

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

7th May 2017
4th Sunday of Easter



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Two thoughts from Pope Francis
for Vocations Sunday:

Those who are drawn by God's voice and determined to follow Jesus soon discover within themselves an irrepressible desire to bring the Good News to their brothers and sisters through proclamation and the service of charity. All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel! As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God's love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God's love, who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves. For 'the Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy (*Evangeli Gaudium, 21*).'

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation. The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life – and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood. (*Pope Francis – Message for Vocations Sunday 2017*)

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 5 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, 16 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 6th May

10.00am Gwen McParland RIP

6.00pm Thanks Giving Kelly Family

Sunday 7th May

8.30am Special Intention

9.45am Special Intention O'Toole Family

11.30am **Brigid & Ken Brennan 40th Wedding Anniversary**

Monday 8th May

9.15am Lorraine Kelly RIP

Tuesday 9th May

9.15am Imola Naldini RIP

Wednesday 10th May

9.15am Margaret Fouldes

Thursday 11th May

11.00am Valerie McGarry RIP

Friday 12th May

9.15am Service of The Lord

Saturday 13th May

10.00am Sanctity of Life

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

CONFESSIONS

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