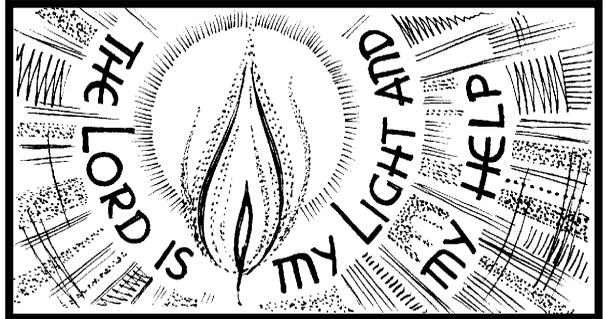




Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

25th JANUARY 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Close of the Week of Prayer
for Christian unity

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The call of the first disciples is told in quite a different way from last week in the Gospel today, it is something else that seems to be the point. God, through Jonah, invites the people of Nineveh to change their lives; they do, and God is pleased. The psalm response is one which could be sung by such people - ourselves, as it happens to be today. It is the beginning of the Gospel that we are leading up to, the first words spoken by Jesus and this is what he says: The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel. And this compact and urgent statement is a call to us, today. We may not put on sackcloth, like the Ninevites; there is something joyful about Jesus's words that makes people drop what they are doing and follow him without hesitation, like Simon, Andrew, James and John.

SMILE LINES

Old love

During a wedding reception the mother of the bride managed to keep from crying until she glanced at the grandparents. The grandmother had reached over to the grandfather's wheelchair and was gently touching his hand. That was all it took to start the mother's tears flowing. After the wedding, she went over to the grandmother and told her how that tender gesture triggered her outburst.

"Well, I'm sorry to ruin your moment," Grandmother replied, "but I was just checking to see if he was still awake."

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Murphy's Laws of Work

For success in your work throughout 2015, just remember:-

1 Everything can be filed under 'miscellaneous.'

2 To err is human; to forgive is not company policy.

3 Important documents that contain no errors will get lost in the post.

4 There's not enough time to do it right the first time, but there's always time to do it again.

6 If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th January

10.00am Anne Ryan (Special Intention)

6.00pm Eddie Quinn (RIP)

Sunday 25th January

8.30am Theresa Naughton (RIP) anniv.

9.45am Andy Bradbury (RIP) Rec. Dec.

11.30am Mary O'Riordan (RIP)

Monday 26th January

9.15am Mary Reynolds (RIP)

Tuesday 27th January

9.15am Margaret Foulds (RIP)

Wednesday 28th January

9.15am Bernard & Mary McGarry (RIP)

Thursday 29th January

11am Service of the Word

Friday 30th January

9.15am Private Intention

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) Rec. Dec.

11.30am Paul Murphy (RIP)

QUOTE

"This is what comes from my heart and forgive me if I have no other words to express this. But please know Jesus never lets you down. Please know that the love and tenderness of Mother Mary never lets you down. And holding on to her mantle and with the power that comes from Jesus' love on the cross, let us move forward, always forward. And walk together as brothers and sisters in the Lord, forward."

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