



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

February 21th 2016
SECOND SUNDAY of LENT



THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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Blood and death occur a lot in the scriptures during Lent and Easter. We don't really like to contemplate this fact. As the disciples were indignant when Jesus foretold the destiny he would meet in Jerusalem. But they could not see beyond the death, in spite of his telling them of rising from the dead, which they did not understand - and in spite of the Transfiguration, which might have helped them to do so. This vision lifts the veil on Easter and showed that this man with whom the disciples walked every day was more than they ever suspected. A cloud fell, which frightened them, and they heard the voice of God speaking from it. Is God frightening? God only seems frightening to us in our present state, with 'wretched bodies'. Paul speaks from a world lighted by the Resurrection; he himself had had a transfiguration experience on the road to Damascus, and knew that a glorified body awaits those who remained faithful to Christ.

SMILE LINES INTERESTING STUFF

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have the expression 'the rule of thumb',

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Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the 'honey month', which we know today as the 'honeymoon'.

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In English pubs a while ago, beer was ordered in pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'

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CONFESSION

Saturday: 10.30am

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th February

10am Special Intention

6pm Frank McConnachie (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 21st February

08.30 Tom King (RIP) Rec. Dec.

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Patricia Scanlan (RIP) Anniv.

Monday 22nd February

THE CHAIR OF ST.PETER

09.15 Special Intention

Tuesday 23rd February

09.15 Ralph Langshaw (RIP)

Wednesday 24th February

09.15 Harry Davis (RIP) Anniv .

Thursday 25th February

11.00 Anna France (RIP)

Friday 26th February

09.15 Duncan Robertson (RIP)

Saturday 27th February

10am Special Intention

6pm Norma Owen (RIP)

Sunday 28st February

08.30 Jimmy & Anne Brophy (RIP) . .

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Bridget Flanagan (RIP) Anniv.

QUOTE Pope Francis

Faith in Jesus Christ: how is my faith in Jesus Christ? Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God, the Son of God? And has this faith been life-changing? Does my faith make this year of grace begin in my heart, this year of pardon, this year of growing in nearness to the Lord? Faith is a gift, No one 'deserves' faith nor can buy it.