



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

22nd July 2018
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Last week we heard Jesus sending out the Twelve in pairs to preach the Gospel, the Good News. It's hard to imagine what the disciples were thinking as they went out, and with nothing but what they were wearing. Today we hear of their return, rejoining Jesus, no doubt telling him all that they had done, recounting what the experience had been like. To give them time to think, to reflect, to regain their energy, Jesus takes them off to a quiet place, to be alone and to rest. Jesus demonstrating his understanding of their real human needs.

Parish Office

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

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With all of the schools now closed, so the summer break begins – a break, no doubt, eagerly looked forward to by so many of us. Like the disciples, we too need time to rest, to refresh ourselves, to spend time with family and friends, and to distance ourselves from our usual routines. Often, as we live our busy lives, we may lament the fact that we don't have as much time as we would like for what is important. In particular, we may recognise that we don't give the Lord as much time as we would like to.

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

While going on holiday is not meant to be a retreat, it is nonetheless an opportunity to make a few minutes extra to spend with the Lord, or to put ourselves in touch with his ways, through what we read, or look at, online. On holiday we spend time with those we choose to be with, and that can include the Lord, as we continue to go to Mass, it is not a time to leave him out of our lives.

Hopefully we'll enjoy the rest, the company and the change of pace; as well as the opportunity for a little extra time with the Lord.

Happy Holidays!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st July

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10.00am Gavin Newman (Spec Int)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 22nd July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am William & Rita Dooley (RIP)

9.45am Pauline Ellinor (Spec Int)

11.30am Mary O'Grady (RIP) (10th Anniv)

Monday 23rd July

St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

9.15am Gerald McGuinness (RIP)

Tuesday 24th July

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9.15am Denis Mann (RIP)

Wednesday 25th July

St James, Apostle

9.15am Sr. Aelred O'Donovan OP (RIP)

Thursday 26th July

SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am Anita Lynch (RIP)

Friday 27th July

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 28th July

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10.00am Barty Donovan (RIP)

6.00pm Teresa Moran (RIP)

Sunday 29th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am John Png (RIP)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Laura Ward (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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

POPE FRANCIS WRITES:

By virtue of their Baptism, every Catholic is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ – a mission which cannot be separated from the Catholic Church. It is truly [our] Baptism that makes us missionaries. A baptised person who does not feel the need to proclaim the Gospel, to announce Jesus, is not a good Christian."

The first necessary element of all authentic missionary discipleship is the "changeless centre, which is Jesus". This is because proclaiming the Gospel cannot be separated from Christ or from the Church.

Announcing the Gospel "is not an initiative of individual believers, groups or even large groups, but it is the Church's mission inseparably united with her Lord.