

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

17TH MARCH 2019
2ND 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

The most profound longing of our hearts is to be in intimate communion with God. When the apostles looked up they saw 'only Jesus'. To see Jesus is to see God. To enjoy communion with Jesus is to enjoy communion with God. This communion is expressed in those ways in which we are privileged to love other people, and God comes to us through all those who love us. But the readings today remind us that it is God who alone satisfies the longing in our hearts. As Saint Augustine says: 'You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you.' (Confessions 1.1) and Saint Teresa of Avila writes: 'Let nothing trouble you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes. God never changes. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God wants for nothing. God alone suffices.'

We might reflect this weekend that if our deepest longing is to gaze upon the face of God and enjoy eternal communion with him, and if the way to do this is to look up and see the face of Jesus, then this must be the ultimate desire of everyone, whether people realise it or not. And if this is true, then we must ask ourselves an important question. We come here to listen to God's word and to be drawn into the most intimate communion with God possible on earth in receiving Holy Communion. What are we doing as Catholics to go out to others and attract them to share this communion with us?



SPECIAL MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019 AT 3PM

If you are celebrating an anniversary, and would like to attend this special Mass, please give your details (names, address, wedding date, email, phone number) to Melanie in the Parish Office. All details need to be submitted to the Diocese office by Thursday 21st March.

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.



NEWSPAPERS/BOOKLETS

Just a reminder of the prices of papers and booklets on sale each week/month



Catholic Times	£1.50
Catholic Universe	£1.50
The Catholic Herald	£2.50
Westminster Record - donation 20p	
Day by Day	£1.00
Bible Alive	£2.00
Goodnews Magazine	£2.95

LENT TRIVIA ANSWERS

- Spring
- Palm Sunday
- Sundays are not included

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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



LENT

Monday 18th March

Lent feria

9.15am Rosy Jose RIP

Tuesday 19th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese

9.15am

Wednesday 20th March

Lent feria

9.15am

Thursday 21st March

Lent feria

11.00am Joan Gaire RIP (Anniv)

Friday 22nd March

Lent feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 23rd March

Lent feria

10.00am

5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm Russell Williams (Spec Int)

Sunday 24th March

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

8.30am Mary Hughes RIP

9.45am People of the Parish - Children's Mass

11.30am Con Cronin RIP (Anniv)

6.00pm Stations of the Cross



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CONFESSIONS

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