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## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Last Sunday's gospel, with the parable of the sower, looked at individual responses to the word of God represented by the seed and the different kinds of soil. This week's continuation with the parable of the darnel paints the picture of the mystery of the kingdom in its global aspect and touches on universal judgement.

Highlighting this is today's passage from the book of Wisdom whose voice speaks of "all" and "us" and so lending the sense that the fate of each individual is caught up in the lives of everyone. The Gospel with the parable speaks of good and evil growing alongside each other.

It will be the experience of everyone listening that the Christian community encompasses saints and sinners. Darnel is a weed which resembles wheat. It lends the impression of being wheat but is something quite different. There will certainly be a recognition that the practice of the faith can sometimes be a masquerade: a mask one puts on to hide the real self. The prophetic call is to lose the mask and lay oneself at the mercy of God. That's a challenging thing to do, but as St Paul reminds us, 'the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness', for 'God ... knows everything in our hearts.'

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

**Response to Psalm:** O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:26-27

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

#### Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £552.30; Loose Plate: £377.36; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1439.66**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £283.00; Loose Plate: £211.00; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £691.00**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of June - **£2501.73**

**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 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b>	12.45pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am - 12 noon	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am	SVP Meeting - Hall. ( <i>There will be no SVP Meetings during the month of August</i> )	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>			
<b>THU 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	1.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Wedding: Scott McNicholas & Joanne Rice Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding: James Taylor & Melissa Wright Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY</b> <i>St MARY MAGDALENE</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Mary Barry RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Richmond Sequeira RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b> <i>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Maurice Breen RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Francis Crowley RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> James Clark (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>St JAMES, APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Rose Coxon RIP (Anniv.)		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>SS JOACHIM &amp; ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
<b>THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Henry Kendrick RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Brian Hunt RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>St MARTHA</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Peter Gilbert RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> John Finnegan RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Fr Peter Gilbert RIP	<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, 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

### REGISTRATION FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

Registration for the 2017/2018 1<sup>st</sup> Communion programme has now formally closed. If you have a child in Year 3 or above wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in 2018 and you have missed the registration period you should make an appointment to meet with Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter during the month of August.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. A letter from Fr Shaun about this is being emailed to you by your respectable rota organisers.

### 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.

### MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Gomes on [charlotte.gomes@comconsult.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.gomes@comconsult.co.uk) or 07834 987686.

### 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.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents currently collecting Mass attendance stickers for primary or secondary places in catholic schools are reminded to 1.) Put cello-tape over each row once it is completed, so that stickers will not peel off over time and 2.) Take regular photographs of the Mass attendance card (making sure the child's name is visible). This will ensure that you have evidence of Sunday Mass attendance should your card become lost. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice are issued.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>22/23 July</b>	M Foggo	GF	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	J Whelan	E Price	Kate & Ann	T Price
<b>29/30 July</b>	GF	A Penn	M Latimer	A Opie	C Holly	F Holly	Carolyn & Peter	J Whelan
<b>5/6 Aug.</b>	A Dennis	M Foggo	J McEwen	M Mackie	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Peter & Kate	S Tarrant
<b>12/13 Aug.</b>	M Fields	T Hartney	M Latimer	J Hale	J Donohoe	J Hale	Patsy & Una	S Treanor
<b>19/20 Aug.</b>	J Ingham	M Fields	P Goble	D Treanor	J Hale	AM Farnsworth	Kate & Ann	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)

### 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.

### B-Attitude

We will start meeting again on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Enjoy the summer holidays!