



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**23rd April 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter**

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Throughout the Church's year we celebrate some wonderful feasts which, in various ways, nourish, and strengthen, our faith. Outstanding among them are our celebrations of Christmas and Easter. As so many of you are aware we have just celebrated Easter, and what a lovely celebration we had. There are many elements to Holy Week, and lots of detail to remember and, given that we only do so once a year, that can be something of a challenge. But we were able to celebrate well because of the involvement and time of so many of you. Our gratitude is due to many people, to the flower arrangers and the church cleaners, as well as to the servers, choir and musicians, ministers of Holy Communion and Readers, and our collectors too. So many played their part in ensuring that all of our liturgies were carried out, prayerfully, and with dignity, so that our hearts were indeed raised, and our faith nourished. So a sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed to helping us to celebrate in such a wonderful way.

Our celebration of Easter is not confined to just Easter Sunday the Church gives us 50 days to celebrate this special feast. Fifty days to reflect on the wonder that Jesus has risen from the dead, and is alive and with us always. Every day of our lives is a day to celebrate the Resurrection, because Jesus is alive and with us always. No matter what befalls us, or how hard or dark, the situation, we are not alone. We can live everyday with resurrection faith, confident that Jesus the Risen Lord is with us, always a part of our lives.

Parish Office
**Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday**
9.30am – 12.30pm

Office Administrator
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Also in Residence
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CENTERING PRAYER

Introductory workshop led by Steve Pearce, regional Coordinator of contemplative outreach. Centering Prayer is a way to consent in silence to the presence and action of God, to pray from the stillness of the heart without words.

The practice can lead us to a more authentic living of the Gospel. If you would like to find out more about his method of prayer and experience it at first hand, come to the introductory workshop at St Giles Parish Centre, Bury Lane, Codicote, SG4 8XX. Sat 13th May, 10am-4pm. Suggested donation £10. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided; bring a packed lunch. For further details contact Steve Pearce, 01438 820579.

COME AND SEE

Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on Saturday 29th April from 10am to noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd April

10.00am Sanctity of Life

6.00pm Terry Coy RIP Anniv. 10yrs

Sunday 23rd April

8.30am Isobel Johnston RIP Anniv.

9.45am The People of the Parish

11.30am Ernesto & Alceste Bortoli
RIP Anniv.

Monday 24th April

9.15am Denis Mass RIP

Tuesday 25th April

9.15am Intentions of
Tricia & Gordon Lewis.

Wednesday 26th April

12 noon **Funeral Mass**

Nichola Stringer RIP

Thursday 27th April

11.00am Intentions of
Bernard & Christine Graham

Friday 28th April

9.15am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Saturday 29th April

10.00am

6.00pm Molly Smith RIP

Sunday 30th April

8.30am Jean Haney RIP rec.dec.

9.45am The People of the Parish

11.30am Intentions of
Danute Zemaitiene & Family

CONFESSIONS

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