



## Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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must be sent into the office by  
Wednesday at the latest.**

The gospel today introduces us to a man who is clearly in the midst of a struggle. He *runs* up and *kneels* before Jesus. This tells us a lot about him. He is obviously a sincere, good-living man. He has recognised who Jesus is, and so he asks him: *“Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

It's a great question which not everyone is capable of asking. The man had obviously already made significant progress. Together with his great love for God this man showed great love for his neighbour and when Jesus tells him to keep the commandments he is able to look Jesus in the eye and say: *“Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.”* But there was one thing he lacked. Jesus tells him: *“Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven”.*

The man is sad, his face fell at the invitation. He was a wealthy man and he loved his wealth very much, too much. His relationship with the material world was still out of kilter with the call to discipleship that Jesus was making, probably without the man realising it, despite his goodness, he had put God in a subordinate position to his wealth.

Of course, we don't know how the story ended. The young man may have adjusted to Jesus' radical demand and found the grace to say that difficult yes. Maybe he heeded those words from the book of Wisdom: *“I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me”.*

## DIocese of Westminster

### INVITATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Cardinal Vincent invites young people aged 18 to 30 to this Post-Synod Reflection with him at Archbishop's House on 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Early registration at [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) is recommended.

### EDUCATION SERVICE

Are hosting an evening to engage with Catholic Teachers and Leaders currently working outside of Catholic Education. This occasion is designed to infirm, encourage and accompany those who are interested in working within our Catholic Schools. The event will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Vaughan House 46 Francis Street London SW1P 1QN. For further details and to RSVP contact [Courses.rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Courses.rcdow.org.uk)

### PERU EXPERIENCE UPDATE - NAOMI

Hi everyone! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone again for all the support in relation to my recent trip to Peru to help with the Missionary Servants of the Poor. It was an unbelievable experience and if you would like to know more about my trip and what I experienced throughout the 6 weeks, I have written a blog which can be found at: [naomiperublog.wordpress.com](http://naomiperublog.wordpress.com) and also, in the Parish website in the newsletter's section. Hope you enjoy reading it! God bless, Naomi.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

#### St Edward the Confessor Patron of the Diocese

10.00am Sr. Amy (RIP)  
6.00pm Special Intention (NB)

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am People of the Parish  
9.45am Sr. Amy (RIP)  
11.30am Frank Flanagan (RIP) (Anniv)

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

#### St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

9.15am **NO MASS**  
10.00am Requiem Mass for Sarah Cullinane (RIP)

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

9.15am Frances Byrne (Spec Int)

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

#### St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

9.15am Sylvia & Paul Kleinen (Spec Int)

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

#### St Luke, Evangelist

11.00am Patrick Hickey (RIP) (Anniv)

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

10.00am Special Intention (CM)  
6.00pm Suzanne Bartholomew (RIP)

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am Francey Byrne (Int)  
9.45am People of the Parish  
11.30am Gillian Sabine (RIP) (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### CONFESSIONS

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

### CELEBRATE ST ALBANS

#### Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend

This is an annual family event  
On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9am – 9pm and  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 4pm at  
Loreto College, Hatfield Rd, St Albans,  
AL1 3RQ. See the flyers in the porch for  
more details.