



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

5th November 2017
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November, we might say, starts on a high point with the celebration of All Saints. On that day we remember, and give thanks for, all those who have led good and faithful lives, and are now with God in heaven. The rest of the month though is somewhat different; in fact it might seem to be quite gloomy. During the remaining days we remember and pray for all the souls in purgatory. The sense of gloom is added to because with the clocks having gone back, the days are shorter and darker, and it often seems that the weather can be damp and dull as well. Despite it's bright start, with our eyes focused on heaven and the saints, November can be a dark time, for some, even, a depressing time.

But we need to keep before us that joyful, hopeful, start, the promise of the future, life with God for the faithful souls. And it is good if we have that vision as we remember all the faithful departed, and assist them with our prayers. When we think of our departed loved ones, not only will we miss them, but we can feel quite helpless when we think about them. The Church though, in her wisdom each year, gives us this month to pray for those who have gone before us. And we are assured that our prayers are of help to those who have still to complete their journey to God, what a comfort that is to know that our prayers can help our departed relatives and friends to that fullness of life with God. So for the rest of this month, we remember and we pray, we pray with trust and hope.

Parish Office
**Open Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday**
9.30am – 12.30pm

Office Administrator
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Also in Residence
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(Retired)

**BOOK THE DATE BARN DANCE
20TH JANUARY 2018**

To raise funds for our next project in the developing world

**ST DOMINIC CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

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 £7.78 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 Visits to the school are welcome by arrangement.

**CONCERT FRIDAY 8TH
DECEMBER 6.00pm**

St George's School Chapel, Harpenden. 'Voices' Choir (part of local school Lucina Troy Music) is giving a Christmas Concert. The choir of children and adults will be joined by instrumentalists to sing a variety of festive songs in unique and exciting arrangements, with some audience participation.

Adult £6.50, child £3.50.

Email: admin@lucinatroymusic.co.uk
or ring 07944 606242.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

10.00am Special Intention

6.00pm People of The Parish

Sunday 5th November

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8.30am Terry Hamilton (RIP)

9.45am Celine McLaughlin (RIP) Anniv

11.30am Mass for deceased members of the Choir

Monday 6th November feria

9.15am Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday 7th November feria

9.15am Holy Souls

Wednesday 8th November

9.15am People of the Parish

Thursday 9th November

The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

11.00am Holy Souls

Friday 10th November St Leo

9.15am

Saturday 11th November

St Martin of Tours

10.00am Margaret Fouldes (RIP)

6.00pm Martin King & Michael Holmes (RIP)

Sunday 12th November

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8.30am Special Intention (PG)

9.45am Anthony Mileham (RIP) (Anniv)

11.30am Susann Byrne (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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

**NB. Entries for the Newsletter must be sent
into the office by Wednesday at the latest.**

