



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

7th June 2015

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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We tend to shy away from talk of blood. In the readings today it is impossible to ignore; body occurs only once, but blood eight times, while the Psalm response concerns a cup. The first and second readings concern blood sacrifices - literal ones that involve bleeding corpses of animals put to the knife. This may all seem incredibly primitive to us; indeed, says that such practices are no longer needed since Christ gave his own blood as a sacrifice, once for all. We must never forget this death, this blood - in fact we proclaim it until he comes again. The drinking of the cup together is a powerful symbol of this. However, you can receive Christ in only one form, so it is not accurate to call the host the body and what is drunk the blood. Both are body-and-blood, otherwise we do not follow the saying in John 6:53, which we will hear on Sunday 20th August: if you do not eat the the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

SMILE LINES

I was in the ten item checkout at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout queue pushing a trolley piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the trolley and asked sweetly, "So which ten items would you like to buy?"

(Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?)

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Keep it short

The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So in conclusion..."

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Grace

The graduation banquet was about to begin when the master of ceremonies was informed that the invited clergyman would not be able to attend. He quickly asked the main speaker to give the blessing. The speaker nodded, rose, bowed his head and in all sincerity, said: "There being no clergyman present, let us thank God."

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th June

10.00 Intentions of VC

6.00pm Peter Vasquez (RIP)

Sunday 7th June The Body & Blood of Christ

8.30 People of the Parish

9.45 John Hermsen (RIP)

11.30 Alan Grovestock (RIP) Anniv.

Monday 8th June

9.15

Tuesday 9th June

9.15 People of the Parish

Wednesday 10th June

9.15 Margaret Foulds (RIP)

Thursday 11th June St. Barnabas, Apostle

11.00 Service of the Word

Friday 12th June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.15 Intentions of SH

Saturday 13th June

10.00 Intentions of IMH

6.00pm Intentions of Ruth & Kevin

Sunday 14th June

08.30 Pamela Clegg RIP

09.45 Frank Taylor (RIP)

11.30 Intentions of Cormac Family

QUOTE - Pope Francis

The attachment to riches, is the beginning of all kinds of corruption, everywhere, including those in one's personal life, politics, business, and even education. There is a mystery in the possession of wealth. Riches have the ability to seduce and make us believe that we are in a paradise on Earth. Instead, that paradise is a place without horizon.