



## Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2018**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

It's pretty obvious in this Gospel reading that Jesus is making it very clear to his apostles that following him will not lead to earthly glory and power and riches. Though they do not understand it yet, they will have to suffer what he will suffer. And sure enough, as tradition tells us, almost all the apostles were indeed martyrs for their belief in Christ.

But here's a strange thing. Look at the language Jesus uses: you must drink the cup that I drink and be baptised with the same baptism. It seems odd language. Not you must suffer as I will suffer - but by sharing in the baptism and the eucharist you will not receive power and comfort, but suffering and sacrifice. How often do we think of the sacraments in this way? Rarely I guess. People see receiving communion as a routine way of taking part in the mass, and we think of baptism as a necessity and a right, not a commitment. People often approach the Church seeking baptism for a good family celebration, or as a matter of course, or even to make sure of a place in a good school. Catholics who never come to mass expect their children to be baptised just as they were, to make their first holy communion and confirmation just as they did - and perhaps we should be thankful.

But how often do we, do they, understand baptism, or the receiving of communion, to be the embracing of a way of life, united with Christ, which is the surrender of one's self, commitment, and sacrifice?

## 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.

### THE OLD HAMILTONIANS

The 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Douglass School opening.  
To celebrate this milestone event, we are holding an all years (1963-2013) reunion for all past pupils and staff. The event will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November for more information please visit [www.bdreunions.com](http://www.bdreunions.com)

### CATHOLIC HISTOTIC WALKS

A Royal Walk  
Sunday 18th November, 3pm. A walk around Westminster to see Catholics and Royalty, from Henry VIII and his break with Rome to the present day. We walk towards Buckingham Palace. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

### THE PASSAGE HOMELESS CHARITY

Please support the excellent work of The Passage by considering attending its annual concert Night Under The Stars at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 6 November at 7.30pm. This year's concert is entitled Northern Lights and features music by Grieg and Sibelius.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### 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)

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

#### feria

9.15am Joan Gardiner (RIP)

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

#### feria

9.15am Peter Weir (RIP)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

9.15am Denis Mann (RIP)

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

11.00am Special Intention

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### feria

10.00am John Png (RIP)  
6.00pm Teresa Moran (RIP)

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

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

8.30am Gerald Woodruff (RIP)  
9.45am People of the Parish  
11.30am Jean Eldred (RIP) (Anniv)

### CONFESSIONS

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

For details and booking visit <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/118993-night-under-stars-northern-lights-2018> or telephone 020 3879 9555.

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