



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Today, we hear, Jesus sends out the Twelve in pairs to preach the Gospel. The Good News. Yet what sort of Good News is this? To be sure, the Apostles come to give comfort and healing to the sick. Yet here, in this Gospel, the message is a hard one – one of repentance, contrition, and sorrow for sins. It is not unremitting joy, at least not at first. It challenges us to confess our sins, to acknowledge our failures. It might be necessary – but how can this be a message to preach. How can this be Good News?

## **Parish Office**

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

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Well it can because what the Twelve are sent out to preach with such urgency is not the wickedness of the world, but the greatness of God's mercy.

The Twelve move from house to house and place to place rapidly, wasting no time with those who do not want to listen because they are there, not to condemn, but to give the offer of a great gift, the gift of forgiveness. A gift, which is freely given by God to everyone who embraces it, and this gift heals minds and hearts, casts out anxiety and soothes infirmity.

## **WEBSITE:**

**parish@rcdow.org.uk/  
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**NB. Entries for the Newsletter  
must be sent into the office by  
Wednesday at the latest.**

It is a Gift that is easy to accept. Because all we need to do to receive this great gift from God, the Gift of Forgiveness, the Gift of Healing, the Gift of Peace – is to accept that we need to be forgiven, we need to be healed, we need to welcome into our troubled hearts this promise of Peace.

## 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.

## SOLITUDE SATURDAY ST CLARE'S CONVENT ABIGAIL CLOSE LUTON

The next Solitude Saturday will be on 28<sup>th</sup> July. 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.

## SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 8th September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. So walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July

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10.00am Special Intention (AB)

6.00pm Desmond Greig (RIP)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Elizabeth Cooper (RIP)

11.30am Joe Bearpark (RIP)

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

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9.15am J J Conor (RIP)

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

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9.15am Jackie Dodds (Spec Int)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

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9.15am Joe Bearpark (RIP)

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

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11.00am Greenfield Family (Spec Int)

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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10.00am Gavin Newman (Spec Int)

6.00pm People of the Parish

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am William & Rita Dooley (RIP)

9.45am Pauline Ellinor (Spec Int)

11.30am Mary O'Grady (RIP) (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### CONFESSIONS

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

### A Live Simply Idea.

Walk or cycle instead of using the car.