



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

1st March 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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The story of Abraham and Isaac has troubling implications, but familiarity can mask these. God asks for a human sacrifice, and the father of the victim shows a willingness to obey? 'Sacrifice' in a Christian context means Christ, but he went willingly to his own death, and this story is surely one about faith. Abraham was ready to see everything that he had hoped for destroyed, trusting in God that there was a reason for it. In the outcome, God showed once and for all that he was different from other gods. Abraham really became 'our father in faith' as the fragile human thread of salvation comes through him. Abraham sees the ram and hears the command to kill it. Compare this with the Word of God today where we hear that 'God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all.' In the Gospel, Mark's account of the Transfiguration includes the discussion about 'rising from the dead'. We ourselves should discuss this too, unless we are 100% sure what it means. Today is a rehearsal for Easter. Peter wants to preserve the moment, but there is a death to go through.

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SMILE LINES

Don't interrupt!

Sir Winston Churchill rehearsed his speeches at every opportunity. A true story about him relates how one morning, when Sir Winston was in his bath tub, his valet heard his voice above the splashing. Opening the door, he asked; "Were you speaking to me, sir?" "Not at all," Churchill replied, annoyed at the interruption. "I was addressing the House of Commons."

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Hard to find

Vicar's wife: I'd like to open a joint account.
Bank staff: With your husband?
Vicar's wife: Heavens, no. With someone who has some money!

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Noah had problems too

When Noah sailed the waters blue, he had his troubles same as you. For forty days he drove the Ark before he found a place to park.

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CONFESSIONS

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Noah James Dunne, son of Andrew & Emma, and Louis George Lynch, son of Anthony & Natasha, whom we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish them and their families every

blessing as they start their new lives in Christ.

QUOTE

"The Lenten desert helps us to say no to worldliness, to the 'idols', it helps us to make courageous choices in accordance with the Gospel and to strengthen solidarity among the brothers." - Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th February

10.00am Intentions of Aoife Morris
6.00pm Maria Au Yeung (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 1st March SECOND OF LENT

8.30am Kathleen Doyle (RIP)
9.45am Intentions of Margaret Marriot
11.30am Patricia & Patrick Scanlon (RIP) Anniv.

Monday 2nd March

10.30am Funeral Mass –
Sarah Sherwood RIP

Tuesday 3rd March

9.15am Dennis Francis (RIP) Anniv.

Wednesday 4th March

9.15am Teresa Kelly (RIP) Anniv.

Thursday 5th March

11.00am Deceased Loved Ones of Families
at St. Dominic School

Friday 6th March

9.15am Mass of Thanksgiving (HS)

Saturday 7th March

10.00am Margaret McAlear (RIP) Anniv.
6.00pm Kevin Keogh (Special Int)

Sunday 8th March THIRD OF LENT

8.30am Laura Larkin (RIP) Anniv.
9.45am People of the Parish
11.30am Luke and Mary Foster (RIP) Anniv.