



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**18th June 2017
Corpus Christi**

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**The Parish Office will be
closed this coming week**

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Living our faith is often described as a journey, a journey during which we can grow in our faith, and continue to grow into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. In recent weeks it has been good to witness a number of parishioners celebrating some special moments. Last weekend, at two Masses, 41 of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan. It is always a special moment to see our young people taking this important step, as we hope, and pray, that the Holy Spirit will bear fruit in their lives, enabling them to use their many gifts.

We have also welcomed four adults into the Church, two were baptised, and two were received, having been baptised in other Christian churches. It is always heartening to see adults making such a commitment, and to see how the Lord continues to draw others to share in the life of the Church.

Last, but not least, 67 children received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, a lovely moment for them, as they meet Jesus in the Eucharist, who will continue to sustain and nourish them throughout their lives.

All of these moments, on the journey of faith, are so special, so very important, and not just for the individuals themselves. Such moments are special for us too because they are tangible signs of God's Spirit at work, they are signs of life in our Church, and in our parish, and they are an encouragement for all of us. Let us continue to pray for those who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, that their relationship with the Lord will continue to grow and deepen.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

TEA AND CAKE

plus a plant & cake sale were enjoyed in a beautiful garden on a sunny 10 June by parishioners and their friends.. The proceeds - £1050! - will go to the latest DWG project (see below). Thanks go especially to Lucy Hansen for hosting the event, as well as to everyone who came and all those who worked hard throughout the day to make it a success.

TABOR HOME

Tabor Home for the sick and dying in Gode, Ethiopia. On 12th June our Developing World Group committed to paying for the furnishing of this home - in effect a mini hospital. Having already raised £2,600 for the first phase, we need only £440 more to complete it. Gode is a garrison town where Sister Joachim (from St Michael's Garston) and colleagues work with the predominantly Muslim population to help those - notably Somali women and their children - who would otherwise have no one to support them.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 17th June Feria

10.00am Special Intention (PH)

6.00pm Pat Vincent (RIP)

Sunday 18th June Corpus Christi

8.30am Sanctity Of Life

9.45am Jim Scanlan (RIP)

11.30am Colm Murray (RIP)

Monday 19th June Feria

9.15am James Webb (Special Intention)

Tuesday 20th June St Alban, Protomartyr

9.15am Fintan O' Toole (RIP)

Wednesday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga

9.15am

Thursday 22nd June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

11.00am Margaret Dennehy

12.30pm Funeral - Violet Doreen Ann Kelliher (RIP)

Friday 23rd June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.15am

Saturday 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

10.00am Denis Mann (RIP)

6.00pm Special Intention (VOS)

Sunday 25th June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

9.45am The People of the Parish

11.30am Kathleen Sullivan (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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