



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year



The  
seventy  
two came  
back  
rejoicing

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The Gospel today has harsh words as well as words of great tenderness. It is fertile ground for fundamentalists, people with violence in their hearts, like James and John last week, and those who want to handle snakes and scorpions confident they will not be harmed. First of all, though, the message is one of exuberant joy in the kingdom of God, and the consequent compulsion on the part of believers to spread this joy - and peace - to others. The seventy-two are sent out with no weapon, provision or protection - other than the message of healing and peace. Like lambs, they are entirely at the mercy of the wolves, who in the Kingdom of God will lie down together as Isaiah said. They come back rejoicing, showing how the message of Jesus was accepted - the sign being the defeat of the 'devils', who keep people in subjection and alienation. Yet Jesus prepares the disciples for defeat too, and hints at dire consequences for the people who reject his message. Christian warriors might take this a step further but Jesus ruled out violence last week

## SMILE LINES

A man arrived home from work and noticed his father seemed to be avoiding the grandchildren. 'What's the problem?' he asked. 'You usually like playing with them.' His father produced a medicine prescription from his pocket and said, 'Read the label. That's why!'

The son took the bottle and read the label. 'Take two pills a day, KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN.'

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### Come in

The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: 'Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in.'

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An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered. "You really don't want to do that", the usher said. "The parish priest is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman enquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the parish priest's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good", he answered.

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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**10.00am**

**6.00pm** Mary Moynihan (RIP) Rec. Dec.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** **14<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time**

**08.30** The People of the Parish

**09.45**

**11.30** Joan Gaire (RIP)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**09.15** Private Intention

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**09.15** Peter Lynch-Kelly (RIP) Rec. Dec.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**09.15** Ray Shufflebotham (RIP) Anniv.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**11.00am** Service of the Word  
with Holy Communion

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**09.15** Special Intention

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

**10.00am** Intentions of Liz Wang

**6.00pm** The People of the Parish

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** **15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time**

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

**09.45** Intentions of Julia & Bill

**11.30** Margaret Foulds (RIP)

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am

Saturday after evening Mass – 7.00pm

## POPE FRANCIS

With great joy, we are walking together on a journey that has already taken us far, and we look confidently towards the day when by God's help we shall be united around the altar of Christ's sacrifice in the fullness of Eucharistic communion.