



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

29th July 2018
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

For the next six weeks, we have a break from St Marks Gospel. Instead, we will be hearing from the Gospel of John, as he sets before us different writings about the Eucharist. Today we hear John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher.

The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

**ST CLARE'S CONVENT
ABIGAIL CLOSE LUTON**

Solitude Saturday during the summer months will be on 28th July and 25th August. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 10.00am and ends at 3.00pm.

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.

Save The Date!

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life- on Sunday 7th October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information: www.prolifepilgrimage.org. To book tickets contact Maria on 01582 624024/ 07969171422 [/maria@oloughlin.co.uk](mailto:maria@oloughlin.co.uk)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
Saturday 28th July feria 10.00am Barty Donovan (RIP) 6.00pm Teresa Moran (RIP)	
Sunday 29th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 8.30am 9.45am People of the Parish 11.30am Laura Ward (RIP)	
Monday 30th July feria 9.15am Joe Bearpark (RIP)	
Tuesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 9.15am Ralph Dagleish (RIP)	
Wednesday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor 9.15am Joe Bearpark (RIP)	
Thursday 2nd August feria 11.00am Joe Bearpark (RIP)	
Friday 3rd August feria 9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Saturday 4th August St John Vianney, Priest 10.00am Special Intention (Sr.A) 6.00pm Brian Tate (RIP)	
Sunday 5th August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 8.30am Special Intention 9.45am People of the Parish 11.30am Tony Leighan (RIP)	
CONFESSIONS (Saturday 10.30-11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.)	

Pope Francis' Laudato Si :

'Joined to the Incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist in itself is an act of cosmic love a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation'.

