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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 24TH JULY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

How can we say that God answers our prayer to provide for our daily needs when sick people don't get well, the jobless are still searching for work after months of unemployment, family members are still estranged, people are still hungry, disasters still happen? Praying for daily needs is, however, more a matter of opening ourselves to God's sure presence than receiving that for which we specifically pray. It is God's presence that gives us confidence our prayers have been heard.

In the mystery of God's love for us, the answer to every prayer is God's presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God's very life. Divine presence is the underlying gift for which we need to ask in every prayer.

No matter what we pray for, authentic prayer is not solely about getting what we ask for. Prayer is ultimately less about receiving and more about opening ourselves to perceive new possibilities with a broader vision of what God is doing for us and offering us in terms of fullness of life. All prayer, then, seeks the gift of the Holy Spirit. Such a Gift! Why would we not ask?

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Response to Psalm: On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget
all his benefits.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5.9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (Gospel)

SALVE REGINA (HAIL, HOLY QUEEN)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve, to thee do we send
up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £584.45; Loose Plate: £359.15; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1453.60**

Mill End: Envelopes: £269.00; Loose Plate: £219.83; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £587.83**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of June amounted to **£2015.17**

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. It's Easy! Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 24TH JULY	12.45pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 25TH JULY	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 26TH JULY	10.10am	SVP Meeting (<i>there will be no SVP Meetings during the month of August</i>)	St John Fisher
WED 27TH JULY			
THU 28TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 29TH JULY	10.00am 1.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - Gardner / Tran	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 30TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall 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
SATURDAY 23RD JULY <i>ST BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE</i>	10.00am Rea Family (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Stephen Birch RIP
SUNDAY 24TH JULY <i>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am John Finnegan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Maurice Breen RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Frank O'Brien RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 25TH JULY <i>ST JAMES, APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Rose Coxon RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Maura Carroll RIP	
TUESDAY 26TH JULY <i>SS JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Henry Kendrick RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY		9.30am Tom & Kath Hughes RIP	
THURSDAY 28TH JULY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 29TH JULY <i>ST MARTHA</i>	9.30am Eileen Stanton RIP		9.30am Stephen Birch RIP
SATURDAY 30TH JULY <i>ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	10.00am Mgr Tony Philpot RIP	6pm (Vigil) Margaret Lydon RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 31ST JULY <i>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Jacqueline Grove RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm John Thompson RIP	10.30am Donie Walsh RIP	9am Nikki Dominguez (Ints.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener and Jeannine Simonds

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page, Joe Donnelly and John Connor.

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, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard and Don Williamson.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEES

In Canon Law each parish is required to have a finance committee. I am very grateful to the members of the finance committees of the three parishes for all that they do in working with me in planning and managing the financial affairs of the three parishes. I have now decided that the time is right to appoint a lay Chair for each of the three parish finance committees and I am very grateful to Mark Blayne (Rickmansworth), Carolyn Opie (Chorleywood) and Sandra Miller (Mill End), who all currently serve on their respective finance committees, for accepting these appointments.

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 30th July at 2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Readers and Ministers of Communion should now have received from your respective rota co-ordinators information about the arrangements for the Day of Recollection on **Saturday 17th September**. Please be sure to have returned your reply slips by **Saturday 10th September** at the latest.

SVP MEETINGS

There will be no SVP Meetings during the month of August.

YOUTH EVENT

We are holding a youth group event at Our Lady's on **Sunday 11th September** from 4pm - 6pm. Calling all children in school years 6/7/8/9! Outdoor games, weather permitting of course! Indoor games if it's wet. Tuck shop, hands free donut eating competition, water games and rounders. If you are in years 10 and 11 we would love you to come and help with the fun! For more details please contact Katie - katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk or 07518 352478.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter during the month of August.

NEWLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM FLAT IN CHORLEYWOOD TO RENT

The flat above St John Fisher Church in Chorleywood is currently in the midst of being modernised and refurbished. This will be available to rent from mid July. If any parishioner is interested, please contact Siobhan Hoy on 01923 285659 for details.

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.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TRANSFER: September 2017 and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you are new to the parish, have not been issued by us with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2017** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

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 are in the church porches. Thank you.

I AM A CATHOLIC

Wallet or purse-size cards are available at the back of church this weekend which say: *I am a Catholic – Please notify the Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy of my admission to hospital so that the priest or chaplain may visit.* We invite you to take one and keep it in your purse or wallet so that the hospital Catholic Chaplaincy team can be made aware should you be admitted to hospital.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

LAUDATO SI WORKSHOPS

There are a series of *Laudato Si* workshops in September and October in partnership with Westminster Justice and Peace and CAFOD. These workshops will be a reflection on Pope Francis' message on caring for our common home, and what is means for our personal and parish lives. The workshop details are as follows:

10am-1pm, 24 September - Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Hitchin

10am-1pm, 1 October - Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, Chiswick

10.30am-1.20pm, 15 October - Our Lady of Victories, Kensington

JUBILEE MASS FOR WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF MERCY

At 2.00 pm on Saturday, 10 September the Cardinal will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral for all workers and volunteers whose work and voluntary service embodies mercy. This includes, but is no way limited to, those who work in social care in the State or private sector. Also, so many of our diocesan and parish organisations, such as Caritas and the SVP. You are most welcome to participate in this Diocesan event in the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

This weekend we say farewell to the Bannister family: Andy and Sarah, and their children, Ella, Jack and Lucy, as they prepare to leave the parish and to move to Newcastle upon Tyne. We express our sincere thanks to the Bannister's for the many contributions that they have made as a family to the life of Our Lady's parish community. We wish them every happiness and blessing for their new life in the Northeast. The Bannister's wish to thank everyone who has sent them gifts and cards and kind wishes, which have been very much appreciated.

DEACON ANTHONY ARMSTRONG O'CARM

Brother Anthony Armstrong, a son of this parish, who is a Carmelite friar in the USA, was earlier this summer ordained as a deacon. Deacon Anthony will be home on holiday for a couple of weeks in late July and early August. We look forward to welcoming him home and to share in our celebrations of the Mass, where he will exercise his diaconal ministry.

VAUDEVILLE RETURNS TO OUR LADYS WITH "VAMP TIL READY" ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH

This merry band played here 3 years ago to fantastic reviews. It was a fun filled evening with music and humour. There will be dinner and a bar to accompany the general merriment. It is a must for your diary. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. More details after the hols.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Following a request from the Pastoral Council, we have introduced a Prayer Intentions Book in the Lady Chapel to record petitions and prayer requests for the sick, the homebound, the suffering, the local and universal Church, the needs of the world, and all who need prayers. Parishioners are warmly invited to add their intentions into the book and to offer prayers for the petitions of others when praying in the Lady Chapel.

APF MISSIO - would promoters please collect the Summer magazine from the church porch for distribution.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

I have appointed Scott Glenister to the Parish Finance Committee. I am very grateful to Scott for agreeing to take on this important role.

PARISH QUIZ

Please make a note in your diary the quiz will be on **Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm**. More details in September.

THANKSGIVING BOOK FOR THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Please put your thanksgiving dedication sheets into the white *Thanksgiving Window* box in the porch. The pages of the book will then be typed up and displayed again for any corrections that need to be made, before the final version of the Thanksgiving Book is prepared.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH AGM

At the parish AGM on Wednesday evening Malcolm Golin, Monica Williamson, Anne Lorrimer-Roberts and Elaine Price were elected to the Parish Pastoral Council. Malcolm has kindly agreed to take over the role of Secretary from Juliet Hale, who is stepping down at this time. Juliet has served as Secretary for 12 years. We thank Juliet and the other PPC Members standing down at this time for their dedicated service to the parish: Maureen Foggo, Mary Latimer, Helena McGrath and Ann Penn.

PARKING

Could all parishioners coming to Mass by car, especially those parking in Old Shire Lane, be extra conscious of parking in a way that doesn't cause dangerous obstructions to the road or difficulties for our neighbours. Thank you

PARISH BBQ - SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

This year's BBQ will be on 4th September, at the end of the summer holidays. We hope that as many parishioners as possible, and especially our young families, will be able to come and enjoy a relaxing lunch in the garden. We do need some volunteers to help run this event. If you can offer help, please contact Alan Opie (286169) or Juliet Hale (283602).

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Bishop Paul McAleenan will join us at the 9.00am Mass on **Sunday 25th September** to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the work of re-ordering the church. Please make a note in your diaries.

NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS

Would welcomers, readers and Ministers of Communion please pick up their hard copy of the new rotas from the lobby.

CHURCH LAUNDRY

There is a revised list on the noticeboard for those ladies who kindly help by laundering the altar linen. Please check when it is your turn and swap with someone if it is not convenient.

CREAM TEAS FROM 2.30PM - 4.30PM AT THE JUNCTION, CHRIST CHURCH - 13 AUGUST

Christ Church will be providing cream teas to raise money for Christian Aid, Playskill (a local charity for children with disabilities) and Kisima (a school in Kenya). They'd love to see you there!

MASS DUTY ROTA	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
16/17 July	GF	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	D Treanor	D Treanor	AM Farnsworth	Carolyn & Francis
23/24 July	R Ellis	M Fields	C Johnson	M Calvert	P Byrne	E Price	Marguerite & Una
30/31 July	A Dennis	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	A Opie	J Whelan	F Holly	Peter and Patsy

Rota for Laundry of Altar Linen

24 July	31 July	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August	4 September	11 September
V Terrill	C Steet	T Price	S Tarrant	J Whelan	S Treanor	V Terrill	C Steet