

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

10TH MARCH 2019
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (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

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, to move around, to let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and with the world around me?

One of the calls of Lent is to fasting, or as it might also be called 'self-denial', the emphasis being on what we give up, and that is not something to be ignored, it is tried and tested. Alongside that, as we ponder how to mark this Lenten season, we might also ask: 'What can I do?' Or what do I need to do if I am to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ, how can I deepen the relationship that I already have?

Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning.



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in Lent

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.

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.



THE LEA SINGERS CONCERT

The Lea Singers, with top quality soloists and orchestra, will be performing Bach's Magnificat and Alec Roth's A Time to Dance at St Nicholas in Harpenden on Saturday 16th March. A joyful and uplifting programme. Tickets from Frances Brown 07800 502027, Stage Door or online leasingers.co.uk.

LAUDATO SI QUOTE

"He (St Francis of Assisi) show us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace". (LS:9)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday 11th March

Lent feria

- 9.15am Ian Fulton RIP

Tuesday 12th March

Lent feria

- 9.15am

Wednesday 13th March

Lent feria

- 9.15am

Thursday 14th March

Lent feria

- 11.00am

Friday 15th March

Lent feria

- 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 16th March

Lent feria

- 10.00am
- 5.00pm Confirmation Service of Reconciliation
- 6.00pm Teresa King RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 17th March

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

- 8.30am Dennis Ludden RIP
- 9.45am People of the Parish
- 11.30am Robert & Elizabeth Morris RIP (Anniv)
- 6.00pm Stations of the Cross



CONFESSIONS

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