



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

14th May 2017
5th Sunday of Easter

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There are few people, so it seems, who are not affected by worry from time to time. Different people worry about different things, while some worry about big issues others worry about what may seem to be trivial. At the end of the day though the 'size' of the worry doesn't make a difference, a worry is a worry, and it can take its toll.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." We might be tempted to ask: How can our hearts not be troubled from time to time? How can we prevent ourselves from worrying? The answer surely is in what Jesus says later on: "I am the way, the truth and the life." Jesus is our way, our truth and our life. When we recognise Jesus for who he is that is what makes all the difference.

Jesus tells us he is "the Way". He is our way in life, he is our way to God, he is the way that can lead us out of the darkness that we may find ourselves in. In these days of Eastertide we are particularly conscious of the presence of the Risen Lord – Jesus alive and with us forever. That is why our hearts need not be troubled, because, when worry overwhelms, we are not abandoned or forgotten, Jesus is there, even when we are unaware of him, guiding us, faithful to us. He is there always to lead us from the darkness into the light.

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

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DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP (DWG)

Thanks to your donations, the DWG was able to fund the Parish's latest project, paying the entire amount due (£2,471) on 5th May. This sum will be used to refurbish and redecorate the lavatory block at Moyo Babies Home in Uganda. Orphaned and at risk 0-5 year olds, many from conflict zones, are looked after at Moyo. This is the second project we have funded this year, the first being in Pattaya, Thailand (for details of this and other recent projects, please see the DWG section of the Parish website). The DWG will meet at 8pm, 16th May to decide on the next project – parishioners are very welcome to come and should ring the Group's chair, Julia Roche on 760295 for details.

Since end-March, parishioners have donated £1,304 in cash and cheques including two large Gift Aided cheques and £67 from emptying more DWG Green Collection boxes. Standing Orders (all Gift Aided) in March amounted to a record £332, reflecting the growing number of parishioners using them. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th May

9.15am Special Intention

6.00pm Ursula Parrot (RIP)

Sunday 14th May

8.30am Michael O'Brien RIP

9.45am Vincent Nathan (Special Intention)

11.30am Frank Taylor (RIP)

Monday 15th May

9.15am Raynah Watson (RIP)

Tuesday 16th May

9.15am Bernard Graham (Recently Deceased)

Wednesday 17th May

9.15am Doris Thomas (RIP)

Thursday 18th May

11.00am Ron Thomas (RIP)

Friday 19th May

9.15am Cindy Friend (Special Intention)

Saturday 20th May

9.15am John Ramswell (RIP Recently Deceased)

6.00pm Sanctity of Life

Sunday 21st May

8.30am Vivienne Bradley (RIP)

9.45am Breda Lynch (RIP)

11.30am Sarah Fryer (RIP Recently Deceased)

CONFESSIONS

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