



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

10th June 2018

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the gospel today we hear that Jesus made a visit home. Word about this radical teacher had gotten around and the religious leaders are not happy. In an effort to protect their son and brother, Jesus' family try to restrain him in order to protect him. The people who have gathered try to dismiss Jesus' teachings saying that he has 'gone out of his mind'. The religious leaders even go so far as to say that he is possessed by a demon! Perhaps their way of explaining away someone that they could not cope with. Who in our society today is explained away? Who do we wish would stop speaking out because it makes us uncomfortable? Who do we know who is speaking the truth and yet is dismissed by those in authority? Who tries to silence others?

One of the criticisms of Christians today is that we are not Christ-like or we are no longer challenged by the gospel message. Sometimes it is easier to 'keep your head down'. But Jesus knows that in order to bring change, to work for God's kingdom of love and justice and peace, this involves sticking your head above the parapet, whether that be in our communities, our families or in our church.

'I began to wonder if anyone still believed Jesus meant those things he said. I thought if we just stopped and asked "what if he really meant it?" it could turn the world upside down. It is a shame Christians have become so normal.'
(Shane Claiborne, *The Irresistible Revolution*)

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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.

WE WANT YOU!

New recruits are invited to join the ranks of our altar servers. Children who have completed, their First Holy Communion are eligible to join. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on 7th – 9th September 2018. For more information and to enquire about tickets to events, please contact adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or call 07738183829.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 9th June

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am Special Intention (AB)

6.00pm Brian Tate (RIP)

Sunday 10th June

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am Margaret Foulds (RIP)

9.45am First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass
People of the Parish

11.30am Peggy Cagney (RIP)

Monday 11th June

St Barnabas, Apostle

9.15am Laetitia O'Brien (Spec Int)

Tuesday 12th June

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9.15am Monica Scudder (RIP)

11.30am Requiem Mass of Frances Jubb

Wednesday 13th June

St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

9.15am Beryl Vasouez (RIP)

Thursday 14th June

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11.00am Tom Nevin (RIP)

Friday 15th June

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 16th June

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10.00am No Mass

11.00am Confirmation Mass

3.00pm Confirmation Mass

6.00pm Ted McGuinness (RIP)

Sunday 17th June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Father's Day

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am James Henrietta & Brian O'Hare (RIP)

11.30am Margaret Sumerville (RIP) (1st Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

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

LIVE SIMPLY

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.

We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone.

Pope Francis, Laudato si, Ch SIX para 202 (intro)