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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 19TH JULY 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

‘Come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.’ Having returned from their mission throughout Galilee and reported to Jesus on the great missionary adventure they have initiated, the Twelve at last have holiday time, something we can relate to at this time of year! They are hardly back, though, when the crowds come running. There is not a moment of peace! So they flee across the lake to withdraw with Jesus into a desert place. But it is futile, for the people are faster and are already there when they arrive. So Jesus, seized with pity for these sheep without a shepherd, begins to instruct them at length. Their ‘holiday’ was spoiled. On their return from their missionary travels, the disciples were no doubt looking forward to the rest they would find with their Master. He alone could give meaning to their lives, a depth to their words, a new dimension to their most routine actions. But in refusing to send away the crowds even during this necessary respite, Jesus reveals to his followers what they seek from him. He offers no escape from the world. He offers only apprenticeship in God's tenderness for his people. His love urges the apostles. Like their master, they agree to be at the mercy of all. Does this mean that Christians can never go on holiday? Not at all! We need rest, but there is no holiday from our love, our care for others.

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.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

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

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6.; **Gospel:** John 6:1-15

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £458.84; Loose Plate: £764.95; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1722.79**

Mill End: Envelopes: £319.52; Loose Plate: £162.89; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £576.16**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 19TH JULY	11.30am 1.00pm	Sunday Brunch Summer BBQ	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
MON 20TH 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 21ST JULY			
WED 22ND JULY			
THU 23RD JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 24TH JULY	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Burial of Ashes - Maurice Litchfield RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 25TH JULY	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm	Baptism Preparation Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Our Lady's Altar Server Training Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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
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 Lil & Paddy McCarthy RIP	10.30am Michael Martin RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 20 TH JULY	9.30am Andrew Dumughn RIP	9.30am Justin Marron RIP	
TUESDAY 21 ST JULY	9.30am Denise Waters RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick and House- bound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 22 ND JULY <i>ST MARY MAGDALENE</i>		9.30am Minnie McKeon RIP	
THURSDAY 23 RD JULY <i>ST BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE</i>	9.30am Mary Barry RIP		
FRIDAY 24 TH JULY	9.30am Maurice Litchfield RIP		9.30am Private Intention
SATURDAY 25 TH JULY <i>ST JAMES, APOSTLE</i>	10.00am Rose Coxon RIP	6pm (Vigil) Frances Fairweather RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 26 TH JULY <i>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Tess & Jimmy Logan RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Maurice Breen RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the Sick and House- bound 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

MAURICE LITCHFIELD RIP

The ashes of Maurice Litchfield RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 24th July.

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 this Saturday (25th July) at 10.00am in Our Lady's hall.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

NEW ALTAR SERVERS (MILL END AND RICKMANSWORTH)

The second training session (for those who have already attended the first) will be at Mill End on Saturday 25th July at 4.30pm and at Rickmansworth on Sunday 26th July at 4.30pm. Please speak to Fr. Shaun or Fr. Mark if you have any questions.

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

ASSISTED DYING BILL

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found in the newsletter. Even better, you could ask to see your MP and express your concerns directly.

Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/news/cardinal-vincent-asks-for-urgent-action-against-assisted-suicide-bill/> for more information.

LONDON CARIBBEAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Invites you to the London Caribbean Pilgrimage and Memorial to Fr Charles Gaillard at Aylesford Priory on Sunday 2nd August. Solemn Mass at 12 noon, Rosary Procession and Benediction at 3.30pm. For more details phone 01622 717272 or visit <http://www.thefriars.org.uk/retreatpilgrim/pilgrim.html>

SITTER NEEDED - CROXLEY GREEN

Sitter needed for elderly parishioner to give main carer a break. 2 hours paid Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Jane Coverson 01264 781005. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

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

You may remember Mary's Meals coming to the parish and taking away your unwanted clothes/bedding. As you know it's a no-frills charity and costs are kept to a bare minimum using a large team of volunteers. Unfortunately, there is one cost it cannot avoid and that is the renting of a van.

Mary's Meals is urgently in need of a large van, if you can help or you know someone who can, please contact Gerrard at gerrard.mcmahon@marysmeals.org or call 077121-33383.



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 Harriet Egbu and Faith Henderson who were baptised here last Sunday. 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.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

I would be grateful if you could collect all your used postage stamps and put them in the collection box which is in the church porch. Thank you - Sheila Harrington.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

The next Sunday Brunch at St John's will take place this Sunday 19th July after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to charity. All parishioners most welcome.

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 26 July and the first draw will take place after Mass on 26 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 next **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

BBQ THIS SUNDAY (19 JULY AT 1PM)

There is room for a few more people and plenty of food, so do come if you are able.

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.

MUMS AND DADS

At end of school year if you have any outgrown or not needed t-shirts, shorts, skirts, cotton dresses, backpacks etc. (for junior school children), please could you leave them in the lounge for me to pass onto Mary's Meals and sent to children in Africa. Thank you. *Mary*

APF/MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

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

CHORLEYWOOD CARE - DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

If you are interested in volunteering to join the current pool of drivers or would like more information, please contact Peter Briscall, chairman of Chorleywood Care, on 01923 284783, or email Peter at peterbriscall@yahoo.co.uk

More information about Chorleywood Care can also be found at <http://www.chorleywoodcare.org.uk>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

	This Week 18 / 19 July				Next Week 25 / 26 July			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday
6pm Vigil	D Gibney	M Foggo	P Goble	Carolyn Opie	R Ellis	T Hartney	E Harris	Marguerite Watkins
9am Mass	A Opie	M Calvert	E Price	Don Williamson	J Hale	D Treanor	L Turnbull	Patsy Tyden
18 July	Laundry: J Whelan			24 July Church Cleaning:				