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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 5TH JULY 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

‘Who does Jesus think he is? Does he think he’s better than we are? We folks from Nazareth merely see him as the carpenter – he’s just one of us. We don’t have prophetic wisdom. We don’t perform mighty deeds. And Jesus shouldn’t either’. These are the sentiments expressed by the citizens of Nazareth in today’s Gospel. Yet even for us today, how often is a saving intervention from God right in front of us and we refuse to recognise it because it is too ordinary?

Many who heard Jesus teach in the synagogue were astonished and offended? They could not tolerate such wisdom from someone whose origins they thought they knew. Jesus, in turn, was angered at their lack of faith. What is it they were unable to believe? That God comes with mighty deeds and healing through persons we know, in ways familiar to us.

God’s interventions to bring us salvation are always extraordinary, but most often come in ordinary and familiar circumstances. For example, a neighbour brings some home-made soup to us when we are sick; parents share their faith with their children; someone notices we are having a rough day and takes time to sit and listen to us. Ordinary people acting in such ordinary ways reveal to us who Jesus is – the mighty Saviour still present to us and among us.

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: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Response to Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

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

Next Sunday’s Readings

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14; **Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £634.65; Loose Plate: £355.11; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1488.76**

Mill End: Envelopes: £232.73; Loose Plate: £148.41; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £474.89**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 5TH JULY	9.30am	Coffee and Tea after 8.30am Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 6TH JULY	10.00am - 11.45am 5.00pm - 6.00pm 7.00pm	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 7TH JULY	11.00am	Funeral - Frances Fairweather RIP	St John the Evangelist
WED 8TH JULY			
THU 9TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 10TH JULY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 11TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions 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
SATURDAY 4 TH JULY	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 5 TH JULY <i>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Patrick McSharry RIP 11am Enid Covington (Ints.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Karen Cunningham RIP	9am Desmond Jenkins RIP
MONDAY 6 TH JULY	9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish	9.30am Mrs O'Sullivan RIP	
TUESDAY 7 TH JULY	9.30am Eve Clark (Ints.)		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 8 TH JULY		9.30am Leo Murphy (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 9 TH JULY	9.30am Al Barnett RIP		
FRIDAY 10 TH JULY	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish
SATURDAY 11 TH JULY <i>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE</i>	10.00am George O'Neill RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Douglas & Irene Foggo RIP
SUNDAY 12 TH JULY <i>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Frank Screeche-Powell RIP 11am Meg Cunningham RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Ann Brightman 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 Mulderigg; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey and Harry Lennon.

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

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Fr Shaun and all the Parishioners Of Our Lady's Parish, St John Fisher and St John the Evangelist Parishes for the very generous gift for my ruby anniversary of ordination. It was a great privilege to be able to celebrate the two Masses with the different communities. I want to thank Fr Jim for his encouraging sermon and all the musicians for the great contribution that they made to the two celebrations. I would also like to thank all those who worked so hard to put on a great feast after the Mass at Our Lady's. A final word of thanks to the children for their surprise box with the balloon that popped out when I opened the box, but also for their prayer cards. *Fr Graham*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no Parish Newsletter during the month of August.

FRANCES FAIRWEATHER RIP

The funeral of Frances Fairweather will take place at St John the Evangelist at **11.00am** on **Tuesday 7th July** followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

At the Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion last month a number of practical matters affecting both ministries were discussed. Summaries of the points raised have now been emailed out to you (for St John Fisher – they will be emailed out this week) by the respective rota coordinators for the three parishes. Please do read the notes and follow the guidelines given there about the exercise of these ministries. **This is especially important in the case of those Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion who were unable to attend the Day of Recollection.** A few 'hard copies' of each set of notes have been left in each parish for those without access to email.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

If you are currently in Year 3 or above, have received your First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server, please come along to the training sessions below at the parish you most frequently attend. For Rickmansworth and Mill End parishes, please come to both sessions. Altar serving is a wonderful way to come close to the Lord in the Eucharist and servers play an important part in making sure the Mass is celebrated with dignity and devotion. Please speak to Fr. Shaun or Fr. Mark if you have any questions.

Rickmansworth - Sunday 12th July, 4.30pm and Sunday 26th July, 4.30pm

Mill End - Saturday 11th July, 4.30pm and Saturday 25th July, 4.30pm

Chorleywood - Saturday 11th July, 2.30pm.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: PRIEST REFERENCES FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER (ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RICKMANSWORTH)

Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Joan of Arc's Catholic School in Rickmansworth are required to seek a priest's reference as part of their application. The priest signing the form is asked to confirm whether the child is a member of a practising Catholic family. For the purposes of St Joan of Arc's policy Catholic practice will be identified as a person who attends Sunday Mass (including Saturday Vigil Mass) weekly for a sustained period (where 'sustained' will usually be considered to be in excess of 12 months unless there are exceptional circumstances preventing this).

GENERAL NOTICES

JOB VACANCY

St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth is looking for a new Church Secretary - to start in early September: 14 hours per week, across four days, £9.60 an hour. For further information, please contact the Vicar at St Mary's, The Reverend Deborah Snowball: vicar@stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Monday 20th July; Interviews: evening of Monday 27th July.

GARDEN RETREAT

A day of quiet reflection amid the beauty of the Niland Centre. **Monday 6 July** with **Sr Laurentia OP & Sr Anne OP**. Please bring a packed lunch & wear suitable clothing for the garden.

Suggested donation £12. Niland Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE.

To book: 020 8950 4000 or <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/events/>

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015 - THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chalfont St. Peter is hosting the internationally successful, classically trained, singing trio "The Priests" in concert on Friday, July 10th. Doors open at 7pm.

Seven years ago, The Priests signed a record deal with Sony BMG on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Their debut album sold over 3 million copies securing them a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the fastest selling classical debut. They have also been nominated for a Classical Brit award for three consecutive years.

Tickets are available for sale at the St Joseph's parish office or email, events@stjosephs.org.uk and are priced at £35 for adults and £30 for senior citizens.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

RELAUNCHING THE PARISH 200 CLUB

This weekend we are re-launching the Parish 200 Club. We hope that many of those who have supported the parish through the 200 Club in the past will continue to do so through the new scheme and that we can gain some new members too. The 200 Club is a lottery. It is limited to up to 200 people who subscribe. A draw is held each month and half the money received each month is paid out in cash prizes. For example with 100 contributing members the monthly prizes would be £100 (1st prize), £75.00 (2nd Prize), £50.00 third prize and £25 (4th prize). The more members, the higher the prizes! The other half of the monies collected will be given to the parish for its ongoing maintenance and development. The subscription cost is £5 per month (£60 for the year). Payment can be made either by an annual cheque of £60.00 or by a monthly bankers standing order of £5 per month. The draw will take place each month, usually on the first Friday of the month. The first draw (for the month of October) will take place on 6th November 2015. The winners will be announced in the Newsletter each month. Application Forms and bank standing order forms are available at the back of the church.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Parish Social Events Committee and to everyone who helped to organise the celebration for Fr Graham's 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood last Sunday and for making it such a special and happy occasion for Fr Graham and the parish.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (5TH JULY)

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUMMARY OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The summary of the PPC meeting held on 10th June is now available on the parish website and the notice board. A few 'hard' copies are available in the lobby for those without access to the internet.

MEG CUNNINGHAM RIP

Meg's daughter, Maria Kirkby, would to thank all the parishioners who attended her mother's funeral at Milton Keynes and/or her Memorial Mass at St John's, Mill End. From the collections taken at the two Masses it has been possible to make a donation of £1,600 to the Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes.

PARISH QUIZ - SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

Please make a note in your diaries. More details will follow.

200 CLUB

Thank you to all the parishioners who have re-joined. Everybody now has their renewal forms and we hope you will re-join us soon. The closing date is Sunday 19 July. All new members are most welcome.

RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

The Diocesan Art and Architecture Committee have now approved (with a few changes) our plans for the re-ordering of the church. There will be a meeting after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 26th July** at which parishioners will be able to see these designs and plans, which will greatly enhance the beauty of the interior of the church. We hope that a good number of parishioners will come along.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the everyone who helped to organise the celebration for Fr Graham's 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood after the 9am Mass last Sunday and for making it such a special and happy occasion for Fr Graham and the parish.

CHRISTIAN AID AGM

Will take place on **Thursday 9 July** from 4-6pm at The Junction, Christ Church. Refreshments will be available and a warm welcome! *Mary and Maureen*

SUMMER BBQ - SUNDAY 19 JULY, 1PM

We are hoping that many parishioners, families and friends are able to come to our lunchtime BBQ. Please sign up on the noticeboard as soon as possible as we do need to know the numbers. Adults £9, children under 12 £4, under 5s are free. The food is always delicious and there will be a bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

ANN DARLING RIP

Many will be sad to hear that Ann died last week. She was for many years the organiser of Women's World Day of Prayer, and with her husband, Denis, was a great supporter of Christian Aid. Her funeral is at 12 noon on Monday 6 July at St Michael's Church, Chenies.

COFFEE AFTER MASS - SUNDAY 12 JULY

If you have time, please stay for tea or coffee after Mass next Sunday, and a chat with fellow parishioners.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Saturday 5th September** at 5.30pm.

	This Week 4 / 5 July				Next Week 11 / 12 July			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	D Gibney	M Fields	M Latimer	Carolyn Opie	M Foggo	G F	C Johnson	Peter Mackie
9am Mass	M Calvert	J Hale	F Holly	Una Lean	U Lean	H McGrath	J McEwen	Francis Holly
4 July Laundry:	I Schwartz			10 July Church Cleaning:	J McEwen			