



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

16th August 2015
THE ASSUMPTION of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”, which Jesus presents as the highest achievement of the believer - even his mother. Mary demonstrates this herself in the Gospel, the Magnificat: ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.’ She then goes on to list the wonderful things God has done, not just for her but for the whole world, in one of the greatest proclamations of justice in the New Testament, and made by a woman. Mary’s vocation and task assigned by God was to bear the Word in her flesh and also in her utterance. The First Readings are both allegories: Mary as the ark of the Covenant, the place where God dwelt, and Mary as the child-bearing woman of the Apocalypse. The Second Readings provide the explanation of Mary’s assumption: the abolition of death by the resurrection of Christ, which Mary has been given the unique privilege of sharing in bodily, but which awaits us all immortality to those who eat and drink of it, as Mary did as a member of the Church.

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HOLIDAYS

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SMILE LINES

A vicar was trying to persuade a millionaire to support the Church Steeple Fund. He took him into the town to show him the cracks in the walls. Just then a piece of masonry dislodged itself and struck the man a glancing blow. "Good Lord", he said, rubbing his head, "I see what you mean. Here's a cheque for £100." "Go on Lord", shouted the vicar, "hit him again."

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A little girl was attending a church service with her mother when she started feeling unwell. 'I think I need to throw up', she said. Well, go outside whispered the mother, and use the bushes by the front door of the church. The girl went out, but returned less than a minute. 'That was quick said her mother. 'Did you throw up?' "Yes" but I didn't need to go outside", said the girl. 'I used a box near the door that says "For the sick?

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THE CALAIS CRISIS contd.

origin. Countries of origin must recognise that 'the defence of migrants rights' is viable and effective when based on a firm foundation of legal norms, and operates under the rule of law. (Caritas Europa 2009)".

CATENIAN GOLF AT BEDFORD & COUNTY 21st August

The Catenians – are a worldwide association of Catholic men and their

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 15th August

10.00 Private Intention
6.00pm

Sunday 16th August

08.30 The People of the Parish
09.45
11.30 Private Intention

Monday 17th August

9.15 Holy Souls

Tuesday 18th August

9.15 Angus Mackay (RIP) Anniv

Wednesday 19th August

9.15 Intentions of E.H.

Thursday 20th August

11.00 Service of the Word and Holy
Communion

Friday 21st August

9.15 Eileen Hayes R.I.P.

Saturday 22nd August

10.00 Felicity Foster R.I.P.
6.00pm

Sunday 16th August

08.30 Alec Morley (RIP) Anniv
09.45
11.30 Elizabeth & Timothy O'Mahony
(RIP)

families and a number of our parishioners are members. Four local groups hold an annual golf match and this year Bedford are the hosts. Golfers (with a handicap) and dinner guests are more than welcome so if you and your friends have an interest in playing golf and enjoying dinner with fellow Catholics, please let Dennis Cooper know. The full package; sandwich lunch, golf & dinner £46. Dinner only £16. Contact: Dennis Cooper, Luton Circle Tel: 761371.