



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

5th February 2017
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus is often referred to as the teacher, and that's not surprising because so often the images, and language, that he uses would be very familiar to his listeners. Jesus had that ability to communicate profound truths in a way that ordinary people would understand and, would hopefully, make a difference in their lives. Today he uses the ordinary, everyday, image of salt, something that would be found in every kitchen, and so familiar to almost everyone.

Even though we hear that salt is not good for us nonetheless we know the difference it can make; in cooking it draws out the flavour, it gives taste. Salt can make a difference. Jesus tells his disciples, tells us, that 'you are the salt of the earth.' We are 'the salt of the earth,' we are called to be different, to make a difference. Many people, by nature, want to simply blend in with the crowd, they don't want to stand out, or to be different. Yet, to be a disciple, to live our faith, is to be different, it is in some way to stand out.

We can be different when we give witness to our faith, and we give witness not just by our words, but by our actions as well. Perhaps we might think about those people who have inspired us to live our faith. Maybe our parents, or someone else, who didn't necessarily talk about their faith but who through their goodness and example have influenced us, made us think. We can be grateful for those whose words and actions speak, and show us what it means to be 'the salt of the earth', who let us see what it means to make a difference.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

24th-27th April, in the Centenary Year of the Apparitions. Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Places are still available to book contact elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or Gill of Tangney Tours directly on 01732 88 6666 for further information.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join the 7th Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop John Sherrington. 31st October to 7th November. Price: Full board £1535 pp sharing; £370 single room supplement. Contact Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth Uwalaka Pilgrimage Administrator 020 7798 9173 for information and booking forms.

CAFOD - TACKLING POBERTY & INJUSTICE

All are welcome to join us for a first-hand account on CAFOD's long term development work in Zambia. The talk will take place next Saturday 11th February from 10am to 12 noon at the CAFOD volunteer centre, 1st Floor, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Coffee served from 9.30am. For further information regarding our supporters day or to book a place contact us on 0208-449-6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th February

10am Maria Pia Milo Di Villagrazia
RIP Anniv

6pm Bernard St.John Glew RIP Anniv

Sunday 5th February

8.30am Maura Grimshaw RIP

9.45am The People of the Parish

11.30am Ralph Langshaw RIP Anniv

Monday 6th February

10am **FUNERAL**-Christina Barrett RIP

Tuesday 7th February

9.15am

Wednesday 8th February

9.15am Sarah Sherwood RIP Anniv 2yr

Thursday 9th February

11.00am Robert Dare RIP Anniv 1yr

Friday 10th February

9.15am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Saturday 11th February

10.00am Margaret Fouldes RIP

6.00pm Alan Young RIP Anniv 5yr

Sunday 12th February

8.30am Derek Grimshaw Intentions

9.45am Mary Taylor RIP Anniv 1yr

11.30am Mike & Joan Gaire RIP

CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

On Friday 10th Feb, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For info on the days of Prayer & Fasting; www.goodcounselnetwork.com