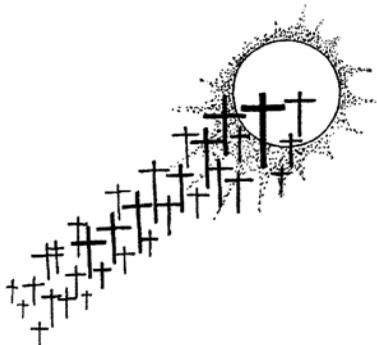




Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

1st November 2015
THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



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We know little about most of the saints - especially many of the recently created ones. This is the day to assuage any anxiety this creates: we can think of them all at once. We can also think of what saints *are*. Why are so many of them priests and nuns from other countries - no European housewives, for instance? Well, saints who have failed to be canonized walked and walk the earth; they are people who cherish the word of the Lord and keep their hearts open to it. This is the vocation to which we are all called. Next week we hear the story of the widow's mite; giving all she has, she is to be numbered with the saints. The Saints are our fellow-Christians: the Church spans the grave. So we can ask them for help as we would other fellow-Christians. The glory is the Lord's; if the saints thought we were being idolatrous they would not listen to us. The Beatitudes are a summary of the way they led their lives, simple enough for us to remember and even to live by.

SMILE LINES

Life and death

The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment. In the course of the sermon, he said: "Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die." At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly.

After the service the vicar demanded sternly why he had found such a serious subject so funny? The man explained: "I was just happy, because I don't live in this parish."

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Arriving home to find that her house had been robbed, a woman called the police and insisted they send a patrol car over straight away.

'I'm afraid the only car we have in your area at the moment' said the receptionist, 'is a canine car.' 'I don't care' shouted the woman. 'just send him over!'

A few minutes later the police car pulled up, but when the woman saw the officer get out with his German shepherd, she wailed, 'Just my luck! My house gets robbed and they send me a blind policeman!'

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

After 10.00am Mass

After 6.00pm Mass

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 31st October

10.00

6.00pm Mike Brien (RIP)

Sunday 1st November

08.30 Desmond White (RIP)

09.45 Henry Turner (RIP) Anniv.

11.30 Jean Eldred (RIP)

Monday 2nd November

09.15 Intentions of Paul Hayes

Tuesday 3rd November

09.15 Bill & Raynah Watson (RIP)

Wednesday 4th November

09.15 Jacqueline Baird (RIP) Anniv.

Thursday 5th November

11.00 Service of the Word

Friday 6th November

09.15 Rita Haines (RIP) Anniv.

Saturday 7th November

10.00 Jim Monaghan (RIP) Anniv.

6.00pm Greg Jephcott (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 1st November

08.30 Mike Brien (RIP)

09.45 Ints. of Bill Connolly & family

11.30 David Chandler (RIP)

QUOTE - Pope Francis

"Times are changing and we Christians must change continually. We must change whilst remaining fixed to our faith in Jesus Christ, fixed to the truth of the Gospel but we must adapt our attitude continuously according to the signs of the times. We are free. We are free thanks to the gift of freedom given to us by Jesus Christ. But our job is to look at what is happening within us, discern our feelings, our thoughts and what is happening around us and discern the signs of the times – through silence, reflection and prayer."