



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

9th September 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wednesday at the latest.**

Today we hear in the gospel that, *“Jesus went about from one town to the other doing good.”* We were not told that he healed only the poor or the rich. Rather, he allowed his blessings to reach the poor as well as the rich, the good as well as the bad. Jesus did not discriminate or show favouritism. Instead, he identified with all classes of people. Christ associated and ate with tax collector and sinners. He healed the daughter of Jairus, the Roman centurion who was both wealthy and a gentile. He spoke with, and restored the life and faith of a Samaritan woman, who was thought to be in serious sin. Among his apostles was Levi, a very rich tax collector who today is a saint of the Church. On the other hand, he healed many poor blind, lame, deaf and dumb people. *“He did all things well”* without showing favouritism, or minding the race, background or status of those he healed.

It's a high standard that Jesus sets before us, to imitate him by aiming at doing good to all, caring for the wounded, helping others in need without favouritism or, minding their status. The example of Jesus calls us to be different, by being outstanding in generosity and goodness, rather than in favouritism. God's desire is to heal us and our world. As his instruments, we can imitate the generosity of Christ his Son. We can go about doing good and reaching out to those in need irrespective of who they are, their standing, and class in life.

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.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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)

Monday 10th September

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9.15am Margaret Foulds (RIP)

Tuesday 11th September

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9.15am Marie Healy (RIP)

Wednesday 12th September

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9.15am Alice Gelling (RIP) (1st Anniv)

Thursday 13th September

St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

11.00am Luton Circle Catenians (Spec Int)

Friday 14th September

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

10.00am

6.00pm Michael & Margaret McMahan (RIP)

Sunday 16th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am John Conway (RIP) (Anniv)

9.45am Joe Bearpark (RIP)

11.30am Kathleen Costello (RIP) (1st Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

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