



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

7th October 2018
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's gospel wants us to value and benefit from that special union in love between a man and a woman that is marriage, a union fundamental enough to be made into a sacrament in Christ. Marriage is at the same time a basic human institution and an extraordinary relationship, and it contributes to the well-being of the whole of society. Also, because sacraments build up the Church, they concern all believers, which makes the sacrament of marriage very significant not just for the couple marrying.

Jesus's answer to the Pharisees recalls what God has done and intended at the very start of things: 'But from the beginning of creation...'. What an extraordinary and marvellous outcome! The two become one flesh. Our origins are shaped by the sure and guiding hand of God, and his providential plan can be trusted even in the time of weakness and sin. We should not get used to sin and moral weakness, seeing them as our deepest and most natural condition. It is goodness and love that are at the heart of creation, and marriages are built on them. On hearing today's gospel our minds may well start to focus on the issue of divorce and remarriage, but Jesus wants us to discover or rediscover how it was in the beginning, at creation, and to live and love accordingly.

Christians should be identifiable by their realism and by their belief that God is greater than any weakness or sin. We, for our part, seek the grace of deeper conversion during the whole of our lives.

SUNDAY 2nd December 6.00pm
Ceremony of Carols by
Benjamin Britten

Sung by the choristers and accompanied by Rosanna Rolton, harp

THURSDAY 6th December
7.00pm

Christmas Concert

Featuring our church choirs, the choir from St Dominic Primary School, The Bella Mamas and the parish Band. A lively and festive occasion for all the family.

There will be a retiring collection for the DWG raising funds for a youth string orchestra in Brazil with further details of this charity given on the evening.

SUNDAY 23rd December
6.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

A traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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:

www.naomiperublog.wordpress.com and also in the Parish website in the newsletter's

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th October

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10.00am Special Intention (CB)

6.00pm Frank McConnachie (RIP)

Sunday 7th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am Canon Frost (RIP)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Seamus O'Doherty (RIP) (1st Anniv)

Monday 8th October

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9.15am Sr Amy (RIP)

Tuesday 9th October

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9.15am Anne Plunkett (RIP)

Wednesday 10th October

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9.15am Margaret Foulds (RIP)

Thursday 11th October

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11.00am Special Intention (NB)

Friday 12th October

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9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 13th October

St Edward the Confessor Patron of the Diocese

10.00am

6.00pm Special Intention (NB)

Sunday 14th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Sr Amy (RIP)

11.30am Frank Flanagan (RIP) (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

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

section. Hope you enjoy reading it! God bless, Naomi.

“Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us” (St Francis.) This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life.'

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