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10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 5TH JUNE 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Death is harsh. Death is final. We have no response but to weep over the loss of life. We readily identify with the grief of the widow in this Sunday's gospel. Her life was effectively over. Her only son's death was death for her. With the death of her son, the widow had lost her future as well as her present. By raising her son back to life Jesus restored possibilities and revealed God's promise concerning the future: death is not the end, but the beginning of the fullness of life God intends for us.

Our Christian journey is a constant opening of ourselves to new life that comes from God. We most often experience receiving this new life through others. Parents constantly encourage their little ones to try new things and grow in new directions. Teachers constantly seek to bring students in touch with the God-given gifts within them, stretching them beyond limits they tend to set for themselves. Friends constantly support and bring new understanding to one another. In such encounters Jesus himself comes to us with the words "get up" be alive! These encounters point to the end of our journey: the fullness of life God intends for us.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?
When those who do evil draw near,
they stumble and fall.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Response to Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 12:7-10. 13; Galatians 2:16. 19-21; Luke 7:36 - 8:3 (Gospel)

SALVE REGINA (HAIL, HOLY QUEEN)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve, to thee do we send
up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £804.34; Loose Plate: £467.50; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1781.84**

Mill End: Envelopes: £282.14; Loose Plate: £168.00; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £549.14**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of April amounted to **£1447.65**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Special Gift? Top-Up Offering? For Rickmansworth text: **Parish RICKM** to 70800; For Chorleywood text **Parish CHORL** to 70800; for Mill End text **Parish MILLE** to 70800. It's easy! To make a £5 Donation. It's Easy! Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 5TH JUNE	9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 6TH JUNE	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 7TH JUNE	7.30pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 8TH JUNE	11.00am	Funeral - Margaret Partridge RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 9TH JUNE	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 10TH JUNE	10.00am 2.45pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - David Goble RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Chilterns Crematorium
SAT 11TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 4TH JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</i>	10.00am Fr Anton Cowan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Patrick Meegan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE <i>10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Joan Marioni RIP	10.30am Joan Lombard RIP	9am Bertil Tyden RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 6TH JUNE	9.30am Fr Fred de L'Orme RIP	9.30am Michael Murphy RIP	
TUESDAY 7TH JUNE	9.30am Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP (Anniv.)		
WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE		9.30am James Clark (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 9TH JUNE	9.30am Theresa Green RIP		
FRIDAY 10TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
SATURDAY 11TH JUNE <i>ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE</i>	10.00am Wilson Netto RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Meg Cunningham RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr Anton Cowan RIP
SUNDAY 12TH JUNE <i>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Frank & Denise Waters RIP 11am Hannah Logan RIP 6pm Albert Kean RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener and Jeannine Simonds

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page, Joe Donnelly and John Conner.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Rita Garrett, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Tony and Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Jacob Stern, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard and Don Williamson.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

NEWLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM FLAT IN CHORLEYWOOD TO RENT

The flat above St John Fisher Church in Chorleywood is currently in the midst of being modernised and refurbished. This will be available to rent from mid July. If any parishioner is interested, please contact Siobhan Hoy on 01923 285659 for details.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Mark or Fr Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on Saturday 16 June at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

CAFOD - ETHIOPIA FOOD CRISIS APPEAL (11TH/12TH JUNE)

There is a serious food crisis in Ethiopia. Extreme weather shifts, part of the El Niño effect, mean severe drought has left millions of people in need of emergency food aid. 400,000 children are already suffering from malnutrition and we need to act now to prevent a far more terrible crisis. Please give to the collection next weekend for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response. And please pray for those who are suffering.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

In September we will be beginning the RCIA process for those adults who are considering becoming Roman Catholics and for those adult Catholics who, for one reason or another, never received the sacrament of Confirmation and now wish to complete their Christian initiation. Leaflets with information about the RCIA process are available at the back of the church. If you are interested in being a part of the RCIA process please complete the "About You" section on the leaflet and return it to Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

OLD PRESBYTERY, MILL END

If parishioners know of anyone who might be interested in renting the Old Presbytery (a three bedroomed semi-detached house on Berry Lane) they should contact Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION AWAY DAY

Please could all our newly-confirmed young people return their reply forms for the away day on 2nd July to the presbytery at Our Lady's by this Sunday so that transport can be arranged. Many thanks. *Fr. Mark*

DAVID GOBLE RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of David Goble, husband of Patricia (Paddy) Goble, a St John Fisher parishioner. We offer our deepest condolences to Paddy and her family at this sad and difficult time. There will be a service at Chilterns Crematorium on Friday 10th June at 2.45pm.

MARGARET PARTRIDGE RIP

The funeral of Margaret Partridge will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Wednesday 8th June at 11.00am. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – POSTPONED

The Day of Recollection has been re-scheduled with the Niland Centre for **Saturday 17th September**. I am delighted to say that Fr John Hemer will be able to join us that day. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. *Fr Shaun*

THREE PARISH BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 2ND JULY 7.30-11.30PM - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We urgently need volunteers to sell tickets after all Masses. Please get in touch with your parish coordinator if you can help, it will only take 10-15 minutes after each Mass and will make a huge difference to the success of the event.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of each church for any volunteers to help on the day or you can email us to offer your help. Thank you in advance for your support.

Tickets are now on sale! Please get in touch to reserve yours. £15 per adult and £5 per child which includes dancing with a professional caller, a hog roast (or veggie option) and lots of FUN! It will be in the St Joan of Arc school hall. We need to confirm numbers by 18th June so please sign up ASAP.

Parish Coordinators: St John Fisher – Elaine - elaineprice@me.com; St John the Evangelist – Natalie – cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk; Our Lady's – Laura – laura.sharp@live.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you :-)

CHESS VALLEY SVP

Is supporting the **Big Mile Walk** in Westminster on **Sunday 26th June (3-5pm)** to tackle poverty in London. Money raised will go to the SVP and CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network). To register and join the walk (£5 adult, £1 child) go to www.bigmile.org.uk

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

In June and July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2017. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2016 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Monday 11th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 16th July – St John the Evangelist Hall, Mill End – 10.30am to 11.30am

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

GENERAL NOTICES

FLOWER FESTIVAL TO MARK THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth. Friday 10th June 1-5pm, Saturday 11th June 10am-5pm and Sunday 12th June 1-5pm. Displays from local churches and organisations themed to link to the past 90 years. All welcome – entry free.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

NEWS FROM BROTHER ANTHONY ARMSTRONG, O.Carm

Brother Anthony Armstrong, a former parishioner here and now a Carmelite friar in USA will be ordained as a deacon in South Central Los Angeles at 2pm PT on Sunday 19th June. Anthony will be coming home to Rickmansworth, probably in early August, for a full two week trip. Please pray for Br. Anthony as he prepares for ordained ministry.

200 CLUB DRAW (MAY)

Congratulations to the following winners: Martin Brady (£58), Maureen Douglas (£43.50), Sallyann O'Dell (£29) and John Gibson (£14.50).

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (5TH JUNE)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for two or three people to join the team. The Sunday count takes place after the 11.00am Mass and takes approximately 30-45 minutes. With a full team you would only have to count every 7-8 weeks.

If you are able to join us, please contact Carol Bartlett on 01923 773841 or e-mail her at carolbart37@gmail.com.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

STAINED GLASS WINDOW – THANKSGIVING BOOK

Once May is over (and we are out of “1st Holy Communion season”) we will begin preparations for the Thanksgiving Book for the new stained glass window. We will produce a sheet for each pane sponsored and parishioners who have sponsored a pane will be able to write down the thanksgiving dedication that they wish to make. These dedications will then be typed up and displayed again so that any changes or corrections can be made before the pages are laminated and the thanksgiving book is produced.

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - FUNDRAISING

Declan Fagan completed the Velothon Wales in 5 hours. He and Mary would like to thank everyone who very generously sponsored Declan. If you have not already paid your sponsor money could you please see Mary or Geraldine Page as soon as possible. Thank you.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Bishop Paul McAleenan will join us at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 25th September to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the work of re-ordering the church. Please make a note in your diaries.

RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Weekday Masses will not resume until the end of June when the work on the refurbishment of the flat has been completed

1st COMMUNION BREAKFAST – SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

On Saturday 7th May, seven children of St John Fisher parish received their first Holy Communion in a special Mass at Our Lady's. We made the decision to delay their “1st Communion breakfast” until it can be celebrated back in the parish. This has now been scheduled for **Sunday 19th June**. All the children will attend the 9.00am Mass, which will be followed by a celebration for the children in the garden. We hope that you can join us for this special occasion. Assistance is needed to set up the tables and chairs in the garden before Mass; please let Elena McBride know if you can help.

PATRICIA RYAN RIP

The funeral of Patricia Ryan will take place at St Teresa of the Child Jesus Church, 22 Boniface Walk, Hatch End, HA3 6PU, on Tuesday 14th June at 10am. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Please could you bring your boxes to church on either of the next two weekends? 11/12 and 18/19 for the June collection. With thanks.

CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

In case those concerned didn't see the newsletter while the church was shut, I wanted to say a very big 'thank you' to Ann Brew, Anne Dennis, Toni D'Urso, Rosemary Ellis, Mary Fraser, Juliet Hale, Mary Latimer, Jennifer McEwen, Edith Moid, Ann and Martin Penn, Frankie Rich and Maggie Stacey for doing the house-to-house collection for Christian Aid this year in the various roads covered by St John Fisher. Your time and effort are really appreciated. *Maureen Foggo*

MASS DUTY ROTAS NOW ST JOHN FISHER HAS RE-OPENED

As indicated back in April, the current Mass duty rotas will re-commence from where we left off - please see the updated table below. *Maureen Foggo*

	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass		
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion
4/5 June	D Gibney	R Ellis	E Harris	J Hale	S Marston	AM Farnsworth
11/12 June	M Foggo	GF	E O'Sullivan	D Treanor	L Munro	E Price
18/19 June	J Ingham	M Foggo	M Latimer	A Opie	J Donohoe	F Holly
25/26 June	M Foggo	M Fields	C Johnson	M Calvert	J Hale	J McEwen
2/3 July	E O'Sullivan	T Hartney	P Goble	U Lean	H McGrath	J Hale
9/10 July	M Fields	S Hoy	E Harris	J Hale	M Calvert	L Turnbull
16/17 July	GF	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	D Treanor	D Treanor	AM Farnsworth
23/24 July	R Ellis	J Stratton	M Latimer	M Calvert	P Byrne	E Price