



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**4th June 2017
Pentecost Sunday**

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Today, as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. The beginning of the Church was not the most auspicious of starts, “locked away in one room for fear of the Jews”. If that fear had dominated the disciples, then the Church would not have grown and expanded. For the Church calls us not to stay as we are, or where we are, but rather to move out, to be brave and courageous, and not to allow ourselves to be dominated by fear.

Since that first Pentecost staying in the Upper Room is not what we are called to, rather we are called not to be remote or distant, but are invited to be at the centre of life, to share in some way whatever it may be that our relatives and friends, our neighbours and colleagues may be experiencing. The message of the Gospel is preached, when we are prepared to go out and to share the burdens that others may be struggling to carry. When there is that moving out, that willingness to share the struggles of others, then those actions make the Church present, and give witness to it’s mission.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church let us look outwards – to the world that we are not only a part of, but which we are called to serve as well, as we look out we open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit who will fill us with the gift of courage and transform all that we strive to do.

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

Office Administrator
Ellen Hughesman
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Also in Residence
Bishop John Crowley
(Retired)

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

BOOK THE DATE

Tea and cake in the garden + cake and plant sale, next **SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 10am** to 3pm at 3 Beech Close. Enjoy a relaxed hour or two in a beautiful garden with no election speak!

LORETO REUNION 2017

Saturday 24th June 2.30 - 5pm
Once again the doors of the school are open to any past pupil and it is a wonderful opportunity to see how the school has changed, hear from the present head Mrs Marie Lynch about the future and to catch up on the news of your friends who you went to school with. We serve afternoon tea at 3pm(for which we ask a contribution of £5 per person). Come on your own to see who might be there from your year or why not use this as an opportunity to contact as many girls as you can and meet up for a chat. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater accordingly.
Eileen and Pat (01727 863431)
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NB. Entries for the Newsletter must be sent into the office by Wednesday at the latest.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions

10.00am Special Intention (MA)
6.00pm Nichola Stringer (RIP)

Sunday 4th June Pentecost Sunday

8.30am Jack Caulfield (RIP)
9.45am Elizabeth Meehan (RIP)
11.30am Elizabeth & Timothy O'Mahony (RIP)

Monday 5th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

9.15am Denise Iommi (RIP 1st Anniv)

Tuesday 6th June Feria

9.15am Doris Fletcher

Wednesday 7th June Feria

9.15am
11.30am John Ramswell Funeral (RIP)

Thursday 8th June Feria

11.00am Bridget Stapleton (RIP)

Friday 9th June Feria

9.15am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Saturday 10th June Feria

10.00am Private Intention (AB)
6.00pm Margaret Fouldes (RIP)

Sunday 11th The Most Holy Trinity

8.30am Pat Vincent (RIP)
9.45am The People of The Parish
11.30am Paddy McDaid (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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