



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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Life can be very unpredictable, some might say we live in exciting times, others that we live in disturbing times. This year we've lived, and are living, through Brexit, and we've just witnessed the campaign and vote for the future US president. Who could have predicted either outcome? We like to think we know what's going on in life, what's going to happen next, much as that might be our wish we know it's not going to happen. St Luke's Gospel presents Jesus in Jerusalem talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited having seen how magnificent the Temple is, having come 'up from the country' and Jesus is trying to calm them down. The time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings'. These things do not last.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's Gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is affirming people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

*'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives'.*

*- Michel de Verteuil*

## **Parish Office**

**Open Mon, Tues,  
Wed & Friday  
9.30am – 12.30pm  
Office Administrator  
Jane Rose**

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## **Also in Residence**

**Bishop Emeritus  
John Crowley (Retired)**

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

St Dominic Catholic Primary School would like to add to their team of Midday Supervisory Assistants who ensure the safety and welfare of pupils during the lunchtime break. Each lunch session is from 11:50am until 1:05pm and the salary is £7.52 per hour. Flexibility over days can be offered which may suit those who are retired or work part-time. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service and satisfactory references. For further details and an application pack, please contact the school office on 01582 760047 or email [admin@stdominic.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stdominic.herts.sch.uk). Visits to the school are welcome by arrangement.

## **TOWARDS ADVENT 2016**

A Festival of Catholic Culture is being held on Saturday 26th November in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue London SW1 1QJ from 10am. Over 30 organisations will be attending and it is an opportunity for them to give an insight into their activities and they will also have many articles for sale. Admission is free. In addition some talks and workshops will be given during the event. Further details are available on ['towardsadvent@blogspot.com'](mailto:towardsadvent@blogspot.com)

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Bernard Dunne (RIP) rec.dec.  
6.00pm Michael Holmes (RIP) &  
Martin King (RIP) Annivs.

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

8.30am Graham Palgrave (RIP)Anniv.  
9.45am Tony Mileham (RIP) Anniv.  
11.30am People of the Parish

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

9.15am Service of the Word  
with Holy Communion

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

9.15am Mr & Mrs Seggar (RIP)

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

9.15am The Holy Souls

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

11.00am Service of the Word  
with Holy Communion

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

9.15am Patrick Tynan Intentions

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Patrick Hickey (RIP) Anniv.  
6.00pm Anne Brophy (RIP) Anniv.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

8.30am Private Intention (EM)  
9.45am Fabio Biagio Fonti (RIP)  
Anniv.  
11.30am Susann Byrne (RIP) Anniv.

## **CONFESSIONS**

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