



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**25th February 2018
2nd Sunday Of Lent**

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Can you recall a time when you had a particularly, special, moment, an enlightening moment? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from prayer or spiritual practice. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These special moments even move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant moment'.

Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there, he doesn't want to lose what he realises is so very special. Hopefully we will have had such a moment of encounter in our own lives, the memory of which we continue to cherish and recall. An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking even the more difficult paths.

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

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ANSWERS to Lent TRIVIA

Prayer, Fasting & Abstinence and Alms-giving.

Moses and Elijah.

They represent the two principal components of the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets. Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah was considered one of the greatest prophets.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email)

CAN YOU HELP

SVP have had a request for a small TV set and wondered if anyone in the Parish has one that is no longer required.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please telephone Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th February feria

10.00am Dennis Mann (RIP)

6.00pm Eddie Quinn (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Healing Mass (MM)

9.45am People of The Parish

11.30am Bridget Flanagan (RIP) Anniv

6.00pm Stations of The Cross

Monday 26th February feria

9.15am Charles & Anne Dunne (RIP) Anniv

Tuesday 27th February feria

9.15am John Png (RIP)

Wednesday 28th February feria

9.15am Special Intention

Thursday 1st March St David

11.00am Special Intention (JL)

Friday 2nd March feria

9.15am Service of The Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd March feria

10.00am Private Intention

6.00pm William Connolly (RIP)

Sunday 4th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am People of The Parish

9.45am Paddy Scanlan (RIP)

11.30am Michael Carroll (RIP)

6.00pm Stations of The Cross

CONFESSIONS

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

NB. Entries for the Newsletter must be sent into the office by Wednesday at the latest.