

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

5TH MAY 2019
3RD 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

There are a number of accounts of resurrection appearances in the Gospels, and in quite a few of them it seems the disciples do not immediately recognise Jesus. Mary Magdalen does not at first recognise the risen Jesus in the Garden. Neither do the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They see a figure, but not the Man.

But then they do see him. And in each case, it is his actions which reveal him. For the Magdalen it is his word of tenderness. For the disciples on the road to Emmaus it is the breaking of bread. Today it is in the great haul of fish.

Nowhere in the Gospels do we have a description of Jesus' physical appearance, but time and time again we hear about his words, his actions, his works of Mercy.

Our age, our society is obsessed by appearance - but Christ is made known not by how he looks, but by what he does. He heals the sick, cures the lame, feeds the needy, forgives sinners. These actions create a response. Mary Magdalen and the disciples in Emmaus rush to spread the news. Peter leaps into the water. We make Christ known, and present, through actions that are compassionate, generous and loving. By assisting those who are in acute need, by supporting those in trouble.

Like the disciples, we may struggle sometimes to see Christ, we may grapple with faith, and are anxious over unanswered prayers - but when we get on with it, when we practice the Works of Mercy, then Christ himself is visible amongst us.

**PHYSICS AND
MATHEMATICS UNDERGRADUATE
SUMMER INTERNSHIP
PROGRAMME 2019**

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School will be running a four-week Physics and Mathematics Internship Programme over the summer term 2019. Participants will receive a £300 per week bursary for the 4-week programme, a total of £1200. For further information and an application form please go to: BIT.LY/CVMSINTERNSHIP2019.

PHOTOGRAPHS

 We have a large number of unclaimed photographs from last year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations. Please have a look through the box on the shelf near the repository and collect any photographs that belong to you.

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

QUOTE:

'The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival which is God.' (Laudato Si 83.)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th May

The English Martyrs

10.00am Joan Pinnington (Spec Ints)

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

VIGIL MASS

6.00pm Frank McConnachie RIP

Sunday 5th May

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

8.30am Peter Trueland (Spec Ints)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Max & Peggy Belderbos RIP (Anniv)

Monday 6th May Easter feria

10am Patnie Haugh RIP

Tuesday 7th May Easter feria

9.15am Paddy Barrett RIP

Wednesday 8th May Easter feria

9.15am Imola Naldini RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 9th May Easter feria

11.00am Margaret Foulds RIP

Friday 10th May Easter feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion

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-Handscorn (Spec Ints)

Sunday 12th May

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am

11.30am Special Ints (TB)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm