



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

12th April 2015
Second Sunday of Easter



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The story of doubting Thomas is a story about us. We latch on to it because of its human interest, and imagine ourselves as not doubting when put to the test as he was. But surely all the disciples were 'doubting' until Jesus appeared to them the first time? They weren't expecting it, they were filled with joy. This is John's equivalent of the road to Emmaus; they didn't recognise Jesus either, even when he was walking beside them. Thomas was simply being honest, and if we are honest we will admit we would do the same as him. We are those who 'have not seen'; pray that we may be among those who are blessed because we believe. There is much more in the Gospel than Thomas, anyway; the greeting 'Peace be with you', the commissioning of the disciples to go out as Jesus himself was sent. The second Reading anticipates the Gospel - if it was read afterwards it would be a perfect fit, as it begins with Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. The theme of faith continues triumphantly; if we have faith, we have overcome the world. All it takes to be able to say with Thomas, 'My Lord and my God'.

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SMILE LINES

How to Get Rich Quick

A young man asked a rich old man how he had made his fortune. The old man replied: "Well, lad, it was 1932, the depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last shilling. I invested that shilling in an apple. I spent a few minutes polishing that apple and sold the apple for a shilling and six pence. The next morning, I invested that shilling in another apple, and after carefully polishing it, also sold it for a shilling and six pence. I continued this system for a month and by the end of which I'd accumulated a fortune of 14 shillings. Then my wife's father died and left us two million pounds."

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Did you know.....?

In 2005, the 54 billionaires in Britain paid only £14.7 million in income tax between them. Of this, £9 million came from James Dyson.

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There are about 6,900 languages in existence but more than half the world's population uses only 20 of them.

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In 2010 You Tube was watched 700 billion times but 99% of the views were of only 30% of the videos.

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th April

10.00am Ints of Mary Finnigan

6.00pm Sarah Sherwood (RIP) Rec. Dec.

Sunday 12th April SECOND OF EASTER

8.30am Kathleen Hegarty (RIP) Rec. Dec.

9.45am Josephine Sara (RIP)

11.30am Terry Coy (RIP) Anniv.

Monday 13th April

9.15am Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

Tuesday 14th April

9.15am Intentions of Ruth & Kevin

Wednesday 15th April

9.15am Susann Byrne (RIP)

Thursday 16th April

11.00am Michael Green (RIP)

Friday 17th April

9.15am Isabella Kane (RIP) Anniv.

Saturday 18th April

10.00am Intentions of Paul Hayes

6.00pm Maureen & Peter Hanly RIP Anniv.

Sunday 19th April

8.30am Isobel Johnston (RIP) Anniv.

9.45am Kenneth Woodcock (RIP) Rec. Dec.

11.30am Ints of Mr & Mrs Cormac

QUOTE at EASTER

To enter into the mystery demands that we not be afraid of reality: that we not be locked into ourselves, that we not flee from what we fail to understand, that we not close our eyes to problems or deny them, that we not dismiss our questions...

To enter into the mystery means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love.

- Pope Francis