



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**8th April 2018
Second Sunday of Easter**

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Well we've celebrated Holy Week yet again, and what lovely celebrations we had. Easter is a time when we are particularly conscious of the new life that Jesus, our Risen Lord, shares with us. That life was particularly evident in all our celebrations from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day. It was particularly evident in the many people who made that Holy Week journey with Jesus, participating in the various celebrations, and remembering, and celebrating, all that Jesus did out of love for each of us.

That sense of life was also apparent through those who contributed to our celebrations in different ways. Our choir, who give their time so generously, and helped us to raise our hearts and minds; as well as our faithful altar servers who give their time to assist with all of the services, and of course there are those who arrange the flowers and clean the church, to ensure that everything looks just as it should. As well, there are the Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the collectors who make their own contribution to our celebrations. It says much about the life of the parish that we can celebrate so well, and express our faith. So a big 'thank you' to everyone, who was here for Easter, and who assisted in any way.

The Holy Week journey may be over, but the story of Easter continues, because our Risen Lord is alive and with us always. Now we continue the journey with him, attentive to his presence, and reassured that he is alive and with us always.

THANK YOU

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 next 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 7th April	within the Octave of Easter
10.00am	Sr Loretta (Special Int)
6.00pm	Frank McConnachie (RIP)
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter (B)
8.30am	Tim & Margaret Gaynor (RIP) (Anniv)
9.45am	Special Intention
11.30am	James Laffoley (RIP)
Monday 9th April	The Annunciation of the Lord
9.15am	Teresa Moran (RIP)
Tuesday 10th April	Easter feria
9.15am	Margaret Foulds (RIP)
Wednesday 11th April	St Stanislaus,
9.15am	People of the Parish
Thursday 12th April	Easter feria
11.00am	Rosy Jose (RIP)
Friday 13th April	Easter feria
9.15 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
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
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> (Saturday 10.30-11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.)	