



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

30th April 2017
3rd Sunday of Easter

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Today's Gospel finds Jesus' friends downcast and confused at all that happened in their world. His death had devastated them; rumours of his resurrection amazed and confused them. Into their sadness and confusion Jesus comes; walking with them, talking with them even though they didn't recognise him and yet they said later 'didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' It's a reminder to us that he is always with us as believers even if we don't recognise him. Sometimes he speaks to us through the love and kindness of others; the friendly word or gesture, the willingness to listen, the acceptance of us for all our faults and failings. There is surely someone in all our lives who makes us feel better just for knowing them; they reflect God's goodness and love and care in the simplest ways.

The great gift that Jesus left his followers to remind them of his constant presence was the Eucharist when he promised to be with us wherever it was celebrated in memory of him. And when we have listened and nourished ourselves in communion with each other we go to bring this word and this nourishment to others. Because the religion that Jesus Christ taught was one of giving and forgiving; of living life to the full and making the most of each day. In the words of St Catherine of Siena, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

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.

GOLF DAY

A charity golf day in support of the Haven is being organised. This will take place at Porters Park Golf Club on Wednesday 7th June 2017. For further details please contact karen.day@ubs.com.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 29th April

10.00am

6.00pm Molly Smith RIP

Sunday 30th April

8.30am Jean Haney RIP

9.45am Freddie Goodchild RIP

11.30am Danote Zemaitiene & Family
special intention

Monday 1st May

10.00am Special intention

Tuesday 2nd May

9.15am Private Intention

Wednesday 3rd May

9.15am Private Intention

Thursday 4th May

11.00am Raynah Watson RIP

Friday 5th May

9.15am Patrick Durcan RIP

Saturday 6th May

10.00am Gwen McParland RIP

6.00pm Thanks Giving Kelly Family

Sunday 7th May

8.30am Special Intention

9.45am Special Intention O'Toole
Family

11.30am **Brigid & Ken Brennan 40th
Wedding Anniversary**

CONFESSIONS

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