



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**12th March 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent**

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Anyone who has ever been to the Mount of the Transfiguration will know what a wonderful place it is. A high mountain with a magnificent view of the surrounding country side. It's no wonder the disciples are able to say: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Wonderful as the view is that is not what the disciples are talking about. It is wonderful for them to be there because they have witnessed something very special, indeed quite out of the ordinary. The disciples have witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus, they have been in the presence of God, they have heard the voice of God: "this is my Son, the beloved, listen to him." Jesus was only too aware of what was before him, his passion and death. He knew how this would affect his disciples, he wanted to prepare them for what was to come. When they would witness the passion and death of Jesus, the Transfiguration would be something for them to remember, it would be a light in the midst of the darkness that would enfold them. During our lives we will all experience times of darkness, times when we feel down, when everything is bleak, and we can't see a way forward. At such times what can make a difference is a good or a happy memory. Calling such a memory to mind can make a difference, it can be a little like turning on a light in a dark room. When we recall the goodness and happiness that has touched our lives, then we are conscious of how God has been a part of our lives, how God has touched our lives; such times can also be for us a 'Transfiguration' moment.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Fevin Moule from one of our neighbouring parishes will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Sun 3rd - Thurs 7th December this year. This short pilgrimage visits all the important sites associated with the life of Our Lord in and around both Jerusalem and the Galilee. For more information, pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

RETURN TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Schools in Hertfordshire need you!

We are seeking to appoint inspirational, forward thinking and highly motivated teachers to join our staff teams.

We are looking for teachers who can encourage, motivate and support our children and staff.

We are specifically seeking candidates who will demonstrate a love of learning and have the integrity to nurture excellence with our children and our Catholic school community.

We can offer:

- A stimulating learning environment
 - Caring children whose behaviour is outstanding
 - Welcoming, supportive and professional staff
 - Professional development to suit your own learning needs and future career
- Visits to our schools are warmly welcomed. Please telephone the Holy Family School 01707 375518 and speak

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th March

10.00am The People of the Parish
6.00pm Des McArdle RIP

Sunday 12th March

8.30am Frank & Kathleen Bradley
RIP anniv
9.45am Sarah Smyth RIP Anniv
11.30am Patrick Scanlan RIP Anniv

Monday 13th March

9.15am The People of the Parish

Tuesday 14th March

9.15am Intentions of Sr Regina

Wednesday 15th March

9.15am Intentions of Rupert Groves
& Family

Thursday 16th March

11.00am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Friday 17th March

9.15am Con Cronin RIP Anniv 9yrs

Saturday 18th March

10.00am Special Intention (PH)
6.00pm Elizabeth Morris RIP Anniv

Sunday 12th March

8.30am Bridie McKernon RIP rec.dec.
9.45am Luciano Pacini RIP Anniv
11.30am Joan Gaire RIP Anniv 1yr

CONFESSIONS

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

to Mrs Jackie Willcocks, School Business Manager to receive a list of Hertfordshire schools seeking to appoint. Hertfordshire's Catholic schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and all appointments are subject to the necessary checks being carried out.