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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 25TH JUNE 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Christ does not promise his disciples an enticing style of life. He does assure them that persecution will be their lot. If the gospel is truly a force contesting evil in all its forms, then the Church cannot avoid the narrow gate of the paschal mystery, the cross which leads to glory. Identification with political power and financial power is an illusion. Even in the midst of persecution, the disciples have security in Christ, "Do not be afraid!" The apostolate is God's work and carries within itself the assurance of success. Only sin is to be feared. Persecutors can indeed kill the body, but our authentic life belongs to God who, like a father, watches over the smallest of his creatures. Martyrdom was once looked upon as a liturgical act: the martyr mounted the funeral-pyre as if an altar. The interrogation and agony were the occasion to proclaim one's faith in Christ before offering the sacrifice. The propagation of the gospel was well served by the martyr. The voices of these martyrs, inspired by a greater heroism, continue to be lifted up to heaven. On the last day, Christ himself will offer their witness to his Father.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Response to Psalm: In your great love, answer me, O God.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16; Romans 6:3-4. 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £449.86; Loose Plate: £309.41; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1269.27**

Mill End: Envelopes: £282.50; Loose Plate: £182.05; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £661.55**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2528.02**

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. Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 25TH JUNE	11.30am 12.45pm 7.15pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms Youth Adult Pub Social	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Coach & Horses
MON 26TH JUNE	10.00am - 12 noon 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 27TH JUNE		NO SVP MEETING THIS WEEK	
WED 28TH JUNE			
THU 29TH JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 30TH JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 1ST JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions New Altar Servers Training Session Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) O'Grady Family (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 25TH JUNE <i>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Timothy Pione (Ints.)	10.30am Tom & Una Bugler RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 26 TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Kathleen & William Farrell RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 27TH JUNE <i>ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, PRIEST & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Private Intention		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE <i>ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>		9.30am Connor Family (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 29TH JUNE <i>SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	9.30am The Intentions of the Holy Father 8pm The Intentions of the Holy Father	8pm The Intentions of the Holy Father	9.30am The Intentions of the Holy Father
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 1ST JULY <i>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL</i>	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 2ND JULY <i>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Margery & Joseph Curtin RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Michael Furey RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon and Pam Bell.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor and Michael Dixon.

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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On this coming Thursday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Being one of the major feasts in the Church's year, Thursday is therefore a holy day of obligation, meaning that Catholics should attend Mass that day. Please take note of the extra Masses being celebrated across the three parishes that day. The usual exemptions to the requirement to attend Mass, such as physical or moral impossibility, of course, apply.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR FR. MARK

The Archbishop has given Fr. Mark a new appointment as the diocesan youth chaplain, where he will oversee the work of the diocesan youth service and assist with its pastoral and sacramental provision. He will begin his new appointment in September and will therefore leave Rickmansworth towards the end of August. A new assistant priest to the three parishes of Rickmansworth, Mill End and Maple Cross and Chorleywood will take up his appointment in September.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - 24th/25th JUNE

This week there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The final session will take place at St. John Fisher on Saturday 1st July at 4.30pm. Any children who were unable to attend the training sessions but who would still like to become altar servers should speak to Fr. Mark.

SUNDAY 9TH JULY.

It is official the sun will be out!! Come along for a couple of hours for a BBQ, with a glass of wine or soft drinks. Games for all ages!! A social gathering aimed at the young but open to all who are young at heart. Tickets are just £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for under 13s. To include BBQ and games. Where else can you have so much fun at such a bargain price. Tickets available after Masses at Our Lady's and St John the Evangelist or from Adrian 01923 773609

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

In July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2018. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2017 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 4th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Monday 10th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 15th July – St John the Evangelist *Church*, Mill End – 2.00pm to 3.00pm

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. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

THREE PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DI COMPOSTELA, VIA THE PORTUGUESE COASTAL ROUTE – 26TH MAY TO 2ND JUNE 2018

Booking is now open for our 2018 walking pilgrimage to Santiago via the last 100km of the Portuguese Coastal route. The shortest day's walk will be 9.3 miles and the longest will be 15.5 miles and the total distance walked will be about 79.5 miles (128km). The pilgrimage is being organised through *Camino Ways* and more details of the route can be found on their website at: <http://caminoways.com/ways/portuguese-coastal-way-caminho-da-costa/portuguese-coastal-way-section-2>

The cost of the pilgrimage will be €868 (c. £738) per person (sharing a twin room) or €1,052 (c. £894) for a single room.

Please note that there is only one single room available. Flights are **not** included and are being arranged separately. Included in the price are local transfers between Porto airport and hotel (and return), a local tour guide, transfer of luggage along the route and half-board (breakfast and dinner) throughout. Information about the pilgrimage, about the arrangements being offered regarding the booking of flights and how to book a place on the pilgrimage are all available in the parishes this weekend and also on all three parish websites.

SVP APPEAL - could we please ask for empty, clean plastic boxes, preferably of ice-cream tub size.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2018 and Secondary Transfer 2018

If you are new to the parish, and have not been issued with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2018** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a **September 2018** place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND WELCOMERS

The annual Day of Recollection, to which Welcomers are now invited, in addition to Readers and Ministers of Communion, will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23rd September 2017**. Once again we will be joined by Fr John Hemer from Allen hall Seminary, who will share with us some of his extensive knowledge and insights into an aspect of scripture. Please make a note in your diary of this important event.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Purtill on lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk or 01923 897957.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

The Parish Pastoral Council has been considering how we might better commemorate all those whose ashes lie in our Garden of Rest and it has been decided to commission two “boulder-like” stones, each of which will have a flat stone plate affixed to the front of it, to be inscribed with the names of those whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Rest. We are now trying to contact the next of kin to ask two things: firstly, whether they would like the name of their departed loved one(s) added to the stone and, if so, how you would wish the name to be commemorated on the plaque. There will only be room for a first name and a surname. Secondly, the two stones and the inscribed plaques will cost in the region of £3,500 and so we would like to invite those with a loved one buried in the garden to consider making a donation toward this. We are not suggesting any particular amount but would simply ask families to consider what they feel might be possible and appropriate. Unfortunately we do not have all of the details for all of the next of kin in the parish records. If you are in contact with someone who has moved away from the parish or who doesn't attend Mass here and whom you know has a loved one interred in our Garden of Rest, we would be most grateful if you could ask them to contact Kerry in the Parish Office. In the coming few weeks we will be writing directly to the next of kin for whom we have addresses. We hope that the memorial stones, with the inscribed names, will be installed later this year.

Fr Shaun

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need a few new people to join our dedicated team of church cleaners. If you would be willing to help please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or contact the Church Cleaning rota co-ordinator, Rowan Mangion at gourmetrowan@gmail.com.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

READERS, MINISTERS OF WELCOME AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

New rotas are available now at the back of the church.

200 CLUB - MAY

Congratulations to M Lavery (1st prize); Christine Partridge (2nd prize) and Sonya Mulvihill (3rd prize).

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place this **Sunday 25th June** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NO MASS ON TUESDAY

There will be no Mass celebrated at St. John Fisher on Tuesday. Mass on Friday will be celebrated as normal.

SUMMER BBQ - SUNDAY 2 JULY, 1PM

The final call for the parishioners, families and friends to join us for the Summer BBQ, which is always a very special occasion for the Parish. Please sign up on the noticeboard this weekend as we need to confirm the numbers to order sufficient food and drink. Adults £10, Children Under 12 £5, Under 5s Free. The food is always delicious and a well-stocked bar will serve wine, beer and soft drinks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOHN FISHER

The Parish Pastoral Council has been discussing ways to increase the participation of children at Sunday Mass. As a result of those discussions we would like to create a Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9.00am Mass, whereby the children would have their own Liturgy of the Word (in the lounge) before re-joining the rest of the congregation at the Offertory. In order to facilitate this we will need a group of adult volunteers who would be willing to become Children's Liturgy catechists and share in this important ministry on a rota basis. Volunteers would need to have a parish DBS clearance, if they do not already have one. We would organise some training for the new catechists and draw on the experience of the very successful Children's Liturgies at our sister parishes. We hope to launch this new initiative in the autumn. If you would be interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy catechist please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

CHORLEYWOOD CHRISTIAN AID 2017

We are very happy to report to you all that the final total figure for the Christian Aid market and the House to House collection is the excellent sum of £10,373. Very many thanks to everybody for your great support. Our AGM will be held on Thursday 13th July, 4 pm at St Andrews Church, Quickley Lane. All are very welcome. Thanks again, Eddie, Maureen and Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
24/25 June	A Dennis	E Page	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	D Treanor	F Holly	Francis & Patsy	S Tarrant
1/2 July	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	C Johnson	U Lean	M Calvert	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Una	S Treanor

B-Attitude (Young SVP)

The SVP group of our three parishes does AMAZING work and we have some good news! They're helping us to set up a young SVP group for **year 9's to sixth formers** called **B-Attitude**. We'll be having our **first meeting** at Our Lady's parish hall on **Monday 26 June, 6.15 pm**.

Currently in year 8 or up? Come along and see what it's about! The B-Attitude group will both **serve the community** (e.g. visiting the local care home or helping with the community brunches) and get together for some **reflection**.

Young Adult Pub Social

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to meet up at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15 pm (after the 6 pm Mass) **this Sunday 25 June** for a drink and a chat.