



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

19th March 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent

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No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over.

Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, the hidden detail. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

(From 'Intercom' by Triona Doherty)

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th March

10.00am Special Intention (PH)

6.00pm Elizabeth Morris RIP Anniv

Sunday 19th March

8.30am Bridie McKernon RIP rec.dec.

9.45am Luciano Pacini RIP Anniv

11.30am Joan Gaire RIP Anniv 1yr

Monday 20th March

9.15am Olive Mackay RIP Anniv

Tuesday 21st March

9.15am Joan Gaire RIP Anniv 1yr

Wednesday 22nd March

9.15am Special Intention (RH)

Thursday 23rd March

11.00am Sr Nora Intentions

Friday 24th March

9.15am Denis Mann RIP

Saturday 25th March

10.00am The People of the Parish

6.00pm Teresa King RIP Anniv

Sunday 26th March

8.30am Margaret McGuinness RIP
rec.dec.

9.45am Mary Taylor RIP

11.30am Dennis Gallagher RIP rec.dec.

CONFESSIONS

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

LENT @ THE NILAND CENTRE

Praying your way to Easter

The Gospel of St John with
Sr Anne Walsh OP. Thursdays 9 & 23
March; 6 April 7.30-9.00 pm.
Suggested donation £5/session.
Niland Conference Centre,
Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road,
Bushey Heath WD23 4EE.