



## Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Palm Sunday

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A Message from Bishop John.  
How moved I was by the celebration of Mass we shared together last Sunday before my departure to Cricklewood. For me it was the perfect finale to six grace filled years in Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Thank you too for all your cards and gifts, and for so many tokens of affection and kindness. Please do accept this general expression of my gratitude as personal to each one of you. It would be a daunting task indeed to attempt individual replies! We will surely go on holding each other in love and prayer as God's future unfolds. Have a blessed celebration of Holy Week under the leadership of Canon Anthony, culminating for us all in the lasting joy of Easter Day.

Jesus is our Crucified and Risen Lord and Saviour.

*Bishop John*



### Calling all Singers and Musicians!

To celebrate Eastertide Our Lady of Lourdes Choir and Band are planning a “pop-up” / flash mob performance of the Hallelujah Chorus (from Handel’s Messiah) on Church Green on Sunday 22 April at around 12.45. We expect to be finished by 1pm, unless we perform an encore!

We are inviting any interested musicians (strings, woodwind, and brass Grade 4+) and singers to join us.

We will be rehearsing at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 25 March at 3pm & Sunday 15 April at 3pm.

Rehearsals will be no more than an hour. If you would like to join us and are able to attend at least one rehearsal please email

[caroline.swanson@me.com](mailto:caroline.swanson@me.com).

Musicians please let us know your instrument so we can ensure we have the right parts for you.

### CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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)

### ANSWERS TO LENT TRIVIA

-The liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery

-The 3 days starting from the evening of Maundy Thursday till the evening of Easter Sunday

-Jesus’s descent into hell, which we recite in the Apostle’s creed. Also known as the “Harrowing of Hell”

### Change of Mass Time

Please note that Mass on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March will be at 8.30am.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March feria

10.00am Denis Mann (RIP)

6.00pm Patrick Creedon (RIP)

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

8.30am Yvonne Campbell (RIP)

9.45am Anna Whittle (RIP) (Anniv)

11.30am Declan Burley (Spec Int)

6.00pm Stations of The Cross

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March Holy Week

**8.30am** People of the Parish

12.00pm Memorial Mass for Joseph Balinski (RIP)

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Holy Week

9.15am John Prig (RIP)

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March Holy Week

9.15am Edmund Chiu (RIP)

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm Mass of the Last Supper

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

3.00pm Passion of Our Lord

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

11.00am Morning prayer (No Mass)

8.00pm Easter Vigil – People of the Parish

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am People of the Parish

### CONFESSIONS

#### Service of Reconciliation

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

**(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.**