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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 9TH JULY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Scientia potentia est. Attributed to Francis Bacon, this phrase is usually translated “knowledge is power.” Knowledge is power because it enables us to make better decisions, improve our lives, pursue more options, be more creative, to grasp more fully the meaning of life. Coming to Jesus to know the Father grants us the greatest of all power.

Coming to know the Father through Jesus gives us the greatest power, but this power doesn't come easy. We must yoke ourselves to Jesus, learn from him, and shape our lives according to his meekness and humility of heart. To yoke ourselves to Jesus means that we empty ourselves of ourselves. Ultimately the greatest power is letting go of ourselves and grasping Jesus.

How can Jesus claim the yoke he places upon us is easy and the burden he gives us is light? Our experience of faithful discipleship doesn't bear this out. The labour is hard, demanding, endless, intensive, and many times even discouraging. So why would we take his yoke upon ourselves and learn from him? Because knowledge is power. Knowledge is letting go of ourselves and yoking ourselves to Jesus is the only way to the Father – the only power we really need.

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Response to Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £441.41; Loose Plate: £308.31; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1259.72**

Mill End: Envelopes: £236.85; Loose Plate: £174.62; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £608.47**

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 9TH JULY	12.15pm	Family BBQ	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 10TH JULY	10.00am - 12 noon 5.00pm - 6.00pm 6.15pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Registration for First Holy Communion - Hall B-Attitude - Upper Room Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 11TH JULY			
WED 12TH JULY			
THU 13TH JULY	7.45pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 14TH JULY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 15TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 2.00pm - 3.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Registration for First Holy Communion - <i>Church</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 8 TH JULY	NO 10.00AM MASS TODAY	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9TH JULY <i>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Al Barnett RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 10 TH JULY	9.30am Private Intention	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 11TH JULY <i>St BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 12 TH JULY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 13 TH JULY	9.30am Paddy & Lil McCarthy RIP		
FRIDAY 14 TH JULY	9.30am Joss & Stephen Dowds RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 15TH JULY <i>St BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	10.00am Dessree Addison RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 16TH JULY <i>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Noble Family (Ints.) 11am Peter Robert Mann RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Bridie Foley RIP

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

MEETING OF THE THREE PASTORAL COUNCILS (PPCs)

On Tuesday of this past week, I met for the first time with the members of the PPCs of the three parishes in a joint session. It was a very successful meeting, in which we discussed the challenges and the strengths of being clustered as three parishes and ways that we might work more closely together and share talents and resources across the three parishes. We also agreed to embark on an exciting new project together under the auspices of CAFOD (more about this in the autumn). We agreed that this joint meeting of the three PPCs should take place annually. *Fr Shaun*

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.

MUSIC AFTERNOON FOR THE THREE PARISHES

The first gathering for all three of our Parish Choirs and Musicians will take place at **3pm** on **Saturday 22nd July**, in the Parish Centre at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, concluding with Mass afterwards at 6pm. The afternoon will be based around the theme of Taizé Music. Any other parishioners who are thinking of joining any of the Choirs are warmly invited to come along at 5pm to meet everyone while we prepare for evening Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Katy Pione (cepione@hotmail.co.uk).

SEA SUNDAY - 9TH JULY

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Apostleship of the Sea supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. If you would like to donate you can do so online at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGE

The coach will be departing from Our Lady's at 7.30am on Monday 24th July. There will be Mass in Canterbury Cathedral in the morning, the possibility of a guided-tour of the cathedral in the afternoon, as well as free time to explore the city. Evensong is at 5.30pm at the cathedral and then the coach will depart at 7pm.

FAMILY BBQ - SUNDAY 9TH JULY

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.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

During July Fr Shaun is 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:

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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 16th July** at **12.30pm** in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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.

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.

GENERAL NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP

We are hoping to start a support group for parents of children and adults with learning difficulties within Watford Deanery. If you are interested in finding out more details, please contact the Family Worker at Holy Rood Church, Siobhan on siobhangaribaldi@rcdow.org.uk or 01923 224085 (option 6).

PASSION PLAY 2020

I will be going to Oberammagau 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.

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*

200 CLUB - JUNE

Congratulations to Mark Kirwan (£40), Deirdre Edwards (£30), Tom McAteer (£20) and John Reid (£10).

CRECHE AT 11AM MASS

There is a crèche with toys and books for pre-school children (walking age upwards, as long as they're happy to be left) which runs throughout the year, usually alongside the Children's Liturgy, for the first half of the 11am Mass. This is not for school-aged children who can join the Children's Liturgy group in the small hall (during term time). We organise a rota on a two monthly basis and in September we will lose the majority of our volunteers when their youngest children start school so it may no longer be viable to run it. If you'd like to join us (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please pop into the hall or contact Helen Nolan on helenvnolan@ntlworld.com or 07980 600549.

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.

JUNE 200 CLUB

Congratulations to A Lewin (£50), Andrew Graham Wilson (£30) and Bridget Baker (£20).

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

SUMMER BBQ

We are most grateful to everyone who made the Parish BBQ such a wonderful event, especially our chef, John Smith, and all who helped with the preparations, made salads and cakes and cleared up afterwards. It was a very special occasion.

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 COMMITTEE AGM - 4PM THURSDAY 13 JULY - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, QUICKLEY LANE

Everyone is most welcome to attend our AGM. The very final figure for Christian Aid week 2017 is now £10,411. Thank you again to everyone who contributed in any way to raising that fantastic sum! *Eddie, Mary and Maureen*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
8/9 July	J Ingham	J Stratton	J McEwen	J Hale	J Whelan	AM Farnsworth	Don & Marguerite	V Terrill
15/16 July	E O'Sullivan	C Pierce	P Goble	D Treanor	L Munro	J Hale	Francis & Patsy	C Steet

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 ::

B-Attitude

B-Attitude meets this **Monday 10 July, 6.15 pm @ Our Lady's** (in the upper room). Anyone in year 9 to 6th form interested in e.g. visiting the local care home is welcome to come along to the meeting!

Youth Groups

BIG Thank you to our young people & to our wonderful youth leaders — you have been **amazing!** Enjoy the summer and see you in September!

Young Adults
 Next pub social:
Sunday 30 July