



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

February 7th 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY of the YEAR



THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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We have to think ourselves as participants in Isaiah's vision - we would surely have the same reaction as Isaiah, being filled with a sense of guilt and unworthiness. To have your lips cleansed with a burning coal, and summoned by God to be sent on a mission would be more than we would dream of expecting. But this is exactly what happened to an ordinary fisherman called Simon some centuries later. The experience was in essence the same – a meeting with God, a feeling of sinfulness and inadequacy on the part of the person unexpectedly favoured, a mission given. The difference is that Simon does not know who he is meeting, apart from the fact that he is a preacher who has borrowed his boat as a place to address the crowd, until Jesus gives him a sign unmistakable to a fisherman: a surprise haul of fish so huge that it threatened to sink not one boat but two. The Second Reading says: I am the least of the apostles... I hardly deserve the name apostle... the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. For 'grace', read purification by a burning coal, or a miraculous catch of fish. What have we done to deserve our faith?

SMILE LINES

HANDYMAN HUSBAND

A wife texts her handy husband on a cold winter morning:
"WINDOWS FROZEN ~
WON'T OPEN"

Husband texts back:
"GENTLY POUR SOME
LUKEWARM WATER OVER
THE EDGES AND THEN TAP
EDGES SHARPLY WITH
HAMMER"

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:
"LAPTOP TOTALLY RUINED
NOW"

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Giving up for Lent

At the end of the vicar's pre-Lent sermon he suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.

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BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID

Chernihiv in Ukraine
A collection is being held on Sat 27th
Feb from 10am-3pm in the
Cunningham Room, St Nicholas
Church Halls. Many items are needed
in new or good, clean condition. These
include clothing and shoes for men
women and children, baby supplies
including baby food and milk and

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th February

10am Pat Work (RIP)
6pm Sarah Sherwood (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 7th February

08.30 Isobel Johnston (RIP) Anniv.
09.45 Maria Chiappone (RIP) rec.dec.
11.30 Hugh Toye (RIP) rec.dec.

Monday 8th February

09.15 Ursula Draper (RIP) Anniv.1yr

Tuesday 9th February

9.15 Gerald Woodruff (RIP) Rec. Dec.

Wednesday 10th February

ASH WEDNESDAY
09.15 Margaret Fouldes (RIP)
6pm Fr. Joe Mullen (RIP) Rec. Dec.

Thursday 11th February

11.00 Service of the Word with Holy
Communion

Friday 12th February

11.00 Funeral Mass Gerald Woodruff R.I.P

Saturday 13th February

10am People of the Parish
6pm Eddie Quinn (RIP) Anniv.2yrs

Sunday 14th February

08.30 Ints. Sr. Antoinette
09.45 Alan Young (RIP) Anniv.
11.30 Leslie Crossley (RIP)

nappies, toiletries and sanitary goods
for men women and children, fabric
lengths and blankets, garden and
woodworking tools..... to name a few.
Please see the poster for details or
contact Anne Harper 769213 or
Margaret Hewitt 761008.

Saturday: 10.30am

Saturday: 7.00pm. CONFESSION