



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

25th OCTOBER 2015
30th SUNDAY of the YEAR

LORD
THAT I
MAY SEE!



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Today happiness bursts out, with the Psalm response allowing us all to give expression to it. In both the first reading and the Psalm tears give way to joy. The healing miracles recently have as common features that the person healed is not named, and that he and the bystanders are bidden to be silent about their healing. Today not only do we hear the name of Bartimaeus but he cries out 'Son of David, have pity on me', the first time in the Gospel this name has been used. Finally, having been healed, Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the road. This too is significant. Before last week's passage it was said they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and immediately after today's comes the Palm Sunday gospel when they finally reach the city and Jesus's prophecy is fulfilled. He will be judged by the high priest - while himself being the real High Priest. The year is perceptibly drawing to an end, which is the theme of the beginning of Advent. Christmas cards are no doubt in the shops - Advent needs to be reinstated.

SMILE LINES

The new priest

The new priest was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated ring at the doorbell. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offertory envelope was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the reference, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."
Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

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Ghost stories

"I'm a great lover of ghost stories."
"So am I, pal. Let's shake."

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Lend

If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

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Lips

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

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TIME CHANGE

Please note that Mass on Tuesday will be at 8.30am. Mgr. Turner has to

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday 26 October

09.15

Tuesday 27 October

8.30am

Wednesday 28 October

09.15

Thursday 29 October

11.00 Service of the Word

Friday 30 October

09.15 People of the Parish

Saturday 31 October

10.00

6.00pm Mike Brien (RIP)

Sunday 1 November

08.30 Desmond White (RIP) Rec. Dec.

09.45 Henry Turner (RIP) Anniv.

11.30 Jean Eldred (RIP)

attend a meeting at Archbishop's House.

QUOTE - Pope Francis

One of the hardest things for all Christians to understand is the gratuitousness of salvation in Jesus Christ. Some of us have become too used to hearing that Jesus is the Son of God, who came to love, save, and die for us, to the extent that some prefer not to understand this truth. How many saints have been persecuted for defending love, the gratuitousness of salvation, the doctrine? Many saints.