



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**3rd September 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Most people, it seems, spend much of the year looking forward to their summer holidays, but before we know it, it's all over and back to reality whatever that may be!! As the schools reopen so another school year begins, a reminder that there are many new beginnings during the year, many opportunities to start again. Of course there is the beginning of the year in January, just as there is the start of the Church's year in Advent, and now the beginning of a new school year.

It's good to have new beginnings, the opportunity to start again, and to start again not just once, but again and again. Whenever we make a new beginning it is an opportunity to stop and take stock of our lives, to stop and reflect on what is going on. It can be a time to acknowledge what is going well, to recognise the successes and to be grateful for that; and it can also be an opportunity to recognise what I might need to change, what could be improved upon or done better.

New beginnings particularly speak to our life of faith, because they speak to us of God, and of His ways. They speak to us of God who is infinitely patient, and who is always ready to allow us to change, and make those new beginnings without limit. We don't have to stay as we are, we can change, and that is a comforting thought. A new beginning is a sign of God's generosity, it is up to us to decide how to use this opportunity, how to respond to such unlimited generosity

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

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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 24th 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

Saturday 2nd September feria

10.00am John Pridmore (Special Intention)
6.00pm Breed Maher (RIP)

Sunday 3rd September

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8.30am The People of The Parish
9.45am Anna Whittle (RIP)
11.30am Mary Kenealy (RIP)

Monday 4th September feria

9.15am Ian Fulton (Special Intention)

Tuesday 5th September feria

9.15am Joe Grassi & Family (Special Intention)

Wednesday 6th September feria

9.15am Isabel Mills (Special Intention)

Thursday 7th September feria

11.00am Special Intention (N.T.)

Friday 8th September

The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am

Saturday 9th September feria

10.00am
6.00pm Sheila Buckley (Ni Leary) (RIP)

Sunday 10th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Margaret Fouldes (RIP)
9.45am
11.30am Elizabeth Wang (RIP) Anniv

CONFESSIONS

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