



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

8<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
SUNDAY of EASTER



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The Ascension from the mountain on the fortieth day is marked on this Feastday . The end of John's Gospel we have heard recently. Forty days is a symbolic number, associated with Jesus' temptation; most likely it is used to represent the testing of the disciples, who do not start preaching in Jesus's name until he has left them and sent the Holy Spirit. And yet it is not the manner of Jesus' departure which should detain us, otherwise we are liable to be rebuked like the apostles: *Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky?* These words are only in Acts; and it is worth noting the differences between this account and the Gospel, which concludes with the disciples *worshipping* Jesus, something not said before, in other words a culmination. Luke ends, too, in the Temple, where it began. Does Christ's departure leave us with the Real Absence? No, we should not stand looking up to the sky; Christ is in us and around us.

## SMILE LINES

This happened to an Englishman in France who was totally drunk. The French Policeman stops his car and asks the gentleman if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his Daughter got married in the morning to a French man, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception and a quite few glasses of single malt thereafter.

Quite upset, the Policeman proceeds to breath test him and asks the Englishman if he knows under French Law why he has just been arrested.

The Englishman answers With humour: No! Do you know that this is a British car and that my wife is the driver...on the other side?

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### Revival families

After the local mission outreach had concluded, the three ministers were discussing the results with one another. The Methodist minister said, "The mission worked out great for us! We gained four new families."

The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families."

The Anglican priest said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our 10 biggest trouble makers!"

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

10am Sr. Marie-Henry's Intention

6pm John Cheevers (RIP)

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May THE ASCENSION

8.30 Rita Haines (RIP)

09.45 Imola Naldin (RIP) Anniv.

11.30 Thomas & Edith Dare (RIP)

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

09.15 Intentions of T&MB

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

09.15 Marguerite Foulds (RIP)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

09.15 Sr. Brenda (Ints)

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

11.00am Service of the Word with  
Holy Communion

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

09.15 Sr. Stephany Thiel O.P.

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

10am Private Intention

6pm Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May ST. MATTHIAS

08.30 Ursula Parrot (RIP) Anniv.

09.45 Raynah Watson (RIP)

11.30 Michael McCloskey (RIP)

## SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH:

### A BIBLICAL MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP

A basic bible study programme for everyone. Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016: Paul The Missionary Disciple by Fr. John Hemer 7-8pm Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016: Retreat Day by Brian Purfield 10am-2pm - Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, London, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £4 per person. For further information visit [rcdow.org.uk/events](http://rcdow.org.uk/events) or contact [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7931 6078.