



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

19th July 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



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Today, we listeners are put in the position of the sheep of the flock rather than preachers, and what is at stake is what we hear in the Bread of Life discourse and our reaction to it. It is inevitable that we think of forthcoming Sundays today, which is not always the case. Today we are like sheep without a shepherd; there will be deep teaching, and on the 21st Sunday in just over a month we will hear Peter saying: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Food (and drink) will be one of the predominant themes of the teaching. A shepherd makes sure the flock is fed; as today's psalm says, You have prepared a banquet for me and the first reading promises I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them. The second reading, echoes the themes of gathering the flock : you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. Behind the passage from Ezekiel are centuries of violence, pain and hostility as the people of Israel were torn apart and dispersed; Christ reunites us so we can live in peace.

SMILE LINES

Obstinate

The clergyman was walking through the village one day when he met one of his parishioners.

“How’s your cold, Donald?” he asked.

“Verra obstinate” came the reply.

“And how is your wife?”

“About the same.”

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Smart worms

Earth flew in all directions as the crimson-faced would-be golfer attempted to strike the ball.

“Goodness,” he finally blurted to his caddie, “the worms around here will think there’s been an earthquake.”

“Never mind,” said the caddie, “they are pretty smart – by now they will be hiding beneath the ball for safety.”

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What you really need in a vicar....

The Archdeacon was discussing the requirements for a new vicar with the church wardens of an empty parish.

“What you need is a person of vision, with drive, determination and fire; a person who can inspire others; a person who can pull our diocesan cricket team out of last place...”

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th July

10.00 People of the Parish

6.00pm Myles Cash (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 19th July– 16th SUNDAY

08.30 Jimmy & Anne Brophy (RIP)

09.45 Raynah Watson (RIP)

11.30 Peter Headley (RIP)

Monday 20th July

9.15 Intentions of Eugene Zadra

Tuesday 21st July

9.15 Special Intention (PH)

Wednesday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene

9.15 Special Intention

Thursday 23rd July St. Bridget

11.00 Service of the Word

with Holy Communion

Friday 24th July St. James

9.15 Intentions of Michelle Canny

Saturday 25th July

10.00 Joan Clarke (RIP)

6.00pm John Byrne (RIP)

Sunday 26th July– 17th SUNDAY

08.30 People of the Parish

09.45 Gerald McGuinness (RIP) Anniv.

11.30 Margaret Dennehy (RIP)

QUOTE - Pope Francis

Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth (Laudato Si - para. 21).