



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

23rd September 2018
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In the gospel today, Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we have a part to play in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 25

OUR COMMON

HOME - Interfaith evening of exploration and reflection

During this Creation Season there will be an Interfaith evening of exploration and reflection on taking care of creation by a panel of Catholic, Buddhist and Muslim women. When : on Friday 28 September at 6.30 - 9.00 pm.

Where: St Mary Moorfields church 4/5 Eldon Street, EC2M 7LS. If you are interested in going, please contact graham-ryan@sky.com

Watford, Hemel & St. Albans NHS Hospital Chaplaincy

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let your parish clergy know if you or a close relative are in hospital. To contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling **01923 217994** or **0777 659 8704** referrals can also be made via email: spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd September

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10.00am Eugene Clinton (RIP)

6.00pm William Chiu (RIP)

Sunday 23rd September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am Eugene O'Brien (RIP)

9.45am Duncan Gallagher (RIP) (Anniv)

11.30am Mary Cahill (RIP) (Anniv)

Monday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

9.15am Denis Mann (RIP) & John Png (RIP)

Tuesday 25th September

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9.15am Teresa Collins (RIP)

Wednesday 26th September

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9.15am People of the Parish

Thursday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul, Priest

11.00am Mary & Doris (Spec Int)

Friday 28th September

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 29th September

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

10.00am Diane Clarke (RIP) (Anniv)

6.00pm Liz McArdle (RIP)

Sunday 30th September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Sr Amy (RIP)

11.30am Nora Gleeson (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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

Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (*Wis* 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (*Rom* 1:20).