



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

10th September 2017
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CARDINAL CORMAC RIP

As the Diocese prepares for the funeral of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, later this week, so we remember, and celebrate, his long life. Cardinal Cormac served the Church in a number of roles since his ordination in 1956: as curate and parish priest, seminary rector and bishop.

Although he held important roles in the Church he will be remembered as a good priest, a priest through and through, and until the end. He always enjoyed visiting the different parishes of the two diocese where he served, and he not only had a genuine interest in what going on, in both priests and people, but a real understanding of what was taking place. For the last eight years he lived in the parish of Chiswick where he assisted with celebrating Mass, and always with an interest in the people, and activities, of the parish; occasionally making time to see those who might be experiencing some difficulty.

Another memory of Cardinal Cormac, that will live on, is of the depth of his faith. His faith was not only important to him, but it was a source of real joy to him. That he was a man of faith was very obvious, in the way he spoke about it, and its roots in his family life, as well in the way he lived, and in his constant desire to share, and communicate, the Good News of the Gospel. That life of faith was particularly obvious in his final days, in his message to the diocese saying: *"At this time, the words I pray every night are never far from my thoughts: "Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit". Please tell them that I am at peace and have no fear of what is to come."*

As Cardinal Cormac would want we pray for the repose of his soul, just as we pray too in thanksgiving for his example and inspiration, and for the comfort of his family and friends.
May he rest in peace.

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**CHURCHES TOGETHER
HARPENDEN ARTS
FESTIVAL 2018**

The Harpenden churches are planning an Arts Festival next Spring, with the theme "beauty, abundance and order". Different churches and other venues will host events. If you are interested in arts & crafts, photography, music, drama, poetry or dance and would like to be involved in some way, please contact Teresa Newham on (01582) 766403.

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
8.00pm, Canon Iain Lane will speak on "The Road to Emmaus" at St Thomas More, Wheathampstead.

**NEW FOUNDATION
DEGREE**

for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. For more information or if you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
<p>Saturday 9th September feria 10.00am The People of The Parish 6.00pm Sheila Buckley (Ne Leary) (RIP)</p>
<p>Sunday 10th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am Margaret Fouldes (RIP) 9.45am Cardinal Murphy O'Connor (RIP) 11.30am Elizabeth Wang (RIP) Anniv</p>
<p>Monday 11th September feria 9.15am Margaret O'Shea (RIP)</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th September feria 9.15am Christopher & Margaret Langley (Special Intention)</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th September St John Chrysoostom 8.30am Mary McGarry (RIP) Anniv</p>
<p>Thursday 14th September The Exaltation of The Holy Cross 11.00am Elizabeth Wang (RIP)</p>
<p>Friday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows 9.15am Service of The Word with Holy Communion</p>
<p>Saturday 16th September Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, 10.00am Clementina Turnbull (Special Intention) 6.00pm Tommy Knobel (RIP)</p>
<p>Sunday 17th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am The People of The Parish 9.45am Elizabeth Wang (RIP) 11.30am Philip Porter (RIP) Anniv</p>
<p>CONFESSIONS Saturday 10.30-11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.</p>