



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

11<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME

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For another Sunday Jesus teaches something which might, for some, be a ‘hard saying.’ It is a dilemma, presented in the first reading. Is wisdom or wealth more to be desired? ‘Wisdom,’ we would all piously reply if Father asked us from the pulpit today. But if he followed this, like Jesus, by saying ‘Right - so, sell everything you have and give the money to the poor’ there would be an awkward silence followed by some nervous laughs. The disciples were taken aback too, when Jesus went on to say ‘How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!’ and the message continues to puzzle the rich today. But ‘the word of God is something alive and active; ... it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit.’

These sayings of Jesus will not go away and, unless we have a very thick skin, will worry us until we do something about them, often when we see ‘the shortness of our life’ and wonder why we didn’t help the least of Christ’s brothers and sisters when we could have done. Acting against self-interest and sharing our wealth is always going to be a struggle. Let the very wealthy engage with the struggle if they want to. But we mustn’t judge anyone else unless we are prepared to take action ourselves.

## SMILE LINES

### In common

I was the supply teacher for a class that was learning about groups. In one exercise, pupils were asked to label a group of items according to their common characteristics. Pictured were onion rings, doughnuts, and party biscuits. The correct answer would have been that all the items have holes in the centre.

But one health-conscious boy pointed out: "All of those things contain too much cholesterol."

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### The gift

After the Sunday service the vicar stood by the door to greet the congregation as they left the church. Soon one of the younger children filed by. "Good morning, Jonathan," the vicar said, as the little boy reached out and handed him something.

"What's this?"

"Money," said the boy, with a big smile. "It's for you!" When the vicar protested in surprise, the little boy continued: "But I want you to have it. My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had, and I want to help you."

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### DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

16 September-5 October: cash donations came to £63.07, with Standing Order donations in calendar September as a whole amounting to £312. The DWG was able to donate

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

10.00 Margaret Foulds (RIP)

18.00 Maureen Burnham (RIP)

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

08.30 People of the Parish

09.45 Private Intention

11.30 Regina Ogba Ogah (RIP)

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

09.15 Paul Hayes Intentions

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

09.15 Intentions of Ruth & Kevin

### Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. St. Edward the Confessor

09.15 Bill & Raynah Watson (RIP)

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. St. Teresa of Jesus

11.00 Service of the Word and  
Holy Communion

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

09.15 Monsignor Canon Terence Keenan  
(RIP) Anniv

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. St. Ignatius of Antioch

10.00

6.00pm Giulio Borgatti (RIP) Anniv

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

08.30 Edwin Dixon (RIP)

09.45 Olivia Bell (RIP) Anniv.

11.30 Intentions of CR

£1,200 to its current project in a girls secondary school in South Sudan (more information on this is set out in the DWG section of the Parish website).

The aim is to find the remaining £3,800 that we committed to this project, over the next 3-4 months, helped by proceeds from the parish dance. Thank you for your generosity.

## CONFESSIONS

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