



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

31st May 2015
TRINITY SUNDAY



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The point of using the non-biblical word 'Trinity' is that the New Testament is full of language which talks of Abba, Father; the Spirit; and Jesus the Son. After the Resurrection the disciples fall down before him - though some, like Thomas, hesitate. Jesus is now worthy of worship, no longer appearing to them as simply a man. The trinitarian words Jesus uses are found only here in the Bible. The Second Reading shows how this language actually relates to how God works in us: we are co-heirs with Christ, sharing in his glory; and, like the Son, we are filled with the Spirit and empowered to cry out Abba Father. And the picture isn't complete until we put ourselves in the picture as well. We cannot imagine God alone; all we know is God and humankind, 'all that the Lord your God did for you' as the Reading says. We only know God, and can only know God, as the kind and loving creator.- this is expressed in the Psalm response. And we are eternal, like God, who will be with us to the end of time, and beyond.

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Open Mon, Tues,
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9.30am – 12.30pm

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SMILE LINES

A vicar was leaving his parish and paid a farewell visit to an elderly parishioner. The old man shook the vicar's hand warmly. "Your successor won't be as good as you," he assured him. "Nonsense," said the vicar, flattered.

"No really," said the parishioner. "I've been here under five vicars, and each one has been worse than the last."

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The prison chaplain shook hands solemnly with one of the prisoners. After enquiring about his health and his family, he concluded, "I hope I will never see you here again, Kenny." "Father," replied Kenny, with absolute conviction, "anyone who has heard you preach will not want to come here again."

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A woman was infuriated by her husband constantly leaving his socks on the floor. When he reminded her of Christ's teaching to "forgive seventy times seven," she replied, "Well just wait until the four hundred and ninety first time you do it, then."

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A bishop visited a church in his diocese. Only three people turned up for the ceremony. He asked the Parish Priest, "did you advertise my visit?" "No," replied the Parish Priest but the word seems to have got round."

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 30th May

6.00pm Margaret Gross (RIP)

Sunday 31st May

08.30 Intentions of Teresa Ryan

09.45 Private Intention

11.30 Intentions of PR

Monday 1st June

09.15 Pdraig Nevin (RIP)

Tuesday 2nd June

11.00 Service of the Word

Wed. 3rd June –St.Charles Lwanga & Comps

09.15 Bill & Raynah Watson

Thursday 4th June

11.00 Service of the Word

Friday 5th June St. Boniface

09.15 Intentions of AS

Saturday 6th June

10.00 Intentions of VC

18.00 Peter Vasquez (RIP)

Sunday 7th June

08.30

09.45 John Hermsen (RIP)

11.30 Alan Grovestock (RIP) Anniv

CONFESSIONS

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

QUOTE - Pope Francis

The world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin. There are many ways one can close oneself off to the Holy Spirit: by selfishness for one's own gain.