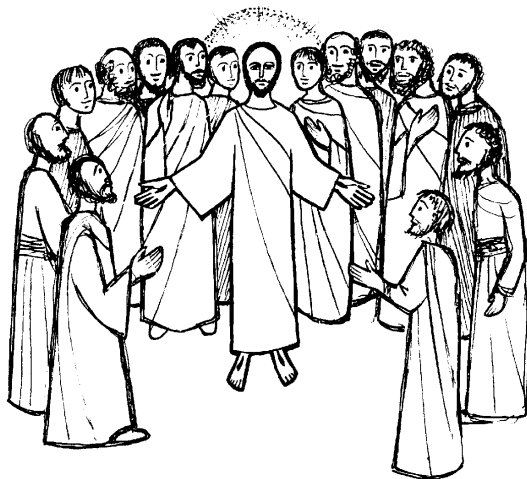




## **Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
THIRD SUNDAY  
of EASTER**

# **ALLELUIA!**



Everything written about Jesus the scriptures, not just in the Law, the prophets and the psalms, but in the Gospel itself comes to be fulfilled. Easter is not an ending, but a beginning; the start of an adult life of faith, which involves sin, forgiveness and death in imitation of Christ. But if we are downcast we have learned nothing. The

Gospel says of the disciples their joy was so great that they could not believe it. What has caused this? Like last week, it is the recognition of the risen Jesus among them. We do not give them a label like Doubting Thomas; they are even worse than him, they are frightened and alarmed, and think they are seeing a ghost. They don't ask to look at his hands and his feet; Jesus has to prompt them. But once they recognise him at table they are overjoyed. Can we say the same at Mass today?

## SMILE LINES

### Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old house, and proceeded up the path through a gauntlet of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

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### Did you know?

Prince Charles is the longest serving heir to the throne in British history. He has held the position for 60 years.

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The man after whom Parkinson's disease is named was once arrested for plotting to assassinate George III with a poisoned dart.

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When Jeremy Paxman was at Cambridge, he failed to get into his college's University Challenge team.

## CONFESSIONS

**Saturday: 10.30am - 11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Intention of Paul Hayes

6.00pm Maureen & Peter Hanly(RIP Anniv.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

8.30am Isobel Johnston (RIP)Anniv.

9.45am Kenneth & Bernedette Woodcock (RIP) Rec. Dec.

11.30am Ints of Mr & Mrs Cormac

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am Mrs Sutherland (RIP) Anniv.

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

9.15am Valerie McGarry (RIP) Anniv.

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

9.15am Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**11.00am Service of the Word**

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am Anna Khurwal (RIP) Rec. Dec.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Intention John Fox

6.00pm Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

8.30am Intention of Bertie Kearns

9.45am Margaret Purtil (RIP) Aniv.

11.30am Ernesto & Alceste Bortoli RIP Anniv.

## QUOTE - Pope Francis

**Time puts things in harmony, and makes us see things in the right light.**

**But if you react in a moment of anger, it is certain you will be unjust. You will be unjust. And you will hurt yourself, too. Here's some advice: time, time in the moment of temptation.**

**Holding on to anger, judgements and resentments, ultimately leads the faithful in battling against God.**