



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

22nd October 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Most of us have been raised to believe that there are two sides to every issue. So often we hear the term ‘there are two sides to every story’ or ‘two sides of a coin’ but there is, in fact, a third. A story always has your version, their version, and the truth. When it comes to a coin, there is the head side, the tail side, and the edge of the coin! One side of the coin may represent a particular point of view; the other its opposite. However, if we just stand the coin on its edge, we can see both sides more clearly and, more often than not, a third way.

What a loaded question the Pharisees’ disciples and the Herodians asked Jesus. If Jesus said the taxes shouldn’t be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but then they could report him and have him arrested as a rebel. If he said they should be paid, he would have gained the support of the Herodians but almost certainly lost all support from his followers.

But Jesus did not come into the world to discuss Roman taxation, temporal revolutions or political action. Neither did he come to only see two sides of a coin! He neither endorses Caesar as divine sovereign (as the inscription on the coin indicates) nor does he discourage the paying of taxes. He simply reminds his questioners that these are worldly affairs in a worldly kingdom but there is another kingdom yet to come with a much higher authority. ‘Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.’

Parish Office
**Open Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday**
9.30am – 12.30pm

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THE ST ALBANS CREDIT UNION

Is celebrating 10 years in Harpenden. This is a not-for-profit community bank and a number of our parishioners are volunteers. If you are reading this, you may well think that credit unions are something for poor people. But keep reading. If you are a homeowner, the credit union can usually lend money for new bathrooms, double glazing, second hand cars and other purchases up to \$7,500, and can save you money compared with using credit cards or bank overdrafts. AND making 'good' loans will help us balance our risk so that we can fulfil our mission to help people on low incomes or on benefits. The credit union has a 'mini-office' at the High Street Methodist church on Saturdays from 10-12 or take a look at our website at www.stalbanscreditunion.co.uk

NB. Entries for the Newsletter must be sent into the office by Wednesday at the latest.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st October feria

10.00am Jean Eldred (RIP)

6.00pm Susan Jennings (RIP) 1st Anniv

Sunday 22nd October

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8.30am Maura Dunne (RIP)

9.45am The People of The Parish

11.30am The Borgeat Family (Special Intention)

Monday 23rd October feria

9.15am Jean Eldred (RIP)

Tuesday 24th October feria

9.15am Denis Mann (RIP)

Wednesday 25th October feria

9.15am Christy Cleary (RIP)

Thursday 26th October feria

11.00am Tom Burke (RIP)

Friday 27th October feria

9.15am Service of The Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 28th October Sts Simon & Jude

10.00am Gerald Woodruff (RIP)

6.00pm Greg Jephcott (RIP) Anniv

Sunday 29th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Maura Grimshaw (RIP)

9.45am People of The Parish

11.30am David Hammond (RIP)

CONFESSIONS

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