



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**27th March 2016
EASTER SUNDAY**

ALLELUIA!



Many people saw Jesus die. No-one saw him-rise again, and only the eyes of faith can sustain us in our belief that he overcame death. In the Gospel this morning, the voice of Jesus is not heard. Mary of Magdala is as one of the first to see the empty tomb, but she does not know what

it means: she only thinks Jesus has been taken away, but she is the first to see the Lord. Peter doesn't understand either; it is only the beloved disciple who realises what 'rising from the dead' means, and presumably tells the others. Nevertheless Peter is seen preaching as a witness to the risen Christ - he has 'eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.' If we feel bereft - they have taken the Lord away - we can learn from the reactions of the people who were there, and follow their journey to faith, through amazement and fear to joy. We too have eaten and drunk with Jesus.; we do it at every Mass.

SMILE LINES

Kisses

A husband and wife go to a counselor after 15 years of marriage. The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 15 years they've been married. She goes on and on and on. Finally, the counselor gets up, goes around the desk, embraces the woman and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze. The counselor turns to the husband and says "that is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do that?"

The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can get her here Monday and Wednesday.....but Friday I play golf."

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Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

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Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 26th March

8.00pm Denis Mann (RIP)

Sunday 27th March EASTER SUNDAY

8.30am Mary Corr (RIP) Rec. Dec.

9.45am Intentions of Sr. Amy

11.30am Mary Taylor (RIP)

Monday 28th March of Easter Week

10.00am Intentions of Sr. Nora

Tuesday 29th March of Easter Week

9.15am Intentions of Sr. Regina

Wednesday 30th March of Easter Week

9.15am Special Intention (RH)

Thursday 31st March of Easter Week

11.00am Service of the Word

with Holy Communion

Friday 1st April of Easter Week

9.15am Edmund Chiu (RIP) Anniv.

Saturday 2nd April

10.00am Intentions of Eleanor Coombs

6.00pm Maria Pia Milo Villagrazia (RIP)

Sunday 3rd April SECOND OF EASTER

8.30am Jimmy Fennell (RIP) Rec. Dec.

9.45am Dora O'Mahoney (RIP) Rec. Dec.

11.30am Ralph Langshaw (RIP)

POPE FRANCIS

The enemy of God and man, the devil, can do nothing against the Gospel, against the humble strength of prayer and of the Sacraments, but he can do much harm to the Church by tempting our humanity. He causes presumption, judgment on others, closures, divisions. He, himself, is 'the divider' and he often begins by making us believe that we are good, perhaps better than others: thus the terrain is ready to sow darnel. It is the temptation of all communities and it can insinuate itself also in the most beautiful charisms of the Church.