



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**25th June 2017**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Today's Gospel is an encouragement for anyone who feels weighed down, or persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because others are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world.

While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. We might do well to spend time on the comforting words of Jesus in this Gospel – 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us.

Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, we can recall those moments, or places, when we were especially conscious of God's supporting presence.

**Parish Office**  
**Open Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday**

**Office Administrator**  
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**Also in Residence**  
**Bishop John Crowley**  
**(Retired)**

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy Group has an important role in our church community, offering instruction and activity to the younger members of our parish on a Sunday as part of the 9.45am mass. There are 2 groups, younger, aged 5 -7/8 and older, 7/8 - 10. We are always looking for volunteers to help. It is not too onerous, with each team usually helping with a group twice a term. You would be placed in a team of experienced Catechists and lots of support is available. If you would like to help from September, especially if you have children who will attend, please get in touch with Jane Hyman: [jane.hyman11@gmail.com](mailto:jane.hyman11@gmail.com)

## **HOUSEKEEPER REQUIRED**

In Harpenden, 4 hours per day, 5 days a week, Monday to Friday.

Please contact Mrs Wolsey on 07811 208580.

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

10.00am Denis Mann (RIP)

6.00pm Special Intention (VOS)

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

9.45am The People of the Parish

11.30am Kathleen Sullivan (RIP)

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June Feria**

9.15am

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June St John Southworth Priest & Martyr**

9.15am

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

9.15am PJ Lynch -Kelly (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June SS PETER & PAUL**

9.15am Thomas & Edith Dare

6.00pm

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Feria**

9.15am Chan Hang Ping (RIP)

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July Dedication of The Cathedral (1910)**

10.00am

6.00pm The People of the Parish

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am Desmond Greig (RIP)

9.45am

11.30am PJ Lynch -Kelly (RIP) Anniv

## **CONFESSIONS**

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