



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

28th June 2015



FEAST OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

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Peter's faith was rewarded in a unique way - he became the Rock. Becoming Pope may not be a reasonable ambition for us, but we are all 'living stones' in the temple of the Church and we all, personally, have our place in supporting the edifice. Today there is another story of faith, involving a woman: the one who touched Jesus' cloak and was healed. Her impulsive action might have had mixed motives, but she wanted something from Jesus which she knew he could give. How she would have answered 'Who do you say I am?' and 'Do you love me?' we don't know, but after her encounter it would have been different: he had spoken to her directly, she was in a relationship with him. She had asked for something and he had given it - like Peter's prison door being opened. Paul as usual speaks for himself. He seems to boast of the crown he will receive, but he is boasting for God, for he knows that without God's power he would have achieved nothing. Pay it special attention; today is the only Sunday when one of the readings is written by someone whose feast day it is.

SMILE LINES

Making Friends Outside of Facebook

Currently, I am trying to make friends **outside of Facebook** whilst applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I go out on the street and tell a passer-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before, and what I will do afterwards;

I give them pictures of my meals, my partner, family, friends, my dogs, my garden, and 'selfies' of when I am pursuing my hobbies such as walking on the beach.

I also listen to their conversations, and I tell them that I love them. And wow, it really works.

Already I have 3 people following me:

2 police officers and a psychiatrist.

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Request

A clergyman phoned his rural dean. "I regret to have to inform you that my wife has just died. Could you please send me a substitute for the weekend?"

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With June weddings in mind "If we did become engaged would you give me a ring?" she said.

"Yes, of course!" he replied.

"What is your number?"

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th June

10.00 Private Intention (LW)

6.00pm Helen Dixon (RIP)

Sunday 28th June

8.30 Ellen Begley (RIP)

9.45 Peter Budd (RIP)

11.30 Thomas & Rosy Jose (RIP)

Monday 29th June

9.15 Intions Paul Hayes

Tuesday 30th June

9.15 Private Intention (LW)

Wednesday 1st July

9.15 Private Intention (LW)

Thursday 2nd July

11.00 Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 3rd July

9.15 Bill & Raynah Watson (RIP)

Saturday 4th July

10.00 Private Intention (RIP)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish In

Thanks From Bill & Mary Hammond

Sunday 5th July

08.30 Shaun Ryan (RIP) Anniv

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Frank Taylor (RIP) (MJ)

QUOTE - Pope Francis

Tomorrow, as you know, the encyclical on the care of the 'common home' that is creation will be published. This common 'home,' is being ruined and this hurts everyone, especially the most poor.

Therefore, I would like to launch an appeal to responsibility, based on the task which God gave to man in creation: 'to cultivate and protect' the 'garden' in which humanity has been placed."