



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

2nd September 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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All of the readings of this Sunday invite us to reflect on the commandment of God, and the best way to obey it. In our first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites of the commandment of God. He urged them to obey it in order to be successful in life. In today's gospel, Jesus confronts the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. This is because, they never observed the laws they have multiplied for the people. This is not a good way of life, it is one to be careful about. We must not live a hypocritical life or make life unnecessarily difficult for others.

Christ is telling us today to look inward and examine ourselves properly. The intentions we have in our hearts, the negative thoughts we have, have an impact on who we are. The quality of our life is measured by the qualities of what we have in our hearts. So the most important thing that God needs from us is a pure heart.

The best way we can show that we are faithful to the commandment of God is only when our hearts are transformed by it; when it motivates us to pursue goodness, to love others, to avoid sin and evil; when we are moved to repent and to forgive others, and when we make an effort to live a just, merciful and, honest life.

So, as Paul tells us today in our second reading, we must put into practice the word of God which are his commandments of love: *Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you...you must do what the word tells you.*

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

On 7th September the price of The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times will be increasing to £1.50, from the current £1.30.

MAGIC VOICES CHOIR CHARITY CONCERT - SATURDAY 8TH

SEPTEMBER 7.30PM AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH.

The Magic Voices Choir will be performing a repertoire of pop classics and songs from musicals and shows in support of Harpenden charity, the A-T Society. Tickets - £8 in advance, £10 on the door, under 12's free. Call 01582 760733 or visit atsociety.org.uk/events/magic

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. Envelopes containing sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches are available this weekend in the porch.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st September

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10.00am

6.00pm Kathleen Burr (RIP) (Anniv)

Sunday 2nd September

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Michael Shiel (RIP)

11.30am Luke & Mary Foster (RIP)

Monday 3rd September

St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

9.15am Teresa Moran (RIP)

Tuesday 4th September

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9.15am Special Intention (AM)

Wednesday 5th September

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Thursday 6th September

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11.00am John Peacock (RIP)

Friday 7th September

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 8th September

The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am

6.00pm Julian & Melanie Armitage (Spec Int)

Sunday 9th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am Elizabeth Wang (RIP) (Anniv)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Philip Porter (RIP) (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

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

information:

www.prolifepilgrimage.org. To book tickets contact Maria on 01582 624024/ 07969171422 [/maria@oloughlin.co.uk](mailto:maria@oloughlin.co.uk)