

# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2018  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



## Parish Priest Canon Anthony Dwyer

1, Kirkwick Avenue,  
Harpenden AL5 2QH  
tel: 01582 712245  
email:  
anthonydwyer@  
rcdow.org.uk

## Parish Office Office Administrator Melanie Armitage

Open Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday  
9.30am - 12.30pm

email:  
harpenden@rcdow.org.uk  
tel: 01582 712245



NB. Entries for the  
Newsletter must be sent into  
the office by 12.30pm  
Wednesday at the latest  
please.

WEBSITE:  
parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden  
twitter: @RC\_OLOL

This Sunday we begin a new season in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Today, we begin the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks. One message and set of values will come to us from the media and the shops. The pressure will be applied as we are told how many shopping days are left, and what we should be doing and buying if we are to have the 'perfect' Christmas, as if such a thing exists. This most definitely is 'fake news.' However, there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This most definitely is 'Good News'!

The message of Advent is an invitation and it is also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope. If we get too caught up in the preparations, there is the danger that we will miss what Advent is really about. This is what the call to 'stay awake' means. We are asked not to miss the next four weeks of Advent. We are asked to prepare and get ready as best we can as followers of Jesus.

In what ways can I prepare a way for the Lord this Advent as I get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas?

**ST DOMINIC SCHOOL -  
ADMISSIONS POLICY**

The Governors are consulting on a proposed change to the Admission Policy for September 2020. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Any responses should be sent to the Governing Body by the closing date. Please see the school website for further details.

**ST CLARE'S CONVENT**

**3 Abigail Close Luton**

Carols at the Crib will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS  
IN LONDON**

London at Christmas and the New Year Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, both at 3pm. Join us for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

**LIVE SIMPLY**

If everything is related, then the health of a society's institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life. "Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment."

*Pope Francis, Laudato si, Ch 4 para 142*

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**feria**

10.00am Peter Crick RIP  
6.00pm Martin King RIP & Michael Holmes RIP (Anniv)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**

8.30am People of the Parish  
9.45am Norma van der Horst RIP  
11.30am Ignatius Nathan RIP (Anniv)



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**St Francis Xavier, Priest**

9.15am Cornelius Dennehy RIP (Anniv)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

9.15am Dowling Family (Ints)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

9.15am Special Intention (MR)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

11.00am Por Chiu RIP

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

9.15am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese**

10.00am Mary Gillyon-Jackson RIP  
6.00pm Frank & Angela Bleckley RIP

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**

8.30am Pauline & Terry Coakley RIP (Anniv)  
9.45am People of the Parish  
11.30am Conway Family Deceased Members



**CONFESSIONS**

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