



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

10<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR



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The Good Samaritan could be seen in various ways but today it is coloured by the person whose question to Jesus brought it about - a lawyer. But this Law is not an impersonal system of rigid rules; it is something in your heart which brings wisdom and light; it is something whose goodness and rightness is so obvious it cannot be questioned. Lawyers, nevertheless, may turn it into an end in itself, in need of interpreters (themselves) and of a system of sanctions for 'infringements.' The lawyer today is trying to get Jesus to utter something punishable. Jesus answers with another question, and the lawyer gives him the basis of the Law: to love God, and to love your neighbour as yourself the basis of Christian morality as well. However, he does not leave it there; he has another try at provoking Jesus. Jesus tells a story which involves the lawyer in an admission that 'our neighbour' could be someone society obliges us to hate. He cannot even utter the word Samaritan, and a command to go and do likewise.

## SMILE LINES

### Goat for lunch

The young couple invited their aged parish priest for Sunday lunch. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the parish priest asked their son what they were going to have for lunch. "Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mum, 'Might as well have the old goat for lunch today as any other day.'"

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### Sad but True

Unfortunately, many homes, yes even so-called Christian homes, are like the one in which the little girl pointed to the Bible on the shelf that was never opened, and said to her mother, "Whose book is that?"

Her mother quite startled by her daughters question replied, "Why darling, don't you know? That is God's book!"

The child demonstrating that she had a very practical approach to life said, "Don't you think that we had better give it back to him? No one around here ever reads it."

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### In Vatican City

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**10am** Intentions of Liz Wang

**6pm** Peter Lynch Kelly (RIP) Rec. Dec.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time

**08.30** Thomas Bradley (RIP) Anniv.

**09.45** Intentions of Julia & Bill

**11.30** Margaret Foulds (RIP)

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July St. Benedict

**11am** FUNERAL MASS

P.J.Lynch Kelly (RIP)

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**09.15** Intentions of Liz Wang

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**09.15** Intentions of AB

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**11am** Service of the Word

with Holy Communion

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July St. Bonaventure

**09.15** Intentions of Liz Wang

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**10am** Intentions of Liz Wang

**6pm** The People of the Parish

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time

**08.30** Annette McGivern (RIP)

**09.45** Peter Lynch Kelly (RIP)

**11.30** Joan Gaire (RIP)

## QUOTE - Pope Francis

Dear young people, this future belongs to you. Cherish the great wisdom of your elders and strive to be peacemakers: not content with the status quo, but actively engaged in building the culture of encounter and reconciliation."

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 10.30 – 11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.