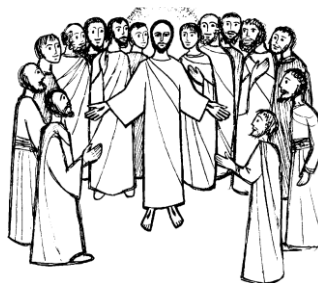




# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

10<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER



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We are supposed to be filled with Paschal joy, but there are two mentions of suffering for the sake of Jesus, one of which refers to martyrdom. It is not just the Resurrection that we should think about in Easter but the suffering and death that preceded it; and the prospect of persecution implicit in the First Reading. This is what we sign up for when we say 'I do' to the baptismal promises. And yet... the joy of the Gospel far outweighs the troubles that may or may not await us. Today's passage is the last of the wonderful and slightly intoxicating stories about the disciples and the risen Jesus - they themselves didn't dare ask him 'Who are you?' but knew it was him. The account is laden with symbols - the great catch of fishes, filling the whole boat, the net that did not break, the bread given by the stranger who is recognised as Jesus. A second section is Jesus's talk to Peter, in which Peter is able to reverse his three denials of Jesus at his trial. The second reading mentions all the living things in creation praise the Lord. Every time we sing the Holy Holy at Mass we join in this praise.





## SMILE LINES

After eating a sumptuous steak in a city centre restaurant, Peter was so impressed that he told all his friends about the place. So the next day, Peter returned to the restaurant with five friends. They were shown to a table at the back of the restaurant and ordered their steaks. However, when the waiter brought their order, the steaks were tiny.

An embarrassed Peter berated the waiter. 'When I was here yesterday, you served me a lovely big juicy steak – the largest steak I've ever had. But today's steaks are pathetic, shrivelled specimens. What's going on? Why are they so different?'

'Ah yes,' said the waiter. 'You see, yesterday you were sitting by a window.....'

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**Believe it or not, you can read it:**

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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am People of The Parish

6.00pm Frank McConnachie (RIP)

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

08.30 Margaret Purtill (RIP) Anniv.

09.45 Margaret Fouldes (RIP)

11.30 Elizabeth (Mary) Stower (RIP) Anniv

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

09.15 Ciara-Marie (Intentions)

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

09.15 Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

09.15 Dan Carlin (RIP) Rec Dec

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

11.00am **Service of the Word with Holy  
Communion**

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

9.15

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

10am Private Intention

6pm Dan Carlin (RIP) Rec Dec

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

08.30 James Ryan (RIP) Anniv.

09.45 Iain Macaskill (RIP) Rec Dec

11.30 Ernesto & Alceste Bortoli (RIP)  
Anniv.

## EASTER TO PENTECOST

The Way of Light Beyond the Cross  
with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Sr  
Teresa O'Donovan, Monday 18th April  
(10am – 1pm). Suggested donation £6.  
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