

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

3rd February 2019

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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The second reading today is one that we will all be familiar with, it's, understandably, very much a favourite at weddings. Love is often spoken of, sometimes too easily, as it's not necessarily the easy option. It is said that love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and close, and more, for love in the gospel is more than love for just family, friends, the attractive one, the neighbour.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we may even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, friendship often and family, others' lives become even more important.

So, love is never the easy option, it can challenge and be demanding, but love can change us as it can others. We look back and see how the people we loved make the difference.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving
for the Sacrament of Matrimony
Westminster Cathedral Saturday
8th June 2019 at 3pm**

The Cardinal will be inviting to the Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th & 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your details (names, address, wedding date, email, phone number) to Melanie in the Parish Office.

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

A Journey Through Lent with the Gospel of Luke with Sr Anne Walsh OP. These five sessions explore the Sunday Readings of Lent, inviting us to open our hearts to God's Word in preparation for Easter. Thursdays, 14 & 28 February; 14 & 28 March; 11 April (7.30-9.00 pm refreshments from 7.00). Suggested donation £5/session. Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd February

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

10.00am Ralph Langshaw RIP (Anniv)

6.00pm Anne Harrison RIP

Sunday 3rd February

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8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Bernard St John Glew RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Catherine Kelly RIP (Anniv)

Monday 4th February

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9.15am Mitzi Deegan RIP

Tuesday 5th February

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

9.15am Sheila Dorsett RIP

Wednesday 6th February

St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9.15am Hazel Nasmyth-Miller RIP

Thursday 7th February

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11.00am

Friday 8th February

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9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 9th February

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10.00am

6.00pm Robert Dare RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 10th February

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Margaret Foulds RIP

11.30am Derek Woolcock RIP

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am-11.00am and
at 5pm - 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass

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