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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 16TH JULY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

A bare heart bears no fruit. A heart without love cannot enter into a life-giving relationship. A heart without hope cannot look to a promising future. A heart without faith cannot grasp God. A heart that is closed cannot receive life or listen to the Word of life.

Large crowds gathered around Jesus to hear him. What did they hear? They heard him speak “the word of the kingdom.” Yet some who heard this word did not truly listen. Hearing is done by ear; listening happens only in the heart. When we gather around Jesus, do we open only our ears to hear, or do we also open our hearts to listen? Do we open our hearts to receive him?

Since Jesus is both the sower and the seed, what we receive when we open our hearts to his word is Jesus himself. The fruit we then bear is his very life. In order for the seed to bear fruit, we must be the rich soil of receptivity; the tilled soil of suffering, the deep soil of commitment to faithful discipleship.

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Response to Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young;
By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £503.85; Loose Plate: £329.28; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1343.13**

Mill End: Envelopes: £223; Loose Plate: £161.04; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £581.04**

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 16TH JULY	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
MON 17TH JULY	10.00am - 1.00pm 10.00am 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall SJF Ladies Meeting Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Juliet Hale's house St John the Evangelist
TUE 18TH JULY			
WED 19TH JULY	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 20TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 21ST JULY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 22ND JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 3.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Music Afternoon for the Three Parishes - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 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 Norah Brennan RIP	9am Bridie Foley RIP
MONDAY 17 TH JULY	9.30am Philomena Roche (Ints.)	9.30am Mrs O'Kane RIP	
TUESDAY 18 TH JULY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 19 TH JULY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 20 TH JULY	9.30am Andrew Dumughn RIP		
FRIDAY 21 ST JULY	9.30am Denise Waters RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 22ND JULY <i>St MARY MAGDALENE</i>	10.00am Mary Barry RIP	6pm (Vigil) Richmond Sequeira RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 23RD JULY <i>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Maurice Breen RIP (Anniv.) 11am Francis Crowley RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am James Clark (Ints.)	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, 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

ASSISTANT PRIEST TO THE THREE PARISHES

As you know, Fr Mark Walker has been appointed as the Diocesan Youth Chaplain and will be leaving the parishes on 21st August 2017 for some holiday before taking up his new appointment at the beginning of September. I am now able to let you know that Fr Mark will be replaced as Assistant Priest to the three parishes by Fr Damian Ryan, who is currently the Assistant Priest at St John Vianney, West Green. Fr Damian will take up his appointment here on Wednesday 6th September. Please pray for both Fr Mark and Fr Damian as they prepare for this new stage in their priestly ministry. *Fr Shaun*

DEACON ON WEEKEND PLACEMENT

In the autumn will be joined by Deacon Jonny Whitby-Smith for weekend placement. Deacon Jonny is from the Diocese of Nottingham and is completing his formation and preparation for ordination to the priesthood at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. We look forward to welcoming Deacon Jonny in early October.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Anke and her team and to members of Our Lady's Social Events Committee for organising such a successful and enjoyable BBQ last Sunday. It was a wonderful event and it was a great joy to see so many families from the parishes enjoying the afternoon.

THANK YOU - BBQ:

Thank you to those who helped out and thank you to everyone for an amazing afternoon! I kept track of the score during the games and the final score was... 40 points for young people versus 34 points for the adults! Congratulations to our young people. And an extra round of applause for the adults for their participation. Thank you!! - Anke

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, 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 and join us to while we prepare for evening Mass to sing. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Katy Pione (cepione@hotmail.co.uk).

PARISH NEWSLETTER - there will be no newsletter during the month of August.

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.

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.

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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are still actively looking for a Cub Pack leader - 'Akela' to join a team of leaders working with 8 to 10½ year old children in that section. **As yet no volunteer has come forward – this could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.** The new leader will have plenty of support from the current team and the other Group leaders. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736.

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 Oberamgau 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

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.

MISSIO

Would promoters please collect the Summer magazine from the church porch for distribution.

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

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 30th July** 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!

READERS, MINISTERS OF WELCOME AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

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.

NEXT LADIES MEETING

Is on **Monday July 17th**, 10.00am at "The Jinglers" Old Shire Lane. (Juliet Hale's house). All are very welcome.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
15/16 July	E O'Sullivan	C Pierce	P Goble	D Treanor	L Munro	J Hale	Francis & Patsy	C Steet
22/23 July	M Fields	GF	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	J Whelan	E Price	Kate & Ann	T Price

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

THANK YOU to the young people in our parishes who have started our B-Attitude (young SVP) group! You are doing an amazing job as well as being a great witness to your faith.

Please pray for them :) !

Young Adults 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) **Sunday 30 July** for a drink and a chat.