



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

29th October 2017
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pope Francis, not infrequently, reminds us of our calling to be missionary disciples. When we think of what it is to be a missionary we may well think of how the Gospel is, and has been, proclaimed in far flung places, places that we now refer to as the ‘Developing World.’ The Holy Father’s call though is not just to those whose calling is to travel across the world; the call is to each of us who has been baptised.

Each of us is called to be a missionary, to preach the Gospel with those we encounter today. And we preach not just through our words, but through what we do, through the way that we live. We share the Good News of Jesus Christ out of the lived experience of what he has done for us in our lives. Being a missionary is a part and parcel of living our faith, it is not an optional extra. Ultimately it’s something we should want to do, a desire which arises out of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

In our life of faith we have the privilege of knowing Jesus Christ, a freely-given gift. Like those gifts that we freely receive we may not always appreciate as much as we might. We may not always be conscious of the difference Jesus makes in our lives. If we are to truly live our faith, and to be missionary disciples, then we need to be in a life-giving, conscious, relationship with Jesus Christ – a relationship that produces good fruit.

CELEBRATE ST ALBANS

Catholic Charismatic Conference is this weekend, 28th to 29th October.

Nicholas Breakspear School,
Colney Heath lane, St Albans.

Booking as follows:

Book online:

celebrateconference.org/stalbans

Tel no. 07875 848138

For further information please see notice board at the back of the church.

CONCERT SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER

St John's Church Harpenden at 7.30pm. The Lea Singers perform a colourful choral journey, taking chants and psalms from their original medieval settings to the present day. The highlight for many Catholics will be the beautiful Requiem by Maurice Durufle in which the familiar Gregorian chant melodies of the burial Mass are skillfully assimilated; the choir will perform also the well known Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, and two shorter contrasting psalm settings – Roxanna Panufnik's Love Endureth and Schutz's Jauchzet dem Herrn. The choir is joined by professional soloists on harp, timpani and organ and by treble and soprano soloists. Tickets are £15 (£7 for under 18s) from Brigid Brennan on 07881 785299, brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com or from Rollings or Stage Door.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th October Sts Simon & Jude

10.00am Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

6.00pm Greg Jephcott (RIP) Anniv

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8.30am Maura Grimshaw (RIP)

9.45am People of The Parish

11.30am David Hammond (RIP)

Monday 30th October feria

9.15am Special Intention

Tuesday 31st October feria

9.15am Bridget Delaney (RIP)

Wednesday 1st November All Saints

9.15am Henry Turner (RIP)

6.00pm Holy Souls

Thursday 2nd November feria

11.00am Holy Souls

Friday 3rd November

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9.15am Service of The Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

10.00am Special Intention

6.00pm People of The Parish

Sunday 5th November

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Terry Hamilton (RIP)

9.45am Celine McLaughlin (RIP) Anniv

11.30am Mass for deceased members of the Choir

CONFESSIONS

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

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

