



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

8th March 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus summarises the last few commandments and says that even in those who observe these there is something lacking. But for all the perceived severity in the Ten Commandments, their observance will produce happiness and peace, and God will show kindness to thousands of those “who love me and keep my commandments”. This happiness is sung in the Psalm, and in the Second Reading. The ‘foolishness’ of God is said to be wiser than human wisdom. It also has something to say about people who demand miracles and signs. This recurs in the Gospel, when Jesus gives an answer to the demand for a sign which is incomprehensible to anyone the other side of the Resurrection. He also gives to us who have plenty of signs.

SMILE LINES

Out West

A devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later a cow walked up carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward, and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside the cover."

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For MPs only

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and a member of parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite." The vicar began to protest that this was unfair. "Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen."

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Dial

They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now.

You call up and it rings and rings but nobody answers.

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th March

10.00am Margaret McAlear(RIP) Anniv.

6.00pm Kevin Keogh (Spec. Int)

Sunday 8th March Third of Lent

8.30am Laura Larkin (RIP) Anniv.

9.45am People of the Parish

11.30am Luke & Mary Foster (RIP) Anniv.

Monday 9th March

9.15am Intentions of CB

Tuesday 10th March

9.15am Margaret Foulds (RIP)

Wednesday 11th March

9.15am Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

Thursday 12th March

11.00am **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Friday 13th March

9.15am Isabel Woodhead (RIP)

Saturday 14th March

10.00am Evelyn Lagrue (RIP).

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)

QUOTE

Not only are we to welcome and reinstate with evangelical courage all those who knock at our door, but to go out and seek, fearlessly and without prejudice, those who are distant, freely sharing what we ourselves freely received. We will not find the Lord unless we truly accept the marginalized. May we always have before us the image of Saint Francis, who was unafraid to embrace the leper and to accept every kind of outcast. Pope Francis