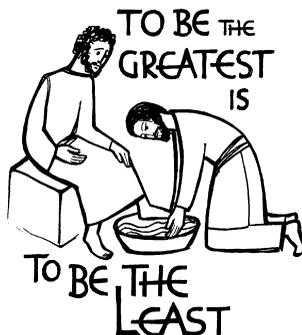




Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

20th September 2015
25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



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The disciples fail once more to understand. We should try to imagine what it must have been like to be in the company of the Son of God. We see everything from a privileged point of view - we know what the disciples did not, that Jesus would indeed rise again. In addition, the disciples are seen as sadly lacking in decorum as they argue about which of them is the greatest, something they are too ashamed to admit when asked. Jesus puts a child before them as an example of the kind of person they need to serve and care for. One hopes that child remembered the encounter and came to some good in later life. The reading from James today, about jealousy and ambition, seems tailor made to go with this part of the Gospel, whereas the first reading followed by the psalm are on the theme of the passion, from the point of view of a torturer. Read the whole chapter (Wisdom 2); there is lots more in the same vein as 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us.'

SMILE LINES

A pipe burst in a doctor's house. He called a plumber. The plumber arrived, unpacked his tools, did mysterious plumber-type things for a while, and handed the doctor a bill for £300.

The doctor exclaimed, "This is ridiculous! I don't even make that much as a doctor!"

The plumber quietly answered, "Neither did I when I was a doctor."

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Off to school

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

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As Party Conference season gets underway:

We pay a tremendous crime bill each year, but we do get a lot of crime for our money.

What this country needs is fewer people who know what this country needs.

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CONFESSIONS

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

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP (DWG)

12 August-15 September: cash donations (including from the wall safe at the back of church) amounted to £119.24. Standing order donations in August as a whole were £308, from

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 19th September

10.00 Intentions of HS

6.00pm Peter North (RIP) anniv.

Sunday 20th September 25th SUNDAY

08.30 Edwin Dixon (RIP) anniv.

09.45 People of the Parish

11.30 Private Intentions (EM)

Monday 21st September

9.15 Fabio Biagio Fonti (RIP)

Tuesday 22nd September

9.15 William Chiu (RIP) anniv.

Wednesday 23rd September

9.15 Isabel Woodhead (RIP)anniv.1yr

Thursday 24th September

11.00 Service of the Word

with Holy Communion

Friday 25th September

9.15 Intentions of Ruth & Kevin

Saturday 26th September

10.00

6.00pm Patricia Griffiths (RIP)anniv.1yr

Sunday 27th September

08.30

09.45

11.30 Dr Kevin White (RIP) rec. dec.

£306 in July, and will be bumped up further once gift aid is added to them.

We have £5,000 more to give to our current project - refurbishing a girls dormitory and building a sanitation block for a girls secondary school in South Sudan, to fully meet our commitment to provide £7,100 - see DWG section of the parish website for an update on the project. Our aim is to transfer a further £2-3000 over the next couple of months, supplementing this with the proceeds from the parish dance on 21 November. Please come!