



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

29<sup>th</sup> May 2015



***THE BODY  
AND BLOOD  
OF CHRIST***

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We give thanks for what we do every Sunday. The Mass encapsulates the whole of the story of God and humankind, the whole of Scripture. Today we have: a mysterious story from Genesis, about a priest-king of Jerusalem who, at the end of a series of local wars in which God's favoured Abraham, brought him a feast and a blessing. It is so emblematic of the Mass that it has been a prized text for Christians. Next we have a passage from Paul which is also the second reading on Maundy Thursday, of which today is the counterpart outside Lent. It is the oldest account in Scripture of the origin of the Mass in the words and actions of Jesus at the supper. Finally the Gospel shows the lengths to which God will go to feed his hungry people, by feeding five thousand men (with women and children, maybe double that number) with a small amount of bread and fish which somehow went round everybody. This was something that God does not do every day; it is a sign of something far greater which happens among us every time we gather to remember, and say the Lord's words over ordinary food and drink as he commanded us.

## SMILE LINES

### UP FROM THE COUNTRY

The old lady, on her first visit to the city, had arrived at the hotel; but she was protesting loudly to the porter.

"I won't have this room", she shouted. "I'm not going to pay good money for a pigsty with a measly little folding bed in it.

Just because I'm from the country you think I don't know any better".

"Look", said the porter, "just get in, will you. This isn't your room. This is the lift".

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### DOGGEREL

The caller hesitated by, the garden gate, apprehensive about a rather vicious looking dog.

"Don't be afraid of him", the owner said reassuringly.

"You know the old proverb - A barking dog never bites".

"Yes", replied the caller. "You know the proverb and I know the proverb, but does the dog know the proverb?"

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### FISHY TALE

The gamekeeper watched from a distance as a boy arrived at the bank of the river, set up his fishing rod, carefully fixed a worm to the hook, then cast off. Then the game-keeper approached.

"Can't you read, boy?", he demanded.

"That sign clearly says **NO FISHING**".

"But I'm not fishing", protested the boy, "I'm teaching my worm to swim".

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 28th May

**10am** Joan Gaire (RIP)

**6pm** Geraldine Moran (RIP)

### Sunday 29th May

**08.30** People of the Parish

**09.45** Josephine O'Brien (RIP)

**11.30** Esther Jones (RIP)

### Monday 30th May **BANK HOLIDAY**

**09.15** Intentions of HS

### Tuesday 31st May

**09.15** Intentions of PH

### Wednesday 1st June **THE VISITATION**

**09.15** Olive MacKay (RIP)

### Thursday 2nd June

**11am** Private Intention

### Friday 3rd June **THE SACRED HEART**

**09.15** Robert Dare (RIP)

### Saturday 4th June

**10am** People of the Parish

**6pm** Pamela Clegg (RIP) Anniv.

### Sunday 5th June

**08.30** Josephine O'Brien (RIP)

**09.45** Lorraine Meeks (RIP) Anniv.

**11.30** Joan Gaire (RIP)

**4.00** Monsignor Turner Jubilee Mass

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Governing Body of St Dominic Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a dedicated caretaker who will be willing to work flexibly and professionally to meet the school's needs Start Date: 27 June 2016. Hours: 4:15-6:15pm , Monday to Friday, with occasional additional hours. Job description and application forms, please contact the school office on 01582 760047