

# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019**  
**4<sup>TH</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

In today's Gospel, we are confronted with the attitude of God to the wrongdoer, His deep desire to forgive, that is, to be totally reconciled with the one who has severed relations with Him. No one can deny the appalling behaviour of the younger son taking, and wasting, all that his father generously gave him. Eventually, he had nothing and was reduced to living with pigs.

This, however, is not the reaction of the father, who has only one thought in his mind - how to get His son to come back to where he belongs. And He stands at the door of His house watching and waiting... His love for his wayward son has not changed one iota. Eventually the son "came to his senses", that is, he realised the wrongness of what he had done. he became aware of just how good his father had been. The process of repentance had begun. He felt deeply ashamed of his behaviour and then, most significantly of all, he turned around to make his way back to his father.

The father, for His part, filled with compassion for His son's experiences, runs out to meet him, embraces him and brushes aside the carefully prepared speech the son had got ready. If the son had known his father better, he would have realised that such a speech was unnecessary. Immediately, orders are given to bring the very best things in the house and a banquet is laid on.

This is forgiveness, this is reconciliation and, on the part of the son, this is conversion, a real turning around of his life and a return to where he ought to be.



## 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, anything left after this weekend, will be donated to charity. There are a few toys and books, a child's handbag a couple of children's coats and hats.



## 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

1. Rose
2. This is the day when Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin
3. Maundy Thursday

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### 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



### Monday 1st April

#### Lent feria

9.15am

### Tuesday 2nd April

#### Lent feria

9.15am

### Wednesday 3rd April

#### Lent feria

9.15am	<b>NO MASS</b>
11.30am	Requiem Mass for Maria Wielgut

### Thursday 4th April

#### Lent feria

9.15am

### Friday 5th April

#### Lent feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

### Saturday 6th April

#### Lent feria

10.00am	
5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm	Margaret Carey (Spec Ints)

### Sunday 7th April

#### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

8.30am	Tim & Margaret Gaynor RIP (Anniv)
9.45am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Harry Davis RIP (Anniv)
6.00pm	Stations of the Cross



## CONFESSIONS

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