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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 12TH JUNE 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Sometimes everything and everyone must fit into our perception of things. The child might determine who and how someone else might play with his or her toys. The parent might insist that the house look a certain way. The friend might demand that choices always go his or her way. All of these behaviours create tensions that harm relationships. When these behaviours are left unchecked, love cannot grow.

Jesus looked beyond the sinfulness of the woman in today's gospel to see her great capacity for love, tenderness, and faith. In contrast, Simon and his guests clung to their self-righteous perception of things and their narrow judgement about the sinful woman. They fail to see who the woman is or even who Jesus is. They cannot accept Jesus' power to forgive because they cannot accept the woman as one who chooses to repent and seek forgiveness. Ultimately, they cannot embrace the love essential to enter the kingdom of God.

In today's gospel Jesus confronts Simon's self-righteousness and judgment about the woman. He also confronts us, when, for example, someone challenges our prejudicial behaviour, a friend shows how the outcome of a situation reveals we made some unloving choices, a spouse points out a tendency to be unforgiving toward others. In all these interactions Jesus is inviting us to embrace the love which establishes the kingdom of God among us.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10. 13

Response to Psalm: Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

2nd Reading: Galatians 2:16. 19-21

Gospel: Luke 7:36 - 8:3

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek: to live in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next Sunday's Readings

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1; Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24 (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: £521.54; Loose Plate: £368.70; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1400.24**

Mill End: Envelopes: £283.40; Loose Plate: £225.93; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £608.33**

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 12TH JUNE	12.45pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 13TH 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 14TH JUNE			
WED 15TH JUNE			
THU 16TH JUNE	11.00am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral - Ada Massey RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 17TH JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 18TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 11 TH JUNE <i>ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE</i>	10.00am Wilson Netto RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Meg Cunningham RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr Anton Cowan RIP
SUNDAY 12 TH 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
MONDAY 13TH JUNE <i>ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Fr Harry Hamill RIP	9.30am Annemarie Smith RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 14 TH JUNE	9.30am Private Intention		
WEDNESDAY 15 TH JUNE		9.30am James Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 16 TH JUNE	9.30am Fr Anton Cowan RIP		
FRIDAY 17 TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
SATURDAY 18 TH JUNE	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 19 TH JUNE <i>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Anne Stark (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Jean Walsh RIP	10.30am Kathleen Hedges RIP	9am Emma O'Brien RIP

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

ADA MASSEY RIP

The funeral of Ada Massey will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Thursday 16th June at 11am**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

DAVID GOBLE RIP

A Mass for the Repose of the Soul of David Goble, husband of Patricia (Paddy), will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 22nd June at 11am**. All friends are welcome to the service and a buffet lunch afterwards.

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 18 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 this weekend for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response (there are envelopes available at the back of the church if you would like to Gift Aid your donation). Please pray for those who are suffering.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 19th June** in St John's School Hall. Dinner is served at **12.30pm** NOT 12 noon as we have previously done. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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

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.

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 :-)

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.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TRANSFER: September 2017 and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you are new to the parish, have not been issued by us with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2017** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk and toilet rolls for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes are in the church porches. Thank you.

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.

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

GROWING IN FAITH –PARISH PROJECT FUNDS RECEIVED

We have now received the second tranche of the *Growing in Faith* parish project funds. This amounts to £2,214. We have already received £5,903 as the first tranche, making a total, so far, of £8,117. This money is being used to offset some of the cost of the recently completed re-ordering of the sanctuary. We are deeply grateful to all those parishioners who are so generously supporting the parish and the diocese through the *Growing in Faith* campaign.

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

GROWING IN FAITH –PARISH PROJECT FUNDS RECEIVED

We have now received the first tranche of the *Growing in Faith* Parish Project funds. This amounts to £6,107. This money is being used to offset some of the cost of the recently completed re-ordering of the church. We are deeply grateful to all those parishioners who are so generously supporting the parish and the diocese through the *Growing in Faith* campaign.

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES

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

DETONATE 2016

Detonate is a Christian Holiday Club run every year by volunteers from the Churches in Chorleywood for local children. It is held at Russell School and will be held from Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July. It relies on helpers from across the Christian community to do a wide range of jobs such as running activities, security at the site and being small group helpers. If you would like further information about this amazing event, would like to help, or wish to register your child, please visit the website www.detonate.org.uk or contact Anne Maria Farnsworth (amfarnsworth@yahoo.co.uk). Forms will also be available at church once it re-opens.

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
11/12 June	M Foggo	GF	E O'Sullivan	D Treanor	L Munro	E Price
18/19 June	J Ingham	M Foggo	M Latimer	U Lean	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	A Opie	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