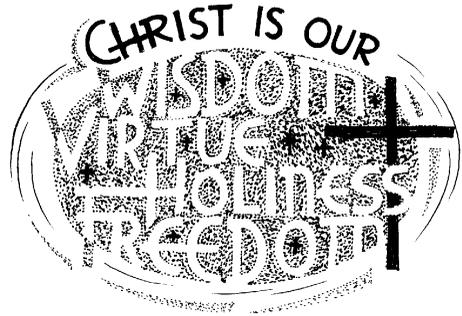




Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

1st FEBRUARY 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



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The greatest of the OT prophets, Moseh, helps elucidate the question asked of John the Baptist, 'Are you the Prophet? Late Judaism took these verses to refer to the Messiah, and early Christianity to Christ. Read these words as if Moses was describing Jesus: I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brotbers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. Jesus himself is seen in today's Gospel at the start of an 'eventful day in Capernum', which is concluded next Sunday. Though he performs great works of healing it is his words which are the core of his ministry, as he enters the synagogue and begins to teach - not as the scribes do but with an authority that they do not possess. His words have authority over unclean spirits too, which depart at his command. The people are 'astonished' at what he does; are we complacent enough to think we have heard it all before? We should beware of this reaction, or we will be like those who hardened their hearts.

SMILE LINES

Having become forgetful in their old age, a couple tried to improve their memory by attending special classes where they were taught to remember things by means of word association. The husband was telling his neighbour how helpful the classes had been. 'Who was the instructor?' asked the neighbour. 'Oh, uh, what was the name now?' mused the husband. 'What is that flower that smells nice and has thorns?' 'A rose?' said the neighbour. 'That's it', exclaimed the husband. He then turned towards the house and called, 'Hey, Rose, what's the name of the guy in charge of the memory class?'

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Valentine Dreams

A young woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he replied with a smile. Sure enough, that evening the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it, only to find a book entitled 'The Meaning of Dreams'.

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DID YOU KNOW: Brendan O'Carroll, the star of 'Mrs Brown's Boys', was once Mrs Thatcher's butler.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 31st January

10.00am Agnes McKeown (RIP) Anniv
6.00pm Mary Mulroe (Intentions)

Sunday 1st February

8.30am Robin Nisbet (RIP)
9.45am Terry Allford (RIP)
11.30am Paul Murphy (RIP)

Monday 2nd February

9.15am Intentions of MB

Tuesday 3rd February

9.15am Maria Pia Mild Di Villagrazia
(RIP) Anniv.

Wednesday 4th February

9.15am Bernard St. John Glew (RIP) Anniv.

Thursday 5th February

11am Service of the Word

Friday 6th February

9.15am Robert Race (RIP) Anniv.

Saturday 7th February

10.00am Agnes McKeown (RIP)
6.00pm Kevin Keogh (Special Intention)

Sunday 8th February

8.30am Bernadette Conway (RIP) Rec. Dec.
9.45am Raymond Warne (RIP) Anniv. 1year
11.30am Intentions of Bill & Mary Hammond

CONFESSIONS

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

QUOTE

-- "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." Pope Francis

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

26th January: £160.76 since 16 January. Many thanks for all this. It will go to the water project that the Parish is sponsoring