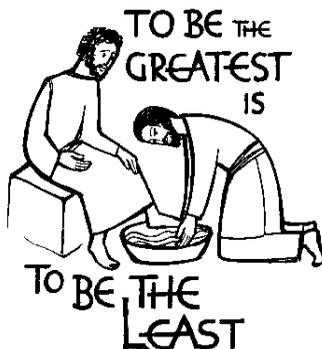




Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

27th September 2015
26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



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A variety of lessons to learn today. The first couple of verses of the Gospel are the reason for the story of Eldad and Medad from Numbers. The vaguely comic names ensure they are easy to remember, as the people who spoke up for God without an official warrant, and arouse indignation in others who think it is their job. This could happen today - we should think of examples. The Psalm is the familiar one about the happiness brought by obeying God's commandments; we might think of 'law' as dry and oppressive, so this is a viewpoint we have to get used to. It goes with the second half of the Gospel, which starts off by commending someone who gives you a cup of water because you bear the name of Christ (the connection with the first story), and then saying what will happen to people who do the opposite. This again leads into a series of drastic ways of avoiding hell fire. Tabloid papers condemn people to hell more readily than Christians nowadays - why should this be?

SMILE LINES

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?" Arthur said "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader and a great family man."

John commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher, and a servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives"

Paul said "I'd like them to say, look, he's moving!"

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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

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CONFESSIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 26th September

10.00 John Jako (RIP)

6.00pm Patricia Griffiths (RIP) Anniv.

Sunday 27th September 26th SUNDAY

08.30 Intentions of Michael Turner

09.45 Kay Cullen

11.30 Dr Kevin White (RIP)

Monday 28th September

9.15 Diane Clark (RIP) Anniv.

Tuesday 29th September

9.15 Bill & Raynah Watson (RIP)

Wednesday 30th September

9.15 Intentions of Paul Hayes

Thursday 1st October

11.00 **Service of the Word**

with Holy Communion

Friday 2nd October

9.15 Intentions of Mary Schulte

Saturday 3rd October

10.00 Bill Watson (RIP)

6.00pm Margaret Hughes (RIP)

Sunday 4th October

08.30 The People of the Parish

09.45 Intentions of Jocelyn Watson

11.30 Vincent Arana (RIP)

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to

Alec Duncan Charleston,

son of Douglas & Roxán and

Thomas Robert Fletcher Walsh, son

of William & Claire, both of whom we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism.

We wish them and their families every blessing as they begin their new life in Christ.