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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 31ST JULY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When Jesus admonishes his followers in today's gospel "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind," he is not asking us to dispossess ourselves of everything we own. Greed is not defined by how many or what kind of possessions we have, but by focusing totally on those possessions, by being possessed by them, or by directing all our decisions in life to protecting what we have. Greed turns us away from what really matters to us – and surely what matters to God.

Possessions do not guarantee life; God alone does. What alone lasts, what alone merits our time, energy, and concern, is our growing toward possessing the inheritance only God can give – fullness of eternal life.

We cannot grow into fullness of life if we are glued to the things we have and love. We cannot grow in our relationship with God if we are self-occupied with resting, eating, drinking, and being merry. We cannot grow in our care for others if we are not rich in what matters most: love, compassion, mercy, trust, kindness, forgiveness, fidelity. These are the choices that matter to God and bring us our eternal inheritance.

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Response to Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from
one generation to the next.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven, endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (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: £410.10; Loose Plate: £382.09; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1302.19**

Mill End: Envelopes: £293.50; Loose Plate: £147.28; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £539.78**

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 31ST JULY	12.00pm	Baptisms	St John the Evangelist
MON 1ST AUGUST	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 2ND AUGUST			
WED 3RD AUGUST			
THU 4TH AUGUST	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 5TH AUGUST	10.00am 12.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - Potter / Kehir	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 6TH AUGUST	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 30 TH JULY	10.00am Mgr Tony Philpot RIP	6pm (Vigil) Margaret Lydon RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 31 ST 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.)
MONDAY 1ST AUGUST <i>ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Tony Hawes RIP	9.30am Edward Borkowski RIP	
TUESDAY 2 ND AUGUST	9.30am Fr Jacques Hamel RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 3 RD AUGUST		9.30am Mrs Bridget Doherty (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST <i>ST JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 5 TH AUGUST	9.30am Mgr Tony Philpot RIP		9.30am Mgr Tony Philpot RIP
SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST <i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>	10.00am Stephen Birch RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Jacques Hamel RIP
SUNDAY 7 TH AUGUST <i>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Rosemary & Declan Quinn RIP 6pm Frances Mitchell RIP	10.30am John James Maloney RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish

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, Jeannine Simonds and Maureen Koller

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We wish all parishioners going away on holiday in the UK or abroad in the coming weeks a safe journey and a peaceful, refreshing and restful break.

MADELINE FERRY RIP

The funeral of Madeline Ferry will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 1.00pm on Tuesday 9th August, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

SR BRIDGET BANNIGAN RIP

Sr Bridget Bannigan, formerly known as Sr Mary Brendan, died on 17th July 2016. She made Religious Professin with the Daughters of Jesus in August 1943 and spent her first three years here in Rickmansworth, teaching in the Infants department St Joan of Arc School. The expanding school at that time housed the Infants department in a house in Nightingale Road, until another property was acquired next to the original school building.

Sister had various other appointments, including the Deputy Headship of the new Catholic Primary School, St Augustine's, in High Wycombe, and latterly ten years in Parish work in Northern Ireland. She transferred to our present Provincial House here in Rickmansworth in June 2011 for a well-earned retirement. In October 2013 she had a fall, necessitating a spell in hospital and then a transfer to a Nursing Home in Westgate on Sea, from where she settled happily until on the 14th July she had another fall and a brief stay in hospital, where she died peacefully at the age of 93.

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 Blayney (Rickmansworth), Carolyn Opie (Chorleywood) and Sandra Miller (Mill End), who all currently serve on their respective finance committees, for accepting these appointments.

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.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND GROW GROUP

Don't forget that the Let's Get Together And Grow Group for parents / carers and under 5s in the three parishes is hoping to continue meeting over the summer for those without school-aged children. We meet from 10-12 on Mondays with plenty of toys for the children and cake/biscuits for the adults. If you haven't been before and would like to join us, if possible please email Edel in advance just to confirm the meeting is going ahead: edel_durnin@hotmail.com

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

A group of former students is organising a reunion event to celebrate the school's 60th Jubilee. This will be held at the school on Saturday 24 September 2016 from 7pm. Tickets (on the door) are £5 and there will be a cash bar. Please save the date and spread the word to any former students! The organisers would like to know in advance if you are attending. Please visit: www.stmichaelsppa.co.uk or e-mail stmichaelsppa@outlook.com

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

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 joining us for the 11.00am and 6.00pm Masses this weekend and exercising 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.

CRECHE AT 11.00AM MASS

The Creche (for pre-school children only) during the first half of 11.00am Mass will continue to run throughout the summer holiday (subject to volunteers). We always welcome new helpers, although you do need to complete a DBS (formerly CRB) check first. For more information, please contact Helen Nolan on 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila (Harrington)*

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - will be on **Saturday 6th August** at 5.30pm.

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.

FR PETER STEVENS

Fr Peter was visited again this week by Maureen and Mary. We are very happy to let you know that Fr Peter continues well with small improvements, although he would dearly love to be able to take up his bed and walk! He sends his love to us all.

PARKING

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

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.

COLLECTION OF ALUMINIUM FOIL - THANK YOU!

Bob Hubbard from St Andrew's Church has asked us to let you know that a cheque for £600 has been sent to the Kenyan Children's Project (www.thekcp.org). The money has been raised from various items that have been turned into cash over the past three years - mainly stamps, but also aluminium foil and some other items. Bob would like to thank everyone in our local churches who has donated and/or collected items and asks that we keep things rolling in as the financial help is very much appreciated by the KCP. *Mary Latimer*

MASS DUTY ROTA	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
30/31 July	A Dennis	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	A Opie	J Whelan	F Holly	Peter and Patsy
6/7 August	M Foggo	E Page	P Goble	U Lean	K Cottingham	J McEwen	
13/14 August	J Ingham	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	J Hale	C Holly	J Hale	
20/21 August	E O'Sullivan	A Penn	C Johnson	D Treanor	A Opie	L Turnbull	
27/28 August	M Fields	GF	M Latimer	M Calvert	N Johnson	AM Farnsworth	

Rota for Laundry of Altar Linen

31 July	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August	4 September	11 September	18 September
C Steet	T Price	S Tarrant	J Whelan	S Treanor	V Terrill	C Steet	T Price