

# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



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We will be only too aware of some of the tragedies that can afflict our world, and that awareness reminds us that we live with vulnerability, assailed by anxiety, whether it's fear of illness or old age or failure, or a thousand other difficulties - we, who, whatever our age, are inescapably approaching the inevitable moment of our death - we wait for a God who saves.

Yes, that is the nature of our God; he is a God who saves.

The prophet Baruch, writing all those centuries ago, knew that Israel had much to suffer; the worst of which was that they were exiled from their homeland, and from Jerusalem. But Baruch, speaking to Jerusalem as though she were a mother, assures her that her children will return. He addresses Jerusalem as Jesus might speak to heaven, our eternal homeland, and announces the new Jerusalem:

*Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress ... arise ... stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east ... though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you ...*

Our God, as the Lord's Prayer says, means to deliver us from evil, every evil, especially death. But we must be patient, we must wait. We must prepare ourselves. We sow in tears; we will reap in joy.

He is coming as he promised; what must we do? We will hear it so often during Advent. We must do the only thing we can - *be ready!*

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**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

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

9.15am Margaret Foulds RIP

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

9.15am Peter Davis (Spec Int)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

9.15am George Eracleous RIP

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

11.00am William Chiu RIP

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor**

9.15am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent feria**

10.00am Jim O'Brien (Spec Int)

6.00pm Ian Swanson RIP (Anniv)

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C) (Gaudete Sunday)**

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Janet Figg RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Briega Gardner RIP



**CONFESSIONS**

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