

# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019  
3<sup>RD</sup> 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

These days of Lent are a time to repent, to change our ways. Not infrequently it's, perhaps, all too easy to get into certain ways or habits which may mean that we are not doing things as well as we might. And in our life of faith it may mean that we're cutting corners, that we are not being as wholehearted as we could be. There is always room to do better. Of all the things we do to nourish our faith participating in the Eucharist is surely the most important, the "source and summit of the Christian life". And indeed, we demonstrate our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist by the time we give to it.

Sometimes the question is asked: 'How much of the Mass do I need to attend to fulfil my obligation?' The short answer is: all of the Mass, put simply you do your duty by being present when the celebrant arrives on the sanctuary and then remaining until he leaves, or the last hymn, which is the final prayer, has been sung. It can be disappointing to see people leave after receiving Holy Communion. Would you go for dinner with someone, eat and then leave without spending more time, and saying 'thank you'?

Lent is a time for us to look at what we do, at how wholehearted we are, at how appreciative we are of the gifts God has given us. And so, it is a time, where necessary, where we can change and do better, and allow our actions to express our gratefulness to God for the gifts He has given us.



## LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge amount of lost property at the back of the Church by the repository, please have a look through it.



## PHOTOGRAPHS

**CHEESE!**



We have a large number of unclaimed photographs from last years

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations. If you have yet to collect your photograph, please have a look through the box on the shelf near the repository.

## 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

- Stations of the Cross (Sundays at 6pm)
- In 325CE the Council of Nicaea established that **Easter** would be held on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox
- Means to rejoice, in olden times servants were released from their duties on this day to visit their mothers hence we also celebrate Mother's Day

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### 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

### Monday 25th March

#### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9.15am Beswick Family Ints

### Tuesday 26th March

#### Lent feria

9.15am

### Wednesday 27th March

#### Lent feria

9.15am

### Thursday 28th March

#### Lent feria

11.00am Michael Philipou (Spec Int)

### Friday 29th March

#### Lent feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 30th March

#### Lent feria

10.00am People of the Parish

5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm William & Rita Dooley RIP (Anniv)

### Sunday 31st March

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)



8.30am Pat Leonard RIP

9.45am Vera Gallagher RIP

11.30am Joan Gaire RIP (Anniv)

6.00pm Stations of the Cross

## CONFESSIONS

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