



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

5<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



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Today, though they are not long, there is drama in the Word of God; to appreciate it fully we have to think of ourselves as participants in it, not spectators of some long-forgotten historical curiosity. There is an art in listening to the readings which, after nearly fifty years, we have not learned. The first reading sets the scene, and implicates us with its last sentence: Whether they listen or not... It finishes abruptly. Are we listening? The question should put us on the defensive, so the psalm response 'Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy' comes as a reminder that we can always rely on God's love. We may ourselves be prophets, but is anyone listening to us? In the Gospel Christ is the one who is not listened to. It is not good enough for us to say: we are not like that, we hear Jesus' words and take them to heart.

## SMILE LINES

### Don't go far!

The minister went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

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### Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day." "Yes," said the priest. "But even then it will be your hole!"

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### Signs found outside churches

- ~ It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- ~ If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- ~ Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- ~ This is a ch\_ \_ch What is missing? (U R)

## CONFESSIONS

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

### QUOTE - Pope Francis

"The Christian is a man or woman of history, because he does not pertain to

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 Private Intention (HS)  
6.00pm For the people of the Parish with thanks from Bill and Mary Hammond

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

08.30 Shaun Ryan (RIP) Anniv  
09.45 People of the Parish  
11.30 Frank Taylor (RIP) (MJ)

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

9.15 Sister Jude OP (RIP) Rec Dec

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

9.15 Ray Shufflebotham (RIP) Anniv

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

9.15 People of the Parish

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

11.00 Service of the Word

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

9.15 Marguerite Foulds (RIP)

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – ST. BENEDICT

10.00 Eddie Graham (RIP)  
6.00pm Kathleen & Mary McCarthy (RIP) Anniv.

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

08.30 Mary O'Brien (RIP) Rec Dec  
09.45 Margaret Glancy (RIP)  
11.30 Elizabeth Stower (RIP)

himself alone – he is inserted into a people, a people that is on a journey. One cannot imagine a Christian selfishness, no, this won't fly. The Christian is not a spiritual man or woman in a laboratory. The Christian is a spiritual man or woman inserted into a people, which has a long history and which continues to journey until the Lord returns. It is a "history of grace, but also a history of sin"