



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**5th March 2017
1st Sunday of Lent**

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I think we can say that Lent got off to a good start! It was encouraging to have the church full for both Masses, as well as the Liturgy in school attended by both pupils and many parents; and no doubt many will have attended Mass near to where they work. Hopefully we have begun Lent in a positive way, intent on doing what we can to be faithful to how we have decided to mark this holy season.

As with any commitment we make the challenge is to maintain the momentum, not to lose heart, but to keep going. These days of Lent are an opportunity to open our lives, and our hearts, to the Lord; to literally create space for him. As we heard in the Gospel of Ash Wednesday we do that through those traditional means of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

When we engage in these tried and tested ways we make time for God, time to be with him, time to listen to him, time which expresses our desire for Him, and recognises His desire that we allow His life to deepen within us. Thus we say 'no' to ourselves in order to say 'yes' to God, and to other people. We can say 'no' to those activities that take up so much of our time, the time we spend on social media, or on the ipad or tablet, or watching television, in order to make more time for God, and for others. Lent is a time for a renewed 'yes' to God – a time to make more space for Him in our Lives.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL NURSERY

The application process for places at our lovely Nursery is now open for children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. The Nursery hours are Mon-Fri 9am to 12 noon. For further information please visit our website

www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk, contact the school office on 01582 760047 or email the Admissions Secretary at admissions@stdominic.herts.sch.uk. Visits to the Nursery are very welcome, please contact the school to make an appointment. Application close date: Friday 17 March 2017.

REFLECTIONS AT ROSARY PRIORY

Winter to Spring 2017
with Sr Avril OP
Tuesday 7th March.
Journey of Decision:
A Way of the Cross.
11am in the Convent Chapel,
Rosary Priory, Bushey.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

The Mass for bereaved parents will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 11th March at 2.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th March

10.00am

6.00pm Denise Iommi RIP

Sunday 5th March

8.30am Tony Wilkins RIP rec.dec.

9.45am The People of the Parish

11.30am David Tiernan RIP Anniv 1yr

Monday 6th March

9.15am Steve Hewlett RIP rec.dec.

Tuesday 7th March

9.15am Intentions of Ann McCutcheon
& Family

Wednesday 8th March

9.15am Special Intention (N.T.)

Thursday 9th March

11.00am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Friday 10th March

9.15am Margaret Fouldes RIP

Saturday 11th March

10.00am The People of the Parish

6.00pm Des McArdle RIP

Sunday 12th March

8.30am Frank & Kathleen Bradley
RIP anniv

9.45am Sarah Smyth RIP Anniv

11.30am Patrick Scanlan RIP Anniv

CONFESSIONS

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

It's a time to remember, to pray, to give thanks, and to entrust deceased children to the Lord.

All are welcome to attend.