

# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2019  
7<sup>TH</sup> 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

Today's Gospel once again places us in the upper room on the evening before Jesus died on the cross. Jesus, knowing that His disciples were about to experience three of the scariest and loneliest days of their lives, has one last thing to do before they leave for Gethsemane. He prayed to the Father on their behalf and he allowed the disciples to listen in. We call this prayer Jesus' high priestly prayer and the Gospel for this day is part of that prayer.

This prayer teaches us much about Jesus' attitude towards us. This is the evening before his death on the cross and he knew it. We could certainly understand if he were totally focused on his forthcoming suffering and death. But he's not - his concern is for his followers. He prayed for those who will feel so alone and so frightened during the coming days - the days of his suffering, and death - the days of his wait in the tomb. He prayed for those who will hide behind locked doors until they see Him face-to-face after his resurrection.

This prayer is for us as well. Although Jesus has never left us, he has taken his visible presence away from us. He has ascended into heaven and although he is with us, we cannot see Him. So, we find ourselves in a time of waiting for Jesus to reveal himself. We are in the time of "Now, but not yet!" He is with us now, but we cannot yet see him with our physical eyes. Jesus' prayer is for all those who wait in the world of now, but not yet.

## DWG PARISH GOLF DAY

Parish Golf Day -  
Diary Note

The annual golf day  
and dinner is on



5<sup>th</sup> July, this year at  
Mid Herts GC.  
Please reserve the  
date in your diary,  
details to follow.

## 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. To reserve your  
table, 8-10, or

individual tickets, contact Minal on  
[ball@hsoa.org.uk](mailto:ball@hsoa.org.uk) or 07817 387747.

## 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

## QUOTE

Because all creatures are  
connected, each must be  
cherished with love and respect,  
for all of us as living creatures  
are dependent on one another.  
(Laudato Si 42). #LiveSimply

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June

#### St Justin, Martyr

10.00am Sr. Catherina OP (Ints)

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Vigil Mass

6.00pm Mary Collins RIP

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

8.30am Denise Iommi RIP (Anniv)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Winifred Middlehurst RIP

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

10.00am Special Intentions

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June Easter feria

9.15am Sr. Finbarr

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

#### St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

9.15am Fr Robert Dudley RIP

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Easter Feria

11.00am Kevin Crowley RIP

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

#### Easter feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy  
Communion

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

#### Easter feria

10.00am Mary McGarry RIP

12.00pm Baptisms

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Vigil Mass

6.00pm Margaret Carey RIP (Months Mind)

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass

11.30am Georgina Brennan RIP (Anniv)

## CONFESSIONS

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