



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

21st June 2015

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



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If a miracle is seen as a kind of magic trick or an exercise of superpowers, we could be cynical about it. The devil tried to make Jesus turn stone into bread and he declined. In the Gospel passage today the disciples do not ask for a miracle in so many words but make a cry for help in somewhat self-pitying terms. Their appeal, and Jesus' rebuke, is in blunt language. How is it that you have no faith? This could mean that as Jesus was asleep and unafraid, there was no need for panic; Jesus wakes up and commands the sea and the wind, something which was seen as a measure of God's power but the disciples failed in trust of their master, and had thought him capable of letting them drown. The implication of their question Who can this be? is: someone who does things that only God can do. Can we not all expect to be rescued from shipwreck, then? No, this does not happen. All we can say is that if God commands the seas and the winds, if they kill us there is some deeper purpose and death is not 'the ultimate disaster.'

SMILE LINES

Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."

The light signals back: Change yours, ten degrees west"

Angry, the captain sends:

"I'm a Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."

Now the captain is furious,

"I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

There's one last reply:

"I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

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A husband phone the hospital to enquire about his pregnant wife, but his call accidentally went through to the local cricket ground. The husband asked, "How are things?"

The reply came, "Eight are out already and there could be

another one out any minute, and the four one was a duck."

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A very rich man died. He was famous for his collection of art treasures, antiques, and silver. After the funeral a journalist whispered to the vicar, "How much did he leave?"

"Everything," whispered the vicar.

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th June

10.00

6.00pm Intentions of Bridie Fox

Sunday 21st June

8.30 Anna Mansfield (RIP)

9.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Peter Budd (RIP)

Monday 22nd June SS. John Fisher & Thomas More

7.30am Private Intentions in Thanksgiving

Tuesday 23rd June

9.15 Martin Phelan (RIP)

2.00pm Funeral Mass for Lorraine Meeks RIP

Wed. 24th June Nativity of John the Baptist

9.15 Intentions Canon Robert Plourde

Thursday 25th June

11.00

Friday 26th June

9.15 People of the Parish

Sat. 27th June – St. John Southworth

10.00

6.00pm Helen Dixon (RIP)

Sunday 28th June ST. PETER & PAUL

08.30 Ellen Begley (RIP)

09.45 Peter Budd (RIP)

11.30 Thomas & Rosy Jose (RIP)

QUOTE – Pope Francis

To be touched with tenderness from His hand and shaped by His grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins, but with the certainty of being received by him in the name of God, and understood in spite of our miseries.

Coming out of the confessional, we will feel its strength that restores life and returns us to enthusiasm of faith. We have one real confessor, and He defends us always!"