



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**20TH May 2018
Pentecost Sunday**

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

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

It's sometimes said that great things can arise from humble or insignificant beginnings. And if we think about it is it not true that what begins with a great splash, attracting great attention often peter out; whereas that which begins quietly and puts down deep roots, grows steadily, and survives to produce fruit, fruit that lasts.

Today the Catholic Church has spread to the far corners of the earth. Christians are scattered all over the world, and come from every tribe and race and tongue. Anyone who has ever been to such places as Lourdes or Rome will have received a sense of the greatness of the Church, great in it's broadness and diversity, and that such a range of people can find a home there.

Today, Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, and if we look back how simply it all began. The Church was born in frailty and weakness. Locked away in fear, in an upper room; it wasn't the most auspicious of beginnings.

It can be very tempting, and indeed understandable, to want to stay in those situations that we know to be comfortable, perhaps where we are unchallenged and can stay as we are – but that is not what is asked of us. If we are to be receptive to the Holy Spirit then we have to be ready to move out – and to face what we may fear, or find challenging. Each of us is called to share in the work of the Church, to engage with what we find difficult, or prefer not to know about. Open to the Holy Spirit though, we can do what Jesus did, we can bring those who live in darkness into the light.

VACANCIES

St John Fisher, St Albans is looking to recruit an inspiring and outstanding headteacher to lead our school into the future. The role is ideal for a current Deputy Headteacher who is a practicing Catholic. If you are interested, please look on www.teachinherts.com under St John Fisher or contact the Chair of Governors (Chris Baker) at governors@sjfisher.herts.sch.uk for an application pack.

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Clifden Road
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Current vacancies that we are advertising for:

Primary Teacher - closing date

Monday 21st May

English Teacher - closing date

Monday 21st May

Subject Lead in Physics - closing date 4th June

If you are interested in any of the above positions please

contact, Claudine Richardson on

020 8325 4630 or to follow

the link <http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/recruitment>.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

The next Solitude Saturday will be on 26th May,

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament begins at 10.00am

and ends at 3.00pm. There is

also opportunity for a Solitude

Walk in the Prayer Gardens and

time to pray in the Poustinia or Hermitage.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 19th May Easter feria

11.00am First Holy Communion Mass

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday (B)

8.30am Vivienne Bradley (RIP)

9.45am Tommy Fennessy (Spec Int)

11.30am Joan Gaire (RIP)

Monday 21st May Mary Mother of the Church

9.15am No Mass

12.00pm Requiem Mass for Brian Tate RIP

Tuesday 22nd May feria

9.15am Peter Bowron (RIP)

Wednesday 23rd May feria

9.15am Special Intention

Thursday 24th May Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest

11.00am Denis Mann (RIP)

Friday 25th May St Bede the Venerable

9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 26th May St Philip Neri

10.00am Special Intention (MA)

6.00pm Margaret Purtill (Anniv)

Sunday 27th May The Most Holy Trinity (B)

8.30am John Png (RIP)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Joseph Horan

CONFESSIONS

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