



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

14th January 2018
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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The Gospel today takes us to the early days of the ministry of Jesus. We have a last glimpse of John the Baptist, who heralds Jesus for a second time as 'the Lamb of God'. Jesus is the one who is to lay down his life like an innocent lamb 'for the sins of the world'. This is the purpose of his coming into the world, the purpose of the Son of God 'becoming flesh' and 'living among us'.

Attention quickly moves away from John the Baptist to the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples. They follow Jesus, but he challenges them with the question 'what are you seeking?' This might be understood as 'what do you want?' They counter this question with another, 'where do you live?' Jesus invites them: 'Come and see!' The time they spend with Jesus makes a deep impression on them. Andrew cannot contain his enthusiasm. He is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He calls his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus meets Simon Peter, he does not hesitate to enlist him among the disciples and immediately gives him the new name, Cephas, which means Rock.

These words reflect the enthusiastic response of the first disciples to Jesus and their eagerness to spread the news about him. This eagerness is an echo of the first reading, in which Samuel is called as a boy to be a prophet. When the good news of salvation comes, when the encounter with the word of God arrives, it cannot be contained or suppressed. It is imperative to let others know!

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

Office Administrator
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MASS INTENTIONS

Usually when Mass intentions are accepted we endeavour to indicate the date when the Mass will be said. From time to time such arrangements have to be changed, such as when a funeral is arranged. When this happens the Mass is always transferred to another date, we trust you understand why it is necessary from time to time, to make such changes.

OFFERING A MASS

There is an established tradition in the Church to have a Mass offered for a particular intention. If you would like to arrange a Mass you can do so at the Parish office, or by completing one of the envelopes, which are to be found in the porch. It is usual, if you can, to make an offering for the Mass.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th January feria

10.00am Dorothy & Family (Special Intention)
6.00pm Neil Turnbull (Special Intention)

Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

8.30am Michael Charles (RIP)
9.45am Sister Felicity (Special Intention)
11.30am Gillian Sabine (RIP)

Monday 15th January feria

9.15am Seamus McConville (RIP)

Tuesday 16th January feria

9.15am Service of The Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th St Anthony

9.15am Louisa Slack (Special Intention)

Thursday 18th January feria

11.00am Ann Kealy (Special Intention)
1.00pm Funeral Mass John McKenna

Friday 19th January feria

9.15am Purdy Family (Special Intention)

Saturday 20th January feria

10.00am Michael Madden (RIP)
6.00pm Maria Lopez (RIP)

Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

8.30am Gerald Woodruff (RIP)
9.45am Patricia Scanlan (RIP) Anniv
11.30am Charlie Eccleston & Zaiga Gravenieks (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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

