



## Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

*Anyone who is not against us is for us.*  
*(Mark 9:40)*

On the face of it, this could seem to be a very puzzling statement by Jesus - especially alongside other things he said. In other places we read that the gate is narrow, the first last and the last first, not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven. We hear of the likely disappointment of those who lay up treasure on earth. But actually, the more we think about it, the clearer the message becomes. The invitation is generous, but the challenge tremendous ... and it is not we who judge, but God.

When Christ speaks of the challenges of the life of faith, he is speaking to me, to each one of us individually. I am the one who is responsible for myself, my own acts, my life of faith. I am the one who must follow the commandments, keep the law of God, love my neighbour, be honest in all my dealings, not harbour grudges.

And when Christ speaks of the wide-open doors of the kingdom, the welcome to those of good will, of other faiths and none, to those who 'are not against us', he is not speaking about me, but about my neighbours who I must love and not judge, who I must forgive and not resent, who I must cherish and not fear. It might seem to be another paradox: it is, and that is the logic of love.

**LA TRAGEDIE DE CARMEN 17<sup>TH</sup>  
NOV 2018**

Pop Up Opera's performance of La Tragédie de Carmen, Lourdes Hall 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. This professional touring opera company are staging a version of the very popular 'Carmen' right on your doorstep. Tickets are already selling and we expect a full house. Please email [dennis29@virginmedia.com](mailto:dennis29@virginmedia.com) to reserve tickets at £27.50 per person. Profits go to the parish Developing World Fund project

**WALK IN THE PARK**

Our next walk in Rothamsted Park will be this



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Meet outside Church at 10am and after the walk, enjoy a coffee in a nearby cafe. If weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for future walks held first Wednesday of every month.

**CELEBRATE  
ST ALBANS WEEK-END  
3 - 4 NOVEMBER 2018  
LORETO COLLEGE**

Celebrate is a two-day conference for young and old with teaching, preaching, spirit led praise and worship, seminars, children and youth ministry.

**This year's theme:**

"See, I am doing a new thing"  
(Isaiah 43:19 NIV)

Book your ticket on

[www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans](http://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans)

**When:**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 09:30 - 21:00  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 09:30 - 16:00

**Where:**

Loreto College, Hatfield Road, St Albans

<b>MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<b>Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>	
10.00am	Diane Clarke (RIP) (Anniv)
6.00pm	Liz McArdle (RIP)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
8.30am	People of the Parish
9.45am	Sr Amy (RIP)
11.30am	Nora Gleeson (RIP)
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	
<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor</b>	
9.15am	Sr Amy (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	
<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	
9.15am	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
9.15am	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	
11.00am	Private Intention
7.00pm	Living Simply
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
9.15 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
10.00am	Special Intention (CB)
6.00pm	Frank McConnachie (RIP)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
8.30am	Canon Frost (RIP)
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Gillian Sabine (RIP) (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	
(Saturday 10.30-11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.)	

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