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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 14TH JUNE 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our experience teaches us that seeds planted do not always produce a harvest. Weather patterns, soil conditions, and human labour are determinate factors. The growth of the kingdom of God, however, is assured because it rests on the power and promise of God: "As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do".

Jesus teaches in these parables that what is planted grows of its own accord following natural laws. This we understand from experience. The growth of the kingdom of God is assured because of Jesus' word and law of the Spirit. We do not always understand this, however. We come to understand only when we hear Jesus' word and make it our way of living – that is, by growing and bearing fruit.

The kingdom of God starts small – with each of us – but when we allow ourselves to grow in God's life, the kingdom becomes all encompassing. As the community of the church, we are able to respond to the needs of the entire world. As a parish community, we are able to reach out with help and goods to those in need. As individuals, we are able to embrace enemies as well as friends, strangers as well as family, those in need as well as those with plenty. In these ways we become living parables doing what God created us to do.

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Response to Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

1st Reading: Job 3:1. 8-11; **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; **Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £674.75; Loose Plate: £409.45; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1583.20**

Mill End: Envelopes: £321.55; Loose Plate: £180.43; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £595.73**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of May amounted to **£1968.42**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 14TH JUNE	12.00pm 12.30pm	Baptisms Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 15TH JUNE	10.00am - 11.45am 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 16TH JUNE	7.30pm	Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 17TH JUNE	7.30pm	SJF Music Group	St John Fisher
THU 18TH JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 19TH JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Daniel Wykes and Rebecca Clark 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 13 TH JUNE	10.00am Eileen O'Donoghue RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Stephen Birch (Ints.)
SUNDAY 14 TH JUNE <i>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am R. (Bob) Ryall RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Albert Kean RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Antoinette Moss (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 TH JUNE	9.30am Sheila Clasper RIP	9.30am Mary McLoughlin RIP	
TUESDAY 16 TH JUNE	9.30am Jane King Haughey (Ints.)		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JUNE		9.30am Olive Bridges RIP	
THURSDAY 18 TH JUNE	9.30am Marcella Mazurkiewicz RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 19 TH JUNE	9.30am Deceased relatives of the McGuinness Family		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SATURDAY 20 TH JUNE <i>ST ALBAN, MARTYR</i>	10.00am Tim McCarthy (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Private Intention
SUNDAY 21 ST JUNE <i>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Jean Walsh RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Una Bugler RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

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

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon and Frances Fairweather.

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, Paddy Holly and Thomas Gillies.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THE OPENING OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, MILL END

On Wednesday 1st July at 10.00am Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to St John's School, Mill End to celebrate a Mass to mark the 50th anniversary of its opening. The school would like to invite parishioners to join them for this special celebration and for tea and cake after the Mass. If you would like to attend please contact the school at admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk so that they can get an idea of likely numbers.

MARGARET (MEG) CUNNINGHAM RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Meg Cunningham, for many years a parishioner of St John the Evangelist's, Mill End. Meg's funeral will take place at **2.00pm on Friday 19th June at All Saints Catholic Church, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6HG**. There will be a **Memorial Mass** at St John's, Mill End at **11.00am on Monday 29th June** to be followed by a reception at the Halfway House. We commend Meg to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family and friends at this sad time and difficult time.

YOUTH WORKER PROJECT – 1st JULY 2015

Parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians and St John the Evangelist are invited to a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st July in Our Lady's Hall to continue the development of our plans for a Parish Youth Worker to work in the two parishes. The principal purpose of the evenings will be for the three "working parties" to feed-back on the work they have done in researching Youth Work provision in other parishes and in drawing up a job description that will meet our needs.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr. Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) on **Sunday 21st June** for a drink and a chat. Hopefully this will become a more regular opportunity for young adults in the parish to informally meet up.

GROWING IN FAITH - PARISH BULLETIN

The latest update bulletin showing the progress of the Growing in Faith campaigns in the three respective parishes are available for viewing on the appropriate parish noticeboards.

FR GRAHAM GILLMAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

This summer Fr Graham celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. To mark this special anniversary Fr Graham will be celebrating the **11am Mass on Sunday 28th June** at Our Lady's. Fr Graham has played an important part in the life of Our Lady's parish for many years and over the last 18 months or so has become a familiar figure at both St John Fisher, Chorleywood and St John, the Evangelist's, Mill End, where he has celebrated Masses when Fr Shaun or Fr Mark have been away. There will be a special collection for anyone who would like to contribute to a gift for Fr Graham to mark this important anniversary. Special envelopes are available this weekend marked **Fr Graham's 40th Anniversary Gift**. Any contributions should be either posted through the Presbytery letterbox or handed to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. Cheques should be made payable to **Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth**.

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.

FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

During June our Faith Matters Discussion Group will be reflecting on the following topics:

Tuesday 16th June – Proclaim '15: Learning to be a missionary disciple – sitting at the feet of Jesus

Tuesday 23rd June – Proclaim '15: Jesus is alive – go and tell my brothers

Tuesday 30th June – Proclaim '15: How can we be missionary disciples? Developing a plan of action

Proclaim '15 is an evangelisation initiative which has been launched to support, inspire and encourage new expressions of parish evangelisation. A project of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, it is designed to affirm the good work that is already being done by the Catholic community, and to provide resources and events to profile and develop new expressions of Catholic joy and missionary outreach. During June our Faith Matters Discussion group will be using some of the resources produced for the Proclaim '15 initiative. The meetings take place at 7.30pm at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End. All parishioners are warmly invited.

REGISTRATION FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

In June and July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in **2016**. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2015 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: **Saturday 27th June – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 2pm to 3pm; Monday 29th June – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5pm to 6pm; Wednesday 1st July – St John the Evangelist Church, Mill End – 5.30pm to 6.30pm.**

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, St John Fisher or St John the Evangelist 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. **First Communion preparation will continue to take place in the three parishes.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & CONSECRATION

This year there will be a Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration to St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, N10 5NU on **Saturday 18 July** led by Fr Gwil Lloyd from the Diocese of Birmingham. Usually this Pilgrimage takes place in Walsingham but this year it is to be at St. Mary's Chapel in the Cemetery grounds.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SUMMARY OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A summary of the matters discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 19th May is posted on the porch notice board. The summary can also be accessed from the Pastoral Council tab on the parish website. A few 'hard' copies are available at the back of the church for those without access to the internet.

FR GRAHAM'S ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

If you and your family would like to join in the celebration lunch with Fr Graham on June 28th after the 11am Mass, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. This will allow us calculate the amount of food to order. Please state your name and number of attendees. Alternatively email Adrian@justparkers.co.uk

CRECHE / CHILDREN'S LITURGY - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

Due to the set up of Fr Graham's lunch, there will be no Crèche/Children's liturgy during the 11.00am Mass on 28th June.

APF/RED MISSIO BOXES

Many members of our community have a Red Box in their homes. It's a way we support the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Thank you to everyone who is a Red Box member.

We're holding a special collection for those whose Red Box may not have been opened for a while. Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass over the coming weekends and we will empty it. If you have any questions, contact Maurice on 01923 774855. Visit missio.org.uk/RedBox for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF OUR LADY'S 200 CLUB

Would members of the parish 200 Club, who haven't already done so, please collect a very important letter from the back of church this weekend.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

I would be grateful if you could collect all your used postage stamps and put them in the collection box which is in the church porch. Thank you - Sheila Harrington.

MORNING PRAYER AT OUR LADY'S

Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated at **9.10am** at Our Lady's on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We encourage parishioners who will be attending the 9.30am Mass on those days to come along and take part. At first it can be a little confusing to find the correct pages in the breviary, but guidance is always given and the more regularly you join in the more familiar you will become with how the celebration of the Daily Office works.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

200 CLUB

Once again we invite you to be one of our 200 Club members. Existing members please collect your envelope from the Church porch. New members are always welcome. If your are not a member please do join. Forms are available from the porch. Everybody wins either tangibly through prize money or intangibly through a sense of belonging. Thank you.

PARISH PICNIC

We hope you all have the date in your diary, **Sunday 28th June** after the 10.30am Mass. We would ask that each family bring along a plate of savoury or sweet food that we can all enjoy. The Parish will provide the refreshments and some games for the children. If possible please bring the food into the hall before Mass that day. If you usually attend the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening please do still come along if you can as this is a Parish event. Let us pray for good weather. If you like any more information please see Geraldine Page at Mass or ring 776100. Thank you.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

VISIT OF CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS - TUESDAY 23 JUNE

This year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of our church in Chorleywood and the Cardinal is coming to celebrate a special Mass at 7.30pm on the eve of St John's feast day. After the Mass, everyone is invited to stay for drinks and a cake. We would like as many parishioners as possible to come on this special occasion.

PARISH BBQ - SUNDAY 19 JULY

Please put the date of our lunchtime Summer Barbecue in your diaries. This is our main social event for everyone in the parish. Further details will follow soon, with a 'sign-up' list on the noticeboard.

COUNTERS NEEDED

Unfortunately a couple of our counters have had to leave the rota recently and we need some volunteers to replace them. It's a simple process - it takes 20-30 minutes after Sunday Mass to count the collection and complete a short form. If you are able to help, or would like more information, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Carolyn Opie (opie.carolyn@gmail.com). Thank you

APF/RED MISSIO BOXES

Please would you bring your boxes to church on either of the next two weekends - 20th/21st or 27th/28th, for the June collection. Thank you very much.

	This Week 13 / 14 June				Next Week 20 / 21 June			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	R Ellis	J Wright	P Goble	Carolyn Opie	A Dennis	A Penn	E Harris	Denis Gibney
9am Mass	A Opie	M Williamson	L Turnbull	Peter Mackie	U Lean	A Opie	AM Farnsworth	Una Lean
14 June	Laundry: V Terrill			19 June Church Cleaning: M Calvert				