



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**28th May 2017
The Ascension of The Lord**

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Today, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we hear how Jesus leaves his disciples, but before he does so he gives them their mission. Jesus, who confined himself to the people of Israel, tells them to continue his work all over the world. They will be able to do what Jesus himself could not do. In our day, beyond the wildest dreams of those early disciples, the Gospel is proclaimed through faithful missionaries, as well as social media and satellite, continues to be proclaimed throughout the world.

Spreading the Gospel continues to be the duty of the Christian community, to evangelise, that is, to communicate the vision that is contained in the Gospel. It is the duty of all the Baptised, arising from the very nature of being a disciple; that is always a daunting task. Jesus though promises that the Spirit will give power to his disciples. In that tasking of spreading the Gospel we are not alone, we have the Holy Spirit who will empower us, who will transform, what we see as, our inadequate efforts.

We share the Gospel, we witness to our faith, not just through our words, but through the kind of people that we are, through what we do. Actions speak much louder than words and in the words of St Francis "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." Of course it's good if we can talk about our faith, but we can express our faith through what we do, and then leave the Lord to do the rest.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

BOOK THE DATE

Tea and cake in the garden + cake and plant sale.

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 10am to 3pm at 3 Beech Close. Enjoy a relaxed hour or two in a beautiful garden with no election speak!

“THE TABLET”

“The Tablet” is a weekly Catholic magazine with news and articles about the Church at home and abroad. For a further two weeks the publishers are providing us with a number of free copies. If you would like us to order a copy each week for you please leave your details in the parish office or, alternatively, you can order a copy directly.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury

10.00am Private Intention (MA)

6.00pm Dolores Jones (RIP) Anniversary

Sunday 28th May The Ascension of The Lord

8.30am Mary McDonald (RIP)

9.45am Frank Nolan (RIP)

11.30am Denise Iommi (RIP) Anniversary

Monday 29th May Easter Feria

10.00am Special Intention

Tuesday 30th May Easter Feria

9.15am Angela Chan

Wednesday 31st May The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am Jerry Dillane (RIP)

Thursday 1st June St Justin (Martyr)

11.00am

Friday 2nd June Easter Feria

9.15am Elizabeth Jako (RIP) Anniversary

Saturday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions

10.00am Special Intention (MS)

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)

CONFESSIONS

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