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Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**18th November 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel we hear today, from Mark, is part of a farewell speech from Jesus to his followers in the last days of his earthly life. It sounds almost apocalyptic because we are nearing the end of the Church's liturgical year and so the texts we read take this tone. Jesus is revealing to his disciples something about the new order which is coming. He talks about the 'end times' and this can appear frightening at first.

However, if we enter into a meditation on this Gospel we might bring to mind something of those moments in our own lives when we felt like our world was ending. Perhaps it was the end of a relationship, the death of a loved one, the end of one stage of your life. Things which seemed so familiar and helped keep us secure suddenly changed. These can be extremely difficult periods of one's life. It is during those times that someone comes to us offering prophecy of better times to come, of words that 'will not pass away'.

Jesus is preparing the disciples for what is about to happen to him and with assurance that God's kingdom is far greater than any evil that is about to occur. The passage is often interpreted as referring to the second coming of Christ or his resurrection. Whenever we experience trauma we keep going with the assurance that resurrection is all around us and a new way of being is on the horizon.

CAN YOU HELP?

French teenager girl looking for a language exchange in the UK. A 14-year-old French teenager girl from a Catholic family in Rennes, Brittany -and who likes sports, is looking for a language exchange with a family in the UK. Please contact anne.pesez@gmail.com for more information. "

AUTUMN, ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN OUR PARISH DATES FOR YOUR 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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 17th November

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10.00am Mrs McCallister RIP

6.00pm Paul Murphy RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 18th November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Anthony Mileham RIP

11.30am Susann Byrne RIP

Monday 19th November

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9.15am Patrick Hickey RIP (Anniv)

Tuesday 20th November

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9.15am Holy Souls

Wednesday 21st November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am Jim Toon RIP

Thursday 22nd November

St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

11.00am Holy Souls

Friday 23rd November

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9.15am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Saturday 24th November

St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest

10.00am Denis Mann RIP

6.00pm Margaret Foulds RIP

Sunday 25th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Myra & Brian Jones RIP

11.30am Erroll Yates RIP (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS

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

LIVESIMPLY - Turn down the thermostat on your central heating just a little.