

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

12TH MAY 2019
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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

John's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the 'spiritual Gospel,' as it has beautiful, reflective passages. During the Easter season, we read and hear mostly from John. It is a lovely opportunity to meditate more deeply on the Word.

Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain; just as knows too all that gives us life and brings us joy.

Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently. We may be misunderstood because of our faith, or even be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.'

From time to time it's good to remind ourselves that we are not alone - in fact we are never alone because we know that Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing.

**SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA
MIDSUMMER BALL**

Celebrate Midsummer, Friday 21st June, by joining us for a fabulous Black-Tie event in The Conservatory, Luton Hoo Walled Garden, Luton Hoo Estate LU1 4LF. Enjoy a Three Course Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, Dancing to Live Music while raising valuable funds for Harpenden Spotlight on Africa and its projects in health, education, water and economic development that support an impoverished community in Musoto,



Uganda. Tickets are £70 each. 7 for 7.30pm until midnight. To reserve your table, 8-10, or individual tickets, contact Minal on ball@hsoa.org.uk or 07817 387747.

SAVE THE DATE



Roy Schoeman, international speaker, Jewish Catholic is giving a talk on "The Role of Judaism in

Salvation from Abraham to the 2nd coming" on Sunday 30th June at 6.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall, Castle Street Luton LU1 3AG.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th May

Easter feria

- 10.00am NO MASS
- 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass
- 2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass
- 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Vigil Mass**
- 6.00pm Martin Stears-Handscomb (Spec Ints)

Sunday 12th May

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

- 8.30am People of the Parish
- 9.45am
- 11.30am Special Ints (TB)

Monday 13th May

Easter feria

- 9.15am Patricia Veale RIP

Tuesday 14th May

St Matthias Apostle

- 9.15am Special Ints (MB)

Wednesday 15th May

Easter feria

- 9.15am Vincent Nathan RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 16th May

Easter feria

- 11.00am

Friday 17th May

Easter feria

- 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 18th May

Easter feria

- 10.00am NO MASS
- 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass
- 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Vigil Mass**
- 6.00pm Donald Tominey RIP

Sunday 19th May

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

- 8.30am Frances Jubb RIP (Anniv)
- 9.45am People of the Parish (Children's Mass)
- 11.30am Ravik Gurra RIP

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm