

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

19TH MAY 2019
5TH 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

'Love one another' is the basic principle of Christianity, to love as Jesus loved. It is simple, yet we can make it so complicated. Jesus' love was controversial for some people, because it was love without exclusion. To love as Jesus loved is to love those it is hard to love. This love ultimately led to Jesus' death. Jesus loved sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, people of other religions, the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the beggar, the leper. This love is too much for some Christians today also. It is hard to love the sinner or to love family members or friends who have hurt us. Yet this is the love that we are called to.

Once we begin to accept that we are infinitely loved by God, it is like a domino effect where that love is poured outwards in our lives. We are part of this outpouring of God's creative love and are called to bring this into places where there is none. In this way we are helping to heal, sustain and nourish this world.

Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.' Let us dream of, and work towards, a world where this is a reality.

**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 £2.50
- Goodnews Magazine £2.95

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday 20th May Easter feria

- 9.15am Dooley Family Intentions

Tuesday 21st May Easter feria

- 9.15am No Mass
- 10.00am Requiem Mass for Marrienne Wilcox RIP

Wednesday 22nd May Easter feria

- 9.15am

Thursday 23rd May Easter feria

- 11.00am Requiem Mass for Fr Robert Dudley
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Friday 24th May Easter feria

- 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 25th May

St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

- 10.00am Ranez Mariathan RIP (Anniv)
- 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Vigil Mass
- 6.00pm Marian Dolores RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 26th May

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

- 8.30am Special Intentions (MA)
- 9.45am Melanie & John Farrell (Spec Ints)
- 11.30am People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS

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