



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

1st July 2018
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wherever Jesus went he was sought out by individuals and crowds and no wonder - Jesus had power; power to feed the hungry, power to restore sight and hearing, power to cure the crippled, to set the demon-possessed free, power over wind and sea, power to forgive sin, and power to raise the dead. Jesus had power to set us free from the two realities, which we humans most fear - suffering and death.

Today again, in the Gospel, there are the milling crowds. They sought him out and pressed closely round him, each eager to get close enough to secure some blessing from this astonishing Teacher and Healer. A synagogue official desperate for his daughter's welfare and a woman suffering a haemorrhage succeed in reaching the Lord. These two represent each one of us while the crowds represent the whole of poor, struggling, helpless humanity.

The miracles of Jesus never failed to astonish the crowds and made them even more eager to be near him. For us, who read of these miracles our faith in the Lord grows too. For us they are signs, signs of what is awaiting our faith when we reach our heavenly homeland. His earthly miracles were meant precisely to teach us to believe that the same wonders would one day, unfailingly, be worked for us.

Jesus invites us to a faith, which transcends present suffering and future death. He invites us to the peace and joy of total faith in a future, which is in his loving hands. No matter what we may suffer, even death; he invites us, not to fear, but to rejoice and trust in him.

Parish Office

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

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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!

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

For those who are sick or housebound the Parish Priest is always happy to bring Holy Communion and, or, to arrange for one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do so. If you are unable to attend Mass, or know of someone in that situation, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

GAP YEAR

Naomi Coy, one of our young parishioners, will be spending part of her 'gap year' in Peru, working with the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World. The Movement gives young laypeople, married couples and priests the opportunity to work among the poorest, especially in orphanages, soup kitchens and schools for orphans and abandoned children. Obviously, there are expenses involved with travelling to Peru, if you can assist Naomi in any way she would be most grateful.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY ST CLARE'S CONVENT ABIGAIL CLOSE LUTON

The next Solitude Saturday will be on 28th July.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 30th June

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10.00am Peggy Reynolds (RIP)

6.00pm Chan Hang Ping (RIP)

Sunday 1st July

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Robert Eltoft (RIP)

11.30am Special Intention (AO'H)

Monday 2nd July

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9.15am No Mass

1.00pm Requiem Mass for Joseph Bearpark

Tuesday 3rd July

St Thomas, Apostle

9.15am PJ Lynch-Kelly (RIP) (Anniv)

Wednesday 4th July

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9.15am Nigel Newham (Spec Int)

Thursday 5th July

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11.00am Brian Tate (RIP)

Friday 6th July

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 7th July

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10.00am Ray Shufflebotham (RIP) (Anniv)

6.00pm Tommy Bradley (RIP)

Sunday 8th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am Maureen Murphy (RIP)

9.45am Cindy Gallagher (RIP)

11.30am People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS

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

LIVE SIMPLY

This responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world, for "he commanded and they were created; and he established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds and he set a law which cannot pass away".

Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter Two, Paragraph 68