



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

18th October 2015
29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



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The Gospel features one of the vivid incidents that Mark abounds in - two of the 'inner circle' of the Twelve behaving in an immature manner. The story is only incidental to the main point which is the last sentence: the son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

In Isaiah in the first Reading . Here we can see where 'for many' comes from, in the controversial change in the words of consecration in the Missal: the Hebrew means 'for all', but the need for a literal translation of the Latin was allowed to override this. What we have today therefore is Jesus making another prophecy of the passion, and the disciples being obtuse. Note: the emphasis on being a servant (in fact, Jesus takes it one stage further: a slave.) There is violence and confusion in these readings; the Psalm by contrast breathes simple trust that the Lord will rescue our souls from death. Hebrews gives a post-resurrection perspective which was not available to the twelve with Jesus.

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SMILE LINES

Halloween costumes

My six-year-old son was excited about choosing his Halloween costume. "I'm going to be the Pope," he announced proudly. "But Ian, you can't be the Pope. You're not Catholic," I explained. "You're Church of England."

My son was silent for a few moments, while he considered his alternatives. "Well, is Dracula Church of England?"

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Right resting place

The new parish priest was a bit of an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move around the hymnbooks, the notice-sheets, the magazines, the guides, and most of the other portable things in his church, in search of the perfect place. From porch to display stand to table to sacristy to side chapel – round and round various things went, week by week.

After several months, a visitor approached a harassed minister of welcome before church one morning, and asked if he could tell her where the copies of the church guides were kept. "No, I'm sorry," he said wearily. "But if you just stand here a while, I'm sure you'll see them go by!"

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 17 October

10.00 The People of the Parish
6.00pm Giulio Borgatti (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 18 October

08.30 Edwin Dixon (RIP)
09.45 Olivia Bell (RIP) Anniv. 1yr
11.30 Intentions of CR

Monday 19 October

09.15 Robert Baird Jnr (RIP) Anniv
14.00 Funeral – Stella Bishop (RIP)

Tuesday 20 October

09.15 Patricia Grigg (RIP) Anniv 1yr

Wednesday 21 October

09.15 Brian Heaton (RIP) Rec. Dec.

Thursday 22 October

11.00 Service of the Word

Friday 23 October

11.00 Funeral – Mike Brien (RIP)

Saturday 24 October

10.00 Mike Brien (RIP)
6.00pm Jean Eldred (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 25 October

08.30 Francesco Rosetti (RIP) Rec. Dec
09.45 People of the Parish
11.30 Frank Flanagan (RIP) Anniv

QUOTE - Pope Francis

"I think of so many children that are hungry, abandoned, exploited, forced into the war, refused. It is painful to see images of children that are unhappy, looking lost, fleeing from poverty and conflicts. They are knocking on our doors and our hearts begging for help.

The Lord helps us not to be a 'fortress-society,' but a 'family-society,' which welcomes, with proper rules, but welcomes... Always welcomes... with love!"