



Our Lady of Lourdes

Harpenden

28th August 2016
22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



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A group of Pharisees warned Jesus to flee because Herod was looking for him to kill him. The Pharisees seem to have been ambivalent towards Jesus, inviting him to their houses to eat, as today, but watching him ‘closely’. Although a guest, he took charge of the gathering quite soon, lecturing his host and the whole gathering on questions of etiquette. He starts off with an uncontroversial point, warning people not to assume they are the most important person present and take the best place, lest they have to give it up to someone more important. He then comes to the more important part of his discourse, saying who should be invited to dinner in the first place. The Psalm puts it - ‘The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly;’ and ‘you prepared a home for the poor.’ Jesus tells his host to behave like this. He should not invite people who will return his courtesy but to people who have no chance of doing any such thing – the crippled, lame and blind. These were classes of people conventionally shunned at the time; Luke adds to this list ‘the poor’, which shows that what he is talking about is not an ordinary banquet but the all-embracing banquet of the Kingdom.

SMILE LINES

Game rules

During the local football game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "Okay," the coach continued, "do you also understand that when the referee makes a decision, you don't argue or curse or threaten to attack him, right?" Again, the boy nodded vigourously. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mother
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TRUE STORY

My father had a medical condition that meant regular visits to hospital. The local funeral director was a family friend, and had been very helpful giving dad lifts to and from the hospital. On one occasion, a few hours before he was due to come home, the ward sister approached my father with a grin. "Your wife is on the phone," she said; "She wants to know what time you will be ready for the undertaker to collect you?"
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Yum yum

A notice outside Chichester Cathedral advertised lunchtime concerts with the encouragement that: "Sandwiches may be eaten." Someone had scribbled

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th August St. Monica
10.00am
6.00pm

Sunday 28th August 22nd Sunday
08.30am
09.45am
11.30am Denise Iommi R.I.P. [P.P.]

Monday 29th August
9.15am
11.00am

Tuesday 30th August
09.15

Wednesday 31st August
09.15 Canon O'Leary R.I.P. (Anniv.)

Thursday 1st Sept.
11.00am

Friday 2nd Sept
09.15am

Saturday 3rd Sept.
10.00am
6.00pm William Kearney R.I.P. rec.dec.

Sunday 4th Sept 23rd Sunday
08.30am Fr. Michael Browne cssr R.I.P.
Anniv.
09.45am
11.30am Denise Iommi R.I.P. [M.O'L.]

underneath: "So if you are a sandwich, don't come!"

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