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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 22ND FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

“Don’t tempt me!” We make this cry when we are faced with something we want to, but know we shouldn’t have or do? For example, when on a diet, we don’t want to be offered chocolate! We generally think of temptation as a negative. But temptation also has a positive side, for it offers us an opportunity to make a choice. In that choice we decide who we really want to be and how we want to live.

Jesus, tempted in the desert, decides who he wants to be and how he wants to live. He chooses to go to Galilee and proclaim the “Good News from God”. Knowing “John had been arrested,” Jesus was aware that there would be deadly consequences for his own choice. Nevertheless, he resolutely went ahead with his saving mission.

Life experiences teach us to appraise choices before we make them. No matter how tempting the invitation to play golf or go shopping, participating in Sunday Mass is a more life-giving choice. No matter how tempting gossip and judging another is, being kind and charitable is the right choice. In these and similar life experiences, what do we choose? The “Good News from God” teaches us just how serious our choices are. They decide who we really want to be and how we really want to live. They decide our salvation.

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory. I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Response to Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next Sundays Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18; **2nd Reading:** Romans 8:31-34; **Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £866.10; Loose Plate: £439.86.; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1804.96**

Mill End: Envelopes: £275.85; Loose Plate: £125.35; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £494.95**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 22ND FEB	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 23RD FEB	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St John the Evangelist - Finance Committee Meeting Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH FEB	7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Communion Catechists Meeting - Presbytery St John Fisher - Finance Committee Meeting RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 25TH FEB	7.30pm	Lent with SS Francis and Clare	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 26TH FEB	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH FEB	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
SAT 28TH FEB	10.30am - 11.30am	Holy Hour and Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

21st/22nd February

8.30 am For the People of the Parish
11.00 am Miguel Mirallas Lorente RIP
6.00 pm Albert Kean RIP

28th February/1st March

8.30 am Sheila Sharp RIP (Anniv)
11.00 am For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm Dominik Rozwod RIP and Rozwod and Barker Family (Ints.)

MILL END

21st/22nd February

6.00 pm (Vigil) Bill Hornsby RIP
10.30 am For the People of the Parish

28th February/1st March

6.00 pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
10.30 am Mary Viner RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

21st/22nd February

6.00 pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
9.00 am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

28th February/1st March

6.00 pm (Vigil) Eugene & Mary Herbert RIP
9.00 am For the People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am Arthur Marsden RIP
Tue 9.30 am Edith Raidt (Ints.)
Thu 9.30 am Terry Madden (Ints.)
Fri 9.30 am Arthur Marsden RIP
Sat 10.00 am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am Bernard Collins (Ints.)
Wed 9.30 am Norah Murphy (Ints.)

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am Private Intention

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

No feast days this week.

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, Peter Czarniecki, 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 and Maureen Douglas.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin and Margaret (Meg) Cunningham.

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, Barbara Marke and Paddy Holly.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

You won't have failed to notice that this weekend we have launched a new format for the parish newsletter. This new design, approved by the Pastoral Councils of all three parishes, will allow parishioners to be better informed about all that is going on across the three parishes. Its larger size will allow us to include more information (and in a larger font). Among the new features we have been able to include are the Mass intentions for the next weekend as well as those of this weekend and the inclusion of the scripture references for the readings for the following Sunday for those parishioners who might like to reflect on the readings in advance of the Sunday celebration.

REVIEW OF THE MASS TIMES

A reminder that the closing date for responses to the review of the Mass times across the three parishes is **Sunday 1st March**. Bishop John's letter to the parishes and the ways you can contact the chairs of the three respective pastoral councils can be found on the parish websites under the Review of Mass Times tab.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 23rd February – Holy Hour – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.15pm

Wednesday 25th February – Lent with SS Francis and Clare – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm

Friday 27th February – Stations of the Cross – St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 8.00pm

We hope that these Lenten devotions will be well supported by the parishioners of all three parishes.

CAFOD – LENT FAST DAY APPEAL – FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. As you leave Mass today you will be handed a Fast Day envelope. The UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5m. Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long-term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in the month of Our Lady, 26-29th May. Why not escape for a few days of spiritual refreshment in the foothills of the Pyrenees? There will be opportunities to experience the famous Lourdes torchlight procession, international Mass and baths and see the sites associated with St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady, as well as time for relaxation and personal devotions. If interested, do help yourself to an itinerary and booking form from the back of the church, or speak to Fr. Mark for more details.

PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES

Since the new Mass schedule was introduced last March a number of parishioners have been regularly attending Mass in one of the other two parishes. Planned-giving envelopes are always returned to the originating parish for counting and banking. However, with the time for the issue of new planned-giving envelopes for 2015/16 approaching, there is now the opportunity for those parishioners who might wish to financially support the parish which they now most regularly attend to do so by switching to the planned-giving envelopes for that parish. For those who gift aid their offering, and wish to continue to do so, there would also be the need to sign a new Gift Aid form. **There is no obligation at all for anyone to switch their envelopes if they prefer to continue with their present arrangement, and the envelopes of such parishioners will continue to be returned to the originating parish.** However, if any parishioners would like to make the change at this time they are free to do so. Please contact Mrs Kerry Van Rensburg, our Parish Administrator, who will work with the Gift Aid promoters of each parish to provide the appropriate planned-giving boxes and Gift Aid forms as appropriate.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

After the very successful Day of Recollection for the Readers and Ministers of Communion of the three parishes last year, we are planning another one for this year. This will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23rd May 2015**. We will be joined by Fr John Hemer, who lectures in Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will give us a couple of talks on some aspects of scripture. He is a very inspiring and insightful speaker, so this will be a real highlight of our day together.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

5TH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (3RD - 11TH NOVEMBER)

Booking forms are available for the 5th diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Price £1495 per person sharing; £275 single supplement. Full board. Contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173; geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 3pm.

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Mark the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - YOUTH WORKER PROJECT

As you know, our parish project for *Growing in Faith* is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. I have also agreed with the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee of St John's, Mill End that they will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. Now that the fundraising part of the *Growing in Faith* campaign has been completed, it is time to develop our vision of the role of the Youth Worker in the two parishes. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone interested in helping us to develop the vision and work through the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker in the two parishes. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. This will be a key moment in developing youth ministry in our parish and I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this project forward. *Fr Shaun*

READER'S ROTA

There are copies of the rota at the back of the church for those who did not receive the email copy or for those who would like a hard copy. Dee Barker 01923 710112.

RICKY WEEK BOUTIQUE FAIR MAY 15TH

If you are interested in being part of the organising committee this year or can offer help in any way please contact Angela O'Donovan 07971587848. No experience needed – just a smile and some of your time! First meeting planned early March. Come along for the fun of it!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Noah Power who was baptised here on Sunday 8th February. Please pray for him, that he will grow to be a faithful disciple of the Lord in the years ahead, and that his parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

A WELCOME AND A THANK YOU!

This weekend we welcome Catherine (Katy) Pione as our new parish organist at the 10.30am Mass. Katy is a parishioner of Our Lady's in Rickmansworth and I am very grateful to her for taking up this appointment. I also wish to express, on behalf of the whole parish community, my sincere thanks to Bill Mulderrig who has generously and faithfully been playing for us as our regular organist for some 13 years (and on and off for some years before that). Bill will continue to sing with the choir and has very kindly agreed to play the organ when Katy is away. *Fr Shaun*

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The *Growing in Faith* parish project at Our Lady Help of Christians is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. I have recently agreed with the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee here at St John's, Mill End that we will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. This will be an exciting development for our parish community. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone (from either parish) interested in helping us to develop the vision and to work through the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker in the two parishes. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. This will be a key moment in developing youth ministry in our parish and I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this project forward. *Fr Shaun*

CHARITY FUNDRAISING QUIZ

Please join me for a parish quiz night on 21st March at 7.30pm in the church hall. This summer I am volunteering in Uganda for six weeks in a primary school. The school operates solely due to the volunteers and the money raised by them. So please come along and have some fun whilst supporting a worthwhile charity. Quiz tables are to be a maximum of 8 adults with a cost of £10 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and I will provide the questions. If you are interested please phone or email me before Monday 9th March. Thank you in advance, Nikki Tew. Mobile 07939068211, email nikki_tew@hotmail.com

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 6th March, St Andrews Church, Quickley Lane at 10.30am. Service prepared this year by the women of The Bahamas. All very welcome. Refreshments provided after the service.

ST PATRICK'S DAY AND EASTER CARDS

A good selection of cards are available in the lounge.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be at SJF this Friday 27th February at 8.00pm.

	This Week 21 Feb / 22 Feb				Next Week 28 Feb / 1 Mar			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	M Fields	E Page	M Latimer	C Opie	G F	J Wright	P Goble	D Gibney
9am Mass	A Opie	L Munro	D Gibney	M Watkins	T Leslie	M Gibson	M Leondiou	U Lean
22 Feb. Laundry: J Whelan 27 Feb. Church Cleaning: T Barrett								