



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

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



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## Parish Office

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Every Sunday we recite the Creed and may possibly imagine that this is all there is to be said about Christian belief. But the creed only gets us to the starting point. There is nothing about loving God or our neighbour; there is nothing about the Kingdom of God. It is entirely unpoetic. It is also nothing like what we hear in the Gospel, which should tell us that the Gospel is the place to look for what we believe. What a difference it would make if instead of the Creed we had one of the parables each week. We would hear about grain in the fields, mustard seed, and Lebanon cedar trees in whose shade birds come and shelter. If the Kingdom is like this, it can be pictured in our minds in a way the Creed never can, which is why Jesus was so happy to preach this way. He is aware that not everyone will understand, because of their unwillingness to do so. “Listen, anyone who has ears to hear!” Of course we all think we have such ears and can hear. But to hear the parables is only a start. Trees and mustard seeds are not like the clauses in the Creed, only slowly yield up their mystery.

## **SMILE LINES**

### **Newspaper headlines where you know what they meant, but....!**

Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide.

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges.

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge.

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group.

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft.

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks..

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

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A small boy came home from the playground with a bloody nose, a black eye and torn clothing. It was obvious that he'd been in a fight and lost. While his father was patching him up, he asked his son what had happened.

'Well, Dad" said the boy, 'I challenged Toby to a duel and I even gave him his choice of weapons."

'OK' said the father, 'that seems fair.'

"I know, but I never thought he'd choose his big sister!"

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## **CONFESIONS**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 Intentions of IMH

6.00pm Intentions of Ruth & Kevin

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY**

8.30 Pamela Clegg (RIP)

9.45 Frank Taylor (RIP)

11.30 Intentions of Cormac Family

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15 Peter North (RIP)

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER**

9.15 John Dolan (RIP)

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15 Frank Meeson (RIP)

2.30 Funeral Mass - Pamela Clegg RIP

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

11.00 Intentions of Margaret Marriott

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June ST. ROMUALD**

9.15 Intentions of SH

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June ST. ALBAN**

10.00

6.00pm Intentions of Bridie Fox

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

08.30 Anna Mansfield (RIP)

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Peter Budd (RIP)

## **QUOTE - Pope Francis**

The Eucharist is a living sign of the love of Christ who humbled Himself. By participating in the Eucharist we are placed in a way that does not allow divisions. Christ present in our midst, the signs of bread and wine, requires that the power of love exceeds every tear, and at the same time it becomes communion with the poor, support of the weak, fraternal attention to those who are struggling to support the weight of everyday life