

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

3RD MARCH 2019

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



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The Church is usually open each day
from 7.00am until 6.30pm (approx.)
for quiet prayer and contemplation,
everyone is welcome

Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.

The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves to believe in this love. Often, it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.

Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

Pray a bit, read the gospel every day, do something good for another every day - this is the way to share in the saving love of God. Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others rather than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives.



SPECIAL MASS AT 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.

COME AND SEE

Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two-hour meeting from 10am to 12noon at Vaughan House, Victoria on 6th April, or Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar on 11th May. No booking needed. Wives welcome. For details, contact Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

SAVE THE DATE(S)!

Barn Dance on Saturday 18th May in Lourdes Hall;
Our Open Garden Day on Saturday 1st June;

The Parish Golf Day on Friday 5 July. This year it will be at the Mid Herts Golf Club in Gustard Wood. You and your friends are very welcome to come to any/all of these social events. The proceeds will go to the Developing World Group's current project.



LIVE SIMPLY IDEA

Turn off computers and TV sets when not in use.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd March

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10.00am Sinead Fwynn RIP
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm Peter & Maureen Hanly RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 3rd March

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

8.30am People of the Parish
9.45am Ethel Grayson RIP
11.30am Sue Huggins RIP (Anniv)

Monday 4th March

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9.15am James O' Keefe RIP

Tuesday 5th March

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9.15am Neil Turnbull (Spec Int)

Wednesday 6th March

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15am People of the Parish
6.00pm People of the Parish

Thursday 7th March

Lent feria

11.00am No Mass
11.30am Requiem Mass of Ronnie Wielgut RIP

Friday 8th March

Lent feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 9th March

Lent feria

10.00am Patrick Pawle RIP
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 10th March

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

8.30am Peggy O'Reilly RIP
9.45am Len Gourd RIP
11.30am Margaret Foulds RIP
6.00pm Stations of the Cross



CONFESSIONS

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