



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

26th March 2017
4th Sunday of Lent

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We have quite a convoluted Gospel today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands who Jesus is, he knows that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

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.

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HEAD TEACHER VACANCY

Due to the retirement of our current Head, Mrs O'Brien, the governors are seeking a new Head Teacher from September 2017 .

See www.teachinherts.com for further details, or email governor@stdominic.herts.sch.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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.

Monday 27th March

9.15am Woodcock Family Intentions

Tuesday 28th March

9.15am Roger Le Gras RIP rec.dec.

Wednesday 29th March

9.15am Edmund Chiu RIP Anniv

Thursday 30th March

11.00am William & Rita Dooley RIP
Anniv

Friday 31st March

9.15am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Saturday 1st April

10.00am Mary Cawley Intentions
6.00pm Frank McConnachie RIP

Sunday 2nd April

8.30am Barney Bradley RIP rec.dec.
9.45am Maria Pia Milo Di Villagrazia
RIP
11.30am Beryl Scorey RIP rec.dec.

CONFESSIONS

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