



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**15th April 2018
Third Sunday of Easter**

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Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace' (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately. Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.' – Joyce Rupp

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 next 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 today Sunday 15th 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. Musicians please let us know your instrument so we can ensure we have the right parts for you.

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

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
Saturday 14th April Easter feria	
10.00am	Raju Jose (RIP)
6.00pm	Mary Long (RIP)
Sunday 15th April Third Sunday of Easter (B)	
8.30am	Frank & Kathleen Bradley (RIP)
9.45am	Special Intention
11.30am	Gerard Doherty
Monday 16th April Easter feria	
9.15am	Special Intention
Tuesday 17th April Easter feria	
9.15am	Teresa Grice (RIP)
Wednesday 18th April Easter feria	
9.15am	Peter Fox (RIP)
Thursday 19th April St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	
11.00am	Special Intention
Friday 20th April Easter feria	
9.15 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 21st April Easter feria	
10.00am	People of the Parish
6.00pm	Por Chiu (RIP)
Sunday 22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)	
8.30am	Isobel Johnston (RIP)
9.45am	Nichola Stringer (RIP)
11.30am	Karen Reeves (Spec Int)
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> (Saturday 10.30-11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.)	