



## **Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally laid down their lives for their flock. St John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

**Parish Office  
Open Monday, Tuesday,  
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Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, the gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then – especially – that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

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*'We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms.'*

Meister Eckhart

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

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](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).  
[See Marriage and Family Life Events calendar](#)

Please visit our [Family Life Resource page](#)

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin from 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August. This gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray, and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk), and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

**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 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter feria

10.00am People of the Parish  
6.00pm Por Chiu (RIP)

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

8.30am Isobel Johnston (RIP)  
9.45am Nichola Stringer (RIP)  
11.30am Karen Reeves (Spec Int)

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St George feast day

9.15am Sr Kay Elizabeth O.C.D.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April SS Erkenwald & Mellitus

9.15am Denis Mann (RIP)

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April St Mark, Evangelist

9.15am Trish & Gordon Lewis (Spec Int)

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April Easter feria

11.00am Diana Newham (RIP)

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April Easter feria

9.15 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April Easter feria

10.00am John Png (RIP)  
6.00pm Teresa Moran (RIP)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

8.30am Christopher Kavanagh (RIP)  
9.45am Margaret Warne (RIP)  
11.30am Ernesto & Alceste Bortoli (RIP)

## CONFESSIONS

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

## LOST PROPERTY



A scooter has been left outside the church; please remember to take it home this weekend if it is yours.

A silver cross and chain has been handed in to us at the Parish Office, if you've recently lost a cross and chain please call in and see if it's yours.

