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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 12TH JULY 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Through the sending out of his disciples, Jesus, who remains behind, sees his message spread. They who share in his company and his destiny are committed to the prophetic proclamation of the kingdom. As he spoke in former times through the prophets, God still speaks through human words. Certainly, these Galilean fishermen had no more preparation than Amos, the simple herdsman, for such a mission. But what matters is not the brilliance of their intellect, the seductive power of their words, the nobility of their origins. Ridding themselves of useless baggage and resources, they must let Christ speak through their mouths, act through their hands. Of course, because the kingdom of God does not meet superficial human expectations, the success of the mission is not guaranteed. The "crowds" welcome may be lukewarm or ephemeral, if not hostile. That should not stop them. Seized by God, chosen by his Son, the disciples must go ahead and proclaim the imminence of the kingdom. Thus, far from being the time when the prophetic word has ceased to make itself heard, the time of the Church is the eleventh hour when, with the greatest urgency, the gospel must be preached and spread. Faithful to the Spirit, we, by our stammered words and hesitant actions, must awaken our times to the mystery of Jesus and of his kingdom.

Entrance Antiphon:	As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
1st Reading:	Amos 7:12-15
Response to Psalm:	Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
2nd Reading:	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel:	Mark 6:7-13
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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18;; **Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £522.90; Loose Plate: £318.56; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1340.46**

Mill End: Envelopes: £252.06; Loose Plate: £143.40; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £489.21**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of June amounted to **£2154.33**

Peters Pence: £508.07 (Rickmansworth), £145.49 (Mill End), £136.95 (Chorleywood)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 12TH JULY	10.00am 12.30pm	Coffee and Tea after 9.00am Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 13TH 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 14TH JULY			
WED 15TH JULY			
THU 16TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 17TH JULY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 18TH 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 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 Anne Brightman RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 13 TH JULY	9.30am Anthony Holmes RIP	9.30am James Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 14 TH JULY	9.30am Joss & Stephen Dowds RIP		9.30am Stephen Johnson RIP (Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY 15 TH JULY <i>ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>		9.30am Michael Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 16 TH JULY	9.30am Lil & Paddy McCarthy RIP		
FRIDAY 17 TH JULY	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		9.30am Patricia Clarke RIP
SATURDAY 18 TH JULY	10.00am Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) James Brown RIP
SUNDAY 19 TH JULY <i>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Monsignor Michael O'Neill (Ints.) 11am Francis Crowley RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Michael Martin 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

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr. Mark or Fr. Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on Saturday 25th July at 10.00am in Our Lady's hall.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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 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).

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND GROW GROUP

Do you have young babies / pre-school children and would like to meet up with other mums / carers who are parishioners at any of our three parishes for general support, sharing and chat? Why not join our small, friendly group which meets on a Monday morning from around 10 to 11.30/45 in the church hall at Our Lady's. We have plenty of toys and there is always tea, coffee and cake for the parents! Unlike most other groups, this group will continue to meet throughout the summer holidays for those with under 5s so if you'd like to join us, we'd love to see you. For more information, please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com).

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.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

Time: 11:00am - 6:00pm

Venue: The Shrine Our Lady of Walsingham, The Shrine Office, 2 Common Place, Walsingham, Norfolk NR22 6EE, United Kingdom

A day of Faith & Fun for all the Family in the presence of Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton. The next Catholic Grandparents' Association pilgrimage will take place at the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on the 26th July 2015, the feast of St Anne & St Joachim. During the day there will be a performance of the 'Walsingham Story', a play performed by local actors and children which tells the story of 'England's Nazareth' and why this site is so important to our faith and our national story.

For more information please visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Tel. 0161 941 3498, website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Edward Nicell and Hollie Smith; and Raymond Widdowson and Ilona Sukelevic, who were married here recently. 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.

Congratulations to Quinn Walker, Milan Ali and Daniel Othman who were baptised here on Saturday 27 June. Please pray for them, that they will grow to be faithful disciples of the Lord in the years ahead, and that their parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

The next Sunday Brunch at St John's will take place on Sunday 19th July. All proceeds raised will go to charity. All parishioners most welcome.

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.

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

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.

APF/MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

Thank you very much for this June's quarterly collection, which amounted to £141.35.

CHORLEYWOOD LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

There will be a further community meeting at **2.00pm** on **Tuesday 14 July** in the library to explain progress so far and future plans. Leaflets are available in the lounge with more details.

COFFEE AFTER MASS - SUNDAY 12 JULY

If you have time, please stay for tea or coffee after Mass this 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 11 / 12 July				Next Week 18 / 19 July				
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	
6pm Vigil	M Foggo	G F	C Johnson	Peter Mackie	G F	M Foggo	P Goble	Carolyn Opie	
9am Mass	U Lean	H McGrath	J McEwen	Francis Holly	A Opie	M Calvert	E Price	Don Williamson	
11 July Laundry: S Tarrant				17 July Church Cleaning: Volunteer					