

# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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As we listen to today's Gospel, we might well ask the question: what's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times - or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include: *Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.*

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF  
THANKSGIVING FOR THE  
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY  
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL  
SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 AT  
3PM**

The Cardinal will be inviting to the Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> (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.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.**

The Ladies' Group annual St Patrick's Day lunch will be held in the undercroft on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date.



**VACANCIES WITHIN THE  
DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER**

Please visit the Diocese's website [jobs.rcdow.org.uk](http://jobs.rcdow.org.uk) where you can view all current vacancies.



**SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH**

Journey through Lent with the Gospel of Luke led by Sr Anne Walsh OP, **Thursdays 14 & 28 February, 14 & 28 March, & 11 April** (7.30-9.00pm). Suggested donation £5/session.

Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey WD23 4EE Email [nilandcentre@gmail.com](mailto:nilandcentre@gmail.com) for details.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
10.00am	Eddie Quinn RIP (Anniv)
6.00pm	Frank McConnachie RIP (Anniv)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	
8.30am	Denis Mann RIP
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Mendelson Andre Schmidt RIP
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
9.15am	Raju Jose RIP
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
9.15am	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
9.15am	John Sciacaluga RIP
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
11.00am	Elizabeth & Timothy O'Mahony RIP
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	
<b>feria</b>	
9.15am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	
<b>St Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	
10.00am	Elaine Shanley (Spec Ints)
6.00pm	Deceased Catenian Members RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	
8.30am	Denis Mann & John Png RIP (Anniv)
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Bridget Flanagan RIP (Anniv)
<b><u>CONFESSIONS</u></b>	
Saturday 10.30am-11.00am and at 5pm - 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass	