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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 26TH JULY 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When it comes to exams most students prefer multiple choice to essay questions. With multiple choice the answer is on the page right before them and, at worst, they only have to make the right guess. With essay questions, on the other hand, they must construct the answer based on real knowledge and insight, deeper thought, and harder work. It takes more of oneself to answer an essay question. What Jesus asks Philip in this Sunday's gospel is an essay question. Philip failed the test!

Jesus answers his own question not with words but with deeds. He himself is the answer. He feeds the crowd and there is even a superabundance of loaves left over. In doing so he reveals who he is and the real superabundance of life he offers.

As faithful followers of Jesus, he asks us every day the same question he asked Philip. We answer the question, as Jesus did, not with mere words but by our own deeds. Through our Gospel living we continually show others who Jesus is and how he feeds those who hunger with a superabundance of life. Our very manner of living is our "answer" to Jesus' "essay question." Have we passed the test?

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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Response to Psalm: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; **Gospel:** John 6:24-35

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £735.48; Loose Plate: £393.01; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1627.49**

Mill End: Envelopes: £291.01; Loose Plate: £214.82; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £599.58**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 26TH JULY	11.30pm 12.30pm 4.30pm	Meeting - Reordering of the Church Baptisms Our Lady's Altar Server Training	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 27TH JULY	10.00am - 11.45am 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 28TH JULY			
WED 29TH JULY			
THU 30TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 31ST JULY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 1ST AUGUST	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 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
MONDAY 27 TH JULY	9.30am Debbie Kershaw RIP	9.30am Meg Cunningham RIP	
TUESDAY 28 TH JULY	9.30am Enid Covington (Ints.)		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 29 TH JULY <i>ST MARTHA</i>		9.30am Philip O'Driscoll (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 30 TH JULY	9.30am Owen RIP		
FRIDAY 31 ST JULY <i>ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Nuala & Gerry Corr RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SATURDAY 1 ST AUGUST <i>ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	10.00am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Private Intention
SUNDAY 2 ND AUGUST <i>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mary Ann Kennedy RIP 11am John Finnegan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Mark Lydon 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, Peter Ward, Valerie Foster and Angela Maccini.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; 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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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. 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.

5TH ANNUAL GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE

Will take place on Thursday 30th July, for details see, www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk. On the way we will pray for the Conversion and/or health of anyone whose name you would like to email us, Catholicgksociety@yahoo.co.uk

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

THANK YOU FROM MARY'S MEALS

Dear Father Shaun, I would like to thank you for putting our 'advert' in your church Newsletter last weekend about our need for a van. As you know we have been asking for help in purchasing a van for over a year now and so it was with real delight that we took a call during the week from an anonymous donor who has since written us a cheque for £8000! This came about because you put our advert into the Newsletter, if you hadn't let your congregation know we would not be in the position we are now in. We estimate that over a 5 year period this will save Mary's Meals £15,000 in rental costs, that's the equivalent of feeding 244 children one good meal every school day for those same 5 years. Many thanks and God bless - *Gerrard*

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group are looking for any budding singers or musicians who would like to join us. Ideally, we are looking for musicians of around a Grade 4 to 5 standard and anyone who loves to sing. This would be a great opportunity for any music student looking to improve their sightreading, but we also would love to have adults join us too.

If you would like to come and meet us informally we are having a rehearsal on the 4th September in the Church at 7.30pm. Or we practice each week before Mass from 5.30pm, when we start up again from the 6th September, so please feel free to come along. *Katy Pione*

OFFERTORY BOX NO. 146

Would the parishioner with offertory box number 146 please contact Kerry, the Parish Administrator, with your details. Thank you.

RELAUNCHING THE PARISH 200 CLUB

We are in the process of 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.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (2ND AUGUST)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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 this 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 this **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

RE-ORDERING OF THE CHAPEL

The plans for the re-ordering of the Chapel have been approved by the Diocesan Art and Architecture Committee and, because the building is listed, by the Historic Churches Committee. Also, the plans for the refurbishment of the Flat have been approved by Three Rivers District Council. During August, the plans will be displayed in the Church; comments or observations would be welcome from parishioners by 31 August either by email to chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or in writing to the Chair of the St John Fisher Pastoral Council via the Parish Office.

PARISH BBQ

The Parish BBQ last Sunday was a happy occasion enjoyed by all, it was especially wonderful to see some of our young families sharing in this occasion. Our thanks go to those that helped with the preparation and set up, and the clearing up afterwards and to everyone who produced all the wonderful salads. A special thanks to John Smith for his perfect BBQ cooking.

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*

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 25 / 26 July				Next Week 1 / 2 August			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	R Ellis	T Hartney	E Harris	Marguerite Watkins	A Dennis	S Hoy	E O'Sullivan	Caroline Opie
9am Mass	J Hale	D Treanor	L Turnbull	Patsy Tyden	D Treanor	P Byrne	J Hale	Patsy Tyden
25 July Laundry: S Treanor		31 July Church Cleaning:						