



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

22nd May 2016
THE HOLY TRINITY



***GLORY BE TO THE
FATHER, THE SON AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD
WHO WAS, WHO IS,
AND IS TO COME.***

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Do you think the Trinity is some kind of holy numerical item. If so, it shows how little attention we actually pay to what we say and do every Sunday. The sign of the cross? The final blessing? The Creed? And in the church year, what is Christmas about? or Pentecost? on both days we dare to say Our Father. The fact is, the Trinity is in all our prayer, our singing and our thinking; and behind what we consciously do, the Father, Son and Spirit keep us in being whether we advert to their presence or not. Today's feast is a chance to give thanks to God for creating us, loving us and filling us with life. The Trinity is not a word used in the Bible, but everything we know of God is found there. The Hebrew scriptures do not talk about Christ, so the Gospels and the writings of the apostles burst on our consciousness like a blaze of light. In the face of God the Son we see the Father, and the Spirit is the vital spark of consciousness which allows us to see him, and know we are loved. These words are halting and inadequate, so we can do nothing better than to say Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, God who was, who is, and is to come.

SMILE LINES

Barbershop evangelism

There was a barber who felt he should share his faith with his customers more. So the next morning he decided: "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in for a shave. The barber sat him down and then fled to the back of the shop to pray. "God, please give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say. Amen." Then the barber approached the man with his razor knife in hand. "Right then, sir... I presume you are ready to die?"

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Hearing

A man went into a church and asked the vicar to pray for his hearing. Touched by his faith, the vicar agreed. "Kneel here," he began in a loud voice. The man knelt, and the vicar placed a hand on each ear and bellowed a prayer. "I hope that will help," he finally shouted.

"Well, I won't know for a while," the man replied. "It isn't until next month".

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Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st May

10am Special Intention

6pm Vivienne Bradley (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 22nd May THE HOLY TRINITY

08.30 Peter McCann (RIP) Rec. Dec.

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Ralph Langshaw (RIP)

Monday 23rd May

09.15 Intentions of HS

Tuesday 24th May

09.15 Denis Mann (RIP)

Wednesday 25th May

09.15 Special Intention

Thursday 26th May

11am Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Friday 27th May

09.15

Saturday 28th May

10am

6pm Geraldine Moran (RIP)

Sunday 29th May CORPUS CHRISTI

08.30 People of the Parish

09.45

11.30 Esther Jones (RIP)

QUOTE - Pope Francis

To Italian Football Players: Therefore, may the flavour of fraternity, of mutual respect, understanding and also forgiveness never fail among you. Make it so that the man is always in harmony with the athlete.. Always rediscover this, which makes the harmony between man and athlete grow. Be champions in sport, but, above all, champions in life!