



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Most people will readily acknowledge the need for forgiveness. We do so because we know what happens when people refuse to forgive. We will be aware of how there can be divisions within families, friendships extinguished, and wars between different nations, when there is a refusal to forgive.

Today, in the Gospel we hear Peter asking Jesus: 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' To which Jesus replies: 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.' The message of Jesus is quite clear, there can be no limit to our forgiveness – we should forgive as often as is necessary. Jesus is, of course, well placed to give that message because he forgives without limit. Just as we return to him again and again, maybe with the same list of sins, and yet without question he forgives us.

If we expect to be forgiven, then we must be ready to forgive. Sometimes though we will try to justify not forgiving someone, as it were putting on the blame on the person who offends us and, even to the extent of saying 'I won't forgive'. It's not the way of the Gospel to refuse forgiveness, or to think we are right to do so. No, extending forgiveness is an essential part of our life of faith and, just as Jesus frees us again and again without limit, so too that has to be our way too. Jesus' forgiveness reflects his love which is unlimited, and that is what we are called to strive to do also, to forgive without limit.

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

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**Also in Residence**  
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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.

**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](mailto:matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk)

<b>MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian,</b> 10.00am Clementina Turnbull (Special Intention) 6.00pm Tommy Knobel (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8.30am The People of The Parish 9.45am Elizabeth Wang (RIP) 11.30am Philip Porter (RIP) Anniv	
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September feria</b> 9.15am Bernard Dunne (RIP) 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September feria</b> 9.15am Edwin Dixon (RIP) Anniv	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St Januarius</b> 9.15am Biagio Fonti (RIP)	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>St Matthew</b> 11.00am Sr. Loretta (Special Intentions)	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September feria</b> 9.15am Service of The Word with Holy Communion	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>St Pius of Pietrelcina</b> 10.00am Joseph Langley & Family (Special Intention) 6.00pm Mr Thomas Jose & Mrs Rosy Jose (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8.30am Denis Mann (RIP) 9.45am Duncan Gallagher (RIP) 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv 11.30am Special Intention (Sky – Louise)	
<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Saturday 10.30-11.00am</b> <b>and after the 6.00pm Mass.</b>	