



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

15th MARCH 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Like Hamlet, today's Liturgy of the Word is full of quotations. It is good that we recognise them: God so loved the world; by the waters of Babylon; you are God's work of art. The first reading is not so familiar, but it is not difficult to convey the significance of the Exile if people know the Psalm. Even King Cyrus could be mentioned as an important person we should know about. The destruction of the Temple with all its treasures recalls last week's Gospel. The feeling of 'exile' and rescue from it is extended as a metaphor through the second reading and Gospel; 'when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ', and 'God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved'. Shunning the light is a conscious choice; if we live by the truth, and prize Jerusalem above all our joys, we will live. God's love is infinite, even to sinners; being saved is a gift. But we must not forget Jerusalem.

SMILE LINES

Sermon

A priest, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the Mass. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the priest, "why didn't you do that before the Mass?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

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Heaven

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

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Did you know....

London, with a population of 8,000,000 is not a city; though the City of London with a population of 7,000 is.

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In 1251 Henry III was given a polar bear by the king of Norway. He kept it in the Tower of London on a long chain so it could swim in the Thames.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 14th March

10.00am Evelyn Lagrue (RIP) Rec. Dec.

6.00pm Ints. Fr. Bernard Hughes

Sunday 15th March Fourth of Lent

8.30am Ints. Julie Ford

9.45am Con Cronin (RIP) Anniv.

11.30am Evelyne O'Brien (RIP) Rec. Dec.

Monday 16th March

9.15am Sarah Sherwood (RIP) Rec. Dec.

Tuesday 17th March

9.15am Con Cronin (RIP) Anniv.

Wednesday 18th March

9.15am Frank & Kathleen Bradley (RIP) Anniv.

Thursday 19th March

11am Intentions of HS

Friday 20th March

9.15am Bill & Mary Hammond Ints.

Saturday 21st March

10.00am Loretta Hardy (RIP) Anniv.

6.00pm Jimmy & Anne Brophy (RIP)

Sunday 22nd March Fifth of Lent

8.30am Bill & Raynah Watson (RIP)

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Loretta Hardy (RIP) Anniv. +
Rosa Crisantemi (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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

QUOTE

"I urge everyone to reject violence and respect the dignity of every person and the sanctity of human life."

"I encourage you, to take a journey together for the good of the country, opening spaces for encounter and sincere and constructive dialogue."

Pope Francis