



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

8th October 2017
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our God is a God who trusts his workers. Just as the landowner gave the tenants a fully equipped vineyard in which to work and produce, God creates the possibilities for work, fruitfulness and success for us too. He provides us with opportunities and resources and trusts that we will make the most of these. Do we recognize how our lives are moulded by God? Do we recognize the opportunities and resources that God has given us? Have we experienced the freedom and trust that God gives us? Have we responded responsibly or have we responded in a similar way to the tenants at times?

The first reading from Isaiah echoes this truth. The friend of Isaiah owns a fertile hillside, he digs it, clears it of stones, plants the choicest vines, builds the traditional watchtower, installs the typical wine press and then anticipates an excellent and abundant harvest. What he gets instead are wild grapes. We feel the pain of disappointment, in the second half of the reading from Isaiah, the pain which comes with the realisation that the well-intentioned efforts, and hard work, have gone more or less unnoticed, and certainly unappreciated.

We can feel the pain of disappointment which leads the vineyard owner to react in anger. That disappointment and anger are a very human response. But we may forget that God has expectations of us, of how we use our God-given opportunities and resources, and that He has a right to have such expectations. God may feel disappointment in his people who have not acted justly and with compassion to the lowly and oppressed.

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

Office Administrator
Ellen Hughesman
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Also in Residence
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THE ST ALBANS CREDIT UNION

Is celebrating 10 years in Harpenden. This is a not-for-profit community bank and a number of our parishioners are volunteers. If you are reading this, you may well think that credit unions are something for poor people. But keep reading. If you are a homeowner, the credit union can usually lend money for new bathrooms, double glazing, second hand cars and other purchases up to \$7,500, and can save you money compared with using credit cards or bank overdrafts. AND making 'good' loans will help us balance our risk so that we can fulfil our mission to help people on low incomes or on benefits. The credit union has a 'mini-office' at the High Street Methodist church on Saturdays from 10-12 or take a look at our website at www.stalbanscreditunion.co.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 6th to 8th October 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email:

johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th October

Our Lady of The Rosary

10.00am Sanctity Of Life
6.00pm Nancy De Maine (RIP)

Sunday 8th October

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8.30am People of The Parish
9.45am Ann Twomey (RIP)
11.30am Marguerite Sommerville (RIP)

Monday 9th October feria

9.15am Christy Cleary (RIP)

Tuesday 10th October feria

9.15am Margaret Fouldes (RIP)

Wednesday 11th October feria

9.15am Felicity Shipley (Special Intention)

Thursday 12th October feria

11.00am Service of The Word with Holy Communion

Friday 13th October

St Edward The Confessor

9.15am Special Intention

Saturday 14th October feria

10.00am People of the Parish
6.00pm Jimmy & Anne Brophy (RIP)

Sunday 15th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Rose O'Donovan (RIP)
9.45am Special Intentions (Theresa Jacinta James -Nee Sheehy) (RIP)
11.30am Frank Flanagan (RIP) Anniv

CONFESSIONS

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

