



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

8th November 2015
32nd SUNDAY of the YEAR



**WE WILL
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10.45am at the
war memorial
today

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Time after time various groups of people try to find a reason to entrap Jesus, including the Scribes, lawyers who among other things would administer the property of widows and - if unscrupulous - swallow it up in fees. The widow in scriptural times was one of the most vulnerable members of society, without the protection of a man (along with orphans and the others named in the psalm.) To defraud them will bring the scribes a heavy sentence, Jesus says, in a higher court - an arena they would be familiar with. To contrast with the scribes a real widow is presented, but in her case she is utterly poor. Perhaps she had been defrauded by scribes. Like the widow in the first reading, who gave, she was prepared to give everything she had to live on, But unlike the one who gave Elijah food we are not told how she was rewarded, However, to be so commended by the Son of God would have assured her of a welcome into the Kingdom. Next Sunday we hear more about judgment, which will not go well for those who oppress the poor.

SMILE LINES

A driver was speeding along the motorway, safe in the knowledge that all the cars around him were also speeding. However, as they passed a speed camera, he was caught and pulled over.

As the policeman wrote out the ticket, the driver protested, 'I know I was exceeding the speed limit, but all the other cars round me were going just as fast. I don't think it's fair that I've been singled out.'

The policeman looked at him and asked, 'Ever been fishing?' 'Yes, said the driver, puzzled. The policeman grinned. 'Did you ever catch all the fish?'

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While trekking through the prehistoric jungle, an explorer found a huge dead dinosaur with a pigmy standing next to it. The explorer asked incredulously, 'Did you kill that?' 'Yes, said the pigmy. 'How the hell did a little fellow like you manage to kill a beast like that?' 'With my club," replied the pigmy. Amazed, the explorer asked, 'How big is your club?'

The pigmy said, 'There's about fifty of us.'

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Oil

A curate took his old car to the garage for an oil change. After the mechanic had briefly inspected under the bonnet he turned to the vicar: "If I were you vicar, I'd keep the oil and change the car."

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th November

10.00 Jim Monaghan (RIP) Anniv.

6.00pm Greg Jephcott (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 8th November

08.30 Mike Brien (RIP)

09.45 Bill Connolly & Family Intentions

11.30 David Chandler (RIP)

Monday 9th November

09.15 Joan & Michael McCarthy (RIP) Anniv.

Tuesday 10th November

09.15 Marguerite Foulds (RIP)

Wednesday 11th November

09.15 Private Intention

Thursday 12th November

11.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday 13th November

09.15 Ruth Moss Intentions

Saturday 14th November

10.00 Anthony Mileham (RIP) Anniv.

6.00pm Celene McLaughlin (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 15th November

08.30 Kathleen Doyle (RIP)

09.45 Rita Haines (RIP) Anniv.

11.30 Susann Byrne (RIP) Anniv.

QUOTE - Pope Francis

Perhaps we must ask: is it still possible to conceive of a society in which the resources reside in the hands of the few, and the least privileged must make do with the leftovers? The answer cannot be limited to good intentions, but must consist rather in 'social peace, the stability and security provided by a certain order which cannot be achieved without particular concern for distributive justice; whenever this is violated, violence always ensues.'