



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**12th June 2016
11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**



OVERWHELMED!

It's difficult to put into words my gratitude to the parish for the wonderful celebration last Sunday to mark my 50 years as a priest.

The Thanksgiving Mass was wonderful in every way.

Visitors to the parish were quite overcome, as I was, with the way in which the liturgy was celebrated. It was a powerful experience.

The tremendous congregation then went along to the reception. The quality of that occasion was remarkable also. It was such a great credit to everyone who contributed to that in any way.

Then there was the amazing gift of a cheque that I received as well.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for that kindness.

It seems too little just to say 'thankyou' but I do hope you all realise my heartfelt appreciation.

Monsignor Turner.

SMILE LINES

Life in the Circus

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motor-home, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied, and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he fits in the cannon."

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Economy

The wife of a banker asked him why he seemed a bit down. He replied: "I'm a walking economy! My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression."

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DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The group's next meeting is on Monday 13 June, when its project in Sri Lanka (see church website) as well as its next one, future fundraising events etc will all be discussed. Please contact Julia Roche (01582 760295) if you would like to come - you will be very welcome. Between 11 May and 7 June,

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th June

10am Jim Duffy (RIP)

6pm Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

Sunday 12th June

08.30

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Elizabeth & Timothy O'Mahony (RIP) Anniv.

Monday 13th June ST.ANTHONY OF PADUA

09.15

Tuesday 14th June

09.15 Special Intention

Wednesday 15th June

09.15 Ruth Demleitner (RIP)

Thursday 16th June

11am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Friday 17th June

09.15

Saturday 18th June

10am

6pm Mary Taylor (RIP)

Sunday 19th June

08.30 People of the Parish

09.45 Ralph Langshaw (RIP)

11.30 Barbara Smith (RIP)

parishioners donated £75.70 in cash (to the box in the vestibule after weekend masses, as well as the wall safe at the back of church); while in the month of May, standing order donations came to £308. Thank you as ever for your generosity.