00am</p>
<p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August St John Vianney</b> 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August feria</b> 10.00am 6.00pm Joan Newham (RIP)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>The Transfiguration Of The Lord</b> 8.30am Bridie Moraham (Special Intention) 9.45am Special Intention (R.B.) 11.30am Maura Connellan (RIP)</p>
<p><b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Saturday 10.30-11.00am</b> <b>and after the 6.00pm Mass.</b></p>