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## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

There is no union with Christ that does not bear the mark of the Cross. This union implies a radical detachment because of him, but it is also the means, with him, to find everything. The disciple's attachment to Christ is an exclusive and heroic passion. It is one to which only God has a right. This attachment breaks whatever bonds would hinder our leaving all things to follow Christ on the way to his cross. We begin with what we hold most dear, our family relationships. A father's loving affection, the tenderness of a mother, the gentle friendship of brothers and sisters, all of which are good and legitimate, cannot be preferred to Christ. He must be preferred to self. It is not that the Lord desires us to be heartless, as hard as stone, but the condition of a disciple demands a one-to-one relationship with the Master. 'My child, give me your heart' (Pr 23:26), says the author of Proverbs. Moreover, when we give ourselves entirely to the Lord, he gives us a love which transforms all our relationships. Humble and insignificant though they may seem, the disciples of Christ bear his presence. But they can only fulfil his task insofar as they are able to spend themselves in the service of him whom they announce and by whom they are sent.

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

**Response to Psalm:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

#### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9. 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £563.02; Loose Plate: £323.97; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1396.99**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £325.70; Loose Plate: £178.60; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £701.30**

**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

<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY</b>	9.30am 1.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Summer BBQ	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
<b>MON 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am - 12 noon 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	5.00pm - 6.00pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Registration for First Holy Communion - Hall Youth Group (Year 7-8) - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>WED 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	11.00am 7.30pm	Funeral - Cecilia Lee RIP Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
<b>THU 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	6.00pm - 8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Youth Group (Year 9-11) - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	5.30pm	<b>NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK</b> 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
<b>SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b> <i>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Private Intention	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Melva Suarez RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY</b> <i>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Margery & Joseph Curtin RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Michael Furey RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b> <i>St THOMAS, APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
<b>TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Mary Noe RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		
<b>FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> Desmond Jenkins RIP
<b>SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>NO 10.00AM MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Al Barnett RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> 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, Pam Bell and Joan Townend.

**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

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Thomas and Emily Biel who were married here on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. May they be blessed with many years of happiness and be a witness and reminder to us of God's faithful love, made present in the sacrament of their marriage.

### CECILIA LEE RIP

The funeral of Cecilia Lee will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** at 11am followed by burial at Chorleywood Road Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### 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.

### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 – 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO 2<sup>ND</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### PASSION PLAY 2020

I will be going to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play in 2020 (takes place every ten years). Places need to be reserved soon. If any parishioner would like to join me (either room-share, or not) please contact Sheila on 01923 776004.

### ECHO

ECHO is a retreat for young adults aged 16-25. It is an opportunity to explore the beauty and depth of what the Church teaches about what is to be human, and how we can be happy. We are inviting you to join us in a journey to discover more of who you were made to be; we will have live music, sports, art, times for questions, times for prayer, times to learn and lots of good food and conversations. Ever wondered what you were made for? Want to live 'fully alive'? Come join us to find what ECHOs in your heart. More information: [rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk) / <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

There will be no 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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*

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS

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

### 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](mailto: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.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### SUMMER BBQ - SUNDAY 2 JULY, 1PM

Come join us this Sunday for our Summer BBQ, which is always a very special occasion for the Parish. 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.

### APF RED MISSIO BOXES

Thank you all so much for the June collection which amounted to £144.30. An excellent figure for June! *Mary*.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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		
1/2 July	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	C Johnson	U Lean	M Calvert	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Una	S Treanor
8/9 July	J Ingham	J Stratton	J McEwen	J Hale	J Whelan	AM Farnsworth	Don & Marguerite	V Terrill

### If you enjoy drama...

RISE Theatre are doing a **summer school** for 13-18 year olds! Thu 17 August to Sun 20 August @ Kintbury, cost £250 (incl. meals and accommodation). They will cover an excellent theme: **being yourself**. RISE Theatre have lots of experience teaching drama to young people and they're *really* good at it.

:: Info & sign up: [www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth) ::

(If you came to Flame you will have seen RISE Theatre performing there. They're the ones who did the skits, like the one with the photographer and the photographs that always makes me cry.)-*Anke*



### Youth Group

Tue 4 July year 6-8  
6-7.30 pm @ Mill End  
Thu 6 July year 9-11  
6-8 pm @ Our Lady's

**Last time** for this term, we will start again in September!

Next pub social:  
**Sunday 30 July**