



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

6th November 2016

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are, not unusually, trying to trap Jesus using a slightly exaggerated and absurd case study. They have no faith in the resurrection and therefore do not grasp that in a place of peace, justice and freedom, people cannot be 'owned' or 'given'. We should not be too preoccupied with questions like theirs: 'Whose wife will she be?' 'Will I look old?' 'Will I have a body?' Questions like these ignore the radical freshness of the Kingdom of God.

We are all 'children of this world' who are called to be 'children of the resurrection'. You might recall today someone who has passed away, but who is very much alive because of their influence on people, their generosity and kindness and the difference they made to those around them. They are 'children of the resurrection'. They make huge sacrifices for the liberation of people around them, for those who need healing or are oppressed in any way. They 'cannot die' even though they, like Jesus, can be condemned by society.

An ancient writer says: 'You were born a child of light's wonderful secret – you return to the beauty you have always been.'

From a reflection in Intercom by Jane Mellett

FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to all of you who have answered my request for volunteers. The response has been overwhelming. It may thus take a little while before you are contacted by our manager, Emma. However if time goes by and you haven't heard anything do please feel free to contact me again.

To those who have made enquiries I shan't pass on your details until you have authorised me to do. Once you have received my description of the work involved do let me know if you are interested.

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MULTI CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP

The Christmas card shop is open now until 17th December at Harpenden United Reform Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden.
Mon - Fri 9.30am-4.30pm.
Sat 9.30am-3.30pm.

CRAFTED for CHRISTMAS

Celebrate Christmas with the Harpenden Evening Floral Group with a Flower Arranging Demonstration by International Demonstrator Jonathan Moseley (as featured on the BBC's Allotment). Harpenden Public Halls, Thursday 10th Nov 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £15, include wine and mince pies. Tickets & Enquiries to 01582 761277 or 712395.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th November

10.00am Special Intention

6.00pm Tom Keenan (RIP) rec.dec.

Sunday 6th November

8.30am Celene McLaughlin (RIP)
Anniv.

9.45am John Whitelaw (RIP) rec.dec.

11.30am Elizabeth Wang (RIP)

Monday 7th November

12 noon FUNERAL MASS

Susan Jennings (RIP)

Tuesday 8th November

9.15am Bernard, Mary & Valerie
McGarry (RIP)

Wednesday 9th November

9.15am The Holy Souls

Thursday 10th November

11.00am Margaret Fouldes (RIP)

Friday 11th November

9.15am Service of the Word

with Holy Communion

Saturday 12th November

10.00am Bernard Dunne (RIP) rec.dec.

6.00pm Michael Holmes (RIP) &
Martin King (RIP) Annivs.

Sunday 13th November

8.30am Graham Palgrave (RIP) Anniv.

9.45am Tony Mileham (RIP) Anniv.

11.30am Paul Murphy (RIP) Anniv.

CONFESSIONS

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