



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Every week, in our scripture readings, we meet different people. We see them interacting with one another, we listen to, and observe, them. This week we have a prophet, two widows, some scribes, and Jesus himself.

We might reflect on the Widows. They are both very poor. One has only a handful of flour and a little oil left and after that, nothing. The prophet politely asks for a little water and a scrap of bread. Does he realise he is asking her for all she has?

Like the scribes in the gospel, Elijah is about to swallow the property of this widow but with a huge difference. He knows that God will reward the poor woman for her kindness and work a miracle in her favour. In fact, although our short reading does not mention it, she and her son continue to live for a whole year on the flour in the jar and the oil in the jug.

The widow in the Gospel, in total obscurity and anonymity, gives all she has voluntarily - two small coins. Jesus was watching, and is so thrilled that he calls his disciples and teaches them the immensely important truth: *...this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury.*

What an amazing thing this is! Once again, in the paradox of Christian discipleship, we discover what we really already know - God does not need money; he needs, he wants - *us*. And the lesson comes not from those entrusted with teaching it, it comes from a poor widow!

She did not give God money, she gave him herself, her present and her future.

**AUTUMN,  
ADVENT &  
CHRISTMAS  
MUSIC IN  
OUR PARISH  
DATES FOR YOU DIARY**



**Sunday 2nd December**  
**6.00pm**  
**Ceremony of Carols** by  
Benjamin Britten

**Thursday 6th December**  
**7.00pm**

**Christmas Concert**  
Featuring our church choirs,  
the choir from St Dominic  
Primary School, The Bella  
Mamas and the parish Band. A  
lively and festive occasion for  
all the family. There will be a  
retiring collection for the DWG  
raising funds for a youth string  
orchestra in Brazil with  
further details of this charity  
given on the evening

**Sunday 23rd December**  
**6.00pm**

**Carols by Candlelight**  
A traditional service of Nine  
Lessons and  
Carols



CAROLING

Living our vocation to be  
protectors of God's handiwork  
is essential to a life of virtue;  
it is not an optional or  
secondary aspect of our  
Christian experience - Pope  
Francis, *Laudato Si*  
paragraph 217 #LiveSimply

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**

10.00am Margaret Foulds RIP

6.00pm Frank McConnachie RIP

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Bill & Julia Connolly RIP (Anniv)

11.30am David Peters RIP

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**

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9.15am Bridie Shine RIP

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

**feria**

9.15am Holy Souls

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

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9.15am Jacqueline Dodds (Spec Int)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

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11.00am Holy Souls

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**

9.15am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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10.00am Mrs McCallister RIP

6.00pm Paul Murphy RIP (Anniv)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Anthony Mileham RIP

11.30am Susann Byrne RIP

**CONFESSIONS**

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