



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**4th March 2018
3rd Sunday Of Lent**

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What gives you the right? Who do you think you are? In our world, it can be difficult to work out who has authority to speak on certain issues. There are 'experts', both qualified and unqualified, at every turn, telling us how we should spend or invest our money, how we should bring up our children, how we should eat, exercise or dress. We usually manage to tune a lot of it out. But when unsolicited advice or criticism is aimed directly at us, we can feel under attack and react accordingly. 'What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life?' is a common response. We sometimes need to hear someone's credentials before we are willing to give them a fair hearing.

The Temple scene in today's gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. When the Jews question him, asking for a sign to justify what he has done, it is as if they are saying 'Who do you think you are, coming in here, criticising our activities and telling us how to run things?' In calling the Temple 'my Father's house,' Jesus has already identified the source of his authority, but his interrogators do not seem to understand, nor indeed do his disciples. This scene offers much more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation by Jesus that he is the authoritative Son of God, and a foreshadowing of his death and resurrection.

Parish Office

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

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ANSWERS to Lent TRIVIA

- Stations of the Cross
- St Joseph's Feast Day
- All of them

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)

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday 5th March feria

9.15am Teresa Moran (RIP)

Tuesday 6th March feria

9.15am Kenneth Jackson (RIP)

Wednesday 7th March feria

9.15am Harry Davis (RIP)

Thursday 8th March feria

9.15am Special Intention (JL)

Friday 9th March feria

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Saturday 10th March feria

10.00am Margaret Foulds (RIP)
6.00pm Teresa King (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 11th March 4th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Yvonne Campbell (RIP)
9.45am People of The Parish
11.30am Brendan Callanan (RIP)
6.00pm Stations of The Cross

CONFESSIONS

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