



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

15<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
PENTECOST SUNDAY



***THEY  
WERE ALL  
FILLED  
WITH THE  
HOLY  
SPIRIT***

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There has to have been a moment at which the Church came into existence; it was when the Apostles became aware of the Spirit, who had been working, unknown, since the beginning of creation, as a gift of God. This may not have been fifty days after the Resurrection, as Luke describes it; John's Gospel puts the gift of the Spirit on Easter day. It doesn't matter. We tend to divide God up according to a historical sequence: a bearded patriarch, a baby boy, a dove. But the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are eternal, before even creation began, and humanity has always lived in the Trinity. Eastertide is brought to an end today, but Christ will always be risen, the Father will always be filling the earth with riches, and it is the Spirit that empowers us to say both of these things (including 'Come, Holy Spirit' at any time). The Tongues of Fire event was a passing aspect of Pentecost. It is what followed that, the gift of speech to preach the message, which is the enduring fruit of the Spirit. See what is said there about Love. This is one of the gifts of the Spirit.

## SMILE LINES

A man bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it by his front gate and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.'

For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal.

So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale £25.'

The next day someone stole it!\*

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While looking at a house, my brother asked the Estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. The agent asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?'

My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for some time.

The Agent shook their head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....'

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While working at a pizza bar I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.'

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## CONFESSIONS

**Saturday: 10.30am and 7.00pm.**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am** Private Intention

**6pm** Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**08.30** Ursula Parrot (RIP) Anniv

**09.45** Raynah Watson (RIP)

**11.30** Michael McCloskey (RIP)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**09.15** Private Intention

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**09.15** Phil Tuffin (RIP) Rec Dec

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**09.15** Special Intention (PH)

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**09.15** Special Intention (PH)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**11am** Service of the Word  
with Holy Communion

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**09.15** Intentions of HS

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**10am** Special Intention

**6pm** Vivienne Bradley (RIP) Anniv

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May THE HOLY TRINITY**

**08.30** Peter McCann (RIP) Rec Dec

**09.45** People of the Parish

**11.30** Ralph Langshaw (RIP)

## DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Over the month to 11 May, parishioners donated £83.75 in cash (to the box in the vestibule after weekend masses, as well as the wall safe at the back of church). In addition, they gave £312 in standing orders in the month of April. Thank you all for your generosity.