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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 14TH FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Lent is about growing in our relationship with God, which informs choices affecting how we understand ourselves and how we relate to others. Special helps are given to us: the rich Lenten Scriptures, the penitential practices we embrace, the extra prayer and devotional opportunities. Lent is a rich time to grow in who we are and to strengthen the clarity with which we face temptations and make choices.

Just before embarking on his public ministry, Jesus spent forty days in the desert fasting and praying – Jesus focuses fully on God his Father. With the temptations the devil focuses fully on Jesus, the divine Son. In their confrontation the cosmic powers of good and evil face one another, and in a clear and committed choice Jesus reveals who the victor is – at this moment and in the ultimate future.

Our forty days in the Lenten desert must include the prayer and fasting that marked Jesus' time in the desert and will help us to focus our lives more perfectly on God. We, too, will face down our demons. We, too, will have the opportunity to make clear and committed choices that reveal who we are and the depth of our relationship with God. We are encouraged and strengthened to make right choices because of the victory over evil already won by Jesus. This is the victory we celebrate at Easter. This is the new life toward which we journey during Lent.

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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Response to Psalm: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36 (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: £810.10; Loose Plate: £431.00; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1751.10**

Mill End: Envelopes: £276.40; Loose Plate: £214.89; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £560.29**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of January amounted to **£2434.01**

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 14TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Coffee and Tea after 9.00am Mass	St John Fisher
MON 15TH FEBRUARY	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	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 16TH FEBRUARY	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues Course - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 17TH FEBRUARY			
THU 18TH FEBRUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 19TH FEBRUARY	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 20TH FEBRUARY	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 13 TH FEBRUARY	10am For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Joyce Dowling RIP (Anniv.) & Irene Foggo RIP (Anniv.)
SUNDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY <i>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Nora Malone RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Denzil D'Cruze RIP	10.30am Mavis & Raymond Billingham RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am In Thanksgiving	9.30am In Thanksgiving	
TUESDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
WEDNESDAY 17 TH FEBRUARY		9.30am Ron Scahill RIP	
THURSDAY 18 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Enid Covington RIP		
FRIDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Michael MacEnri RIP		
SATURDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY	10am For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	6pm (Vigil) Paddy O'Donoghue (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21 ST FEBRUARY <i>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Joan Marioni RIP 11am Sheila Sharp RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Special Intention

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 and Olive Kiener.

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

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 and Susan Maynard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ANNUAL MISSIONARY APPEAL – MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBAN – 13TH/14TH FEBRUARY

This weekend we welcome Fr Tom Ryan and Fr Gerry Markey from the Missionary Society of St Columban, who will be making an appeal across the three parishes on behalf of their missionary work in Asia, the Pacific and Latin America. There will be a retiring collection at each Mass.

RITE OF SIGNING

At the 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher, Chorleywood this weekend, our catechumens, Lily Lewin and Natalie Edwards will sign the Book of the Elect in preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil; and Beata Budzynska and Nicola Hayden will be presented as candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation, to also be received at the Easter Vigil. This Sunday afternoon they will go, together with Fr Shaun and their catechists, to Westminster Cathedral for the Rite of Election in the presence of the Cardinal and his assistant bishops. The Book of Elect, signed by Lily and Natalie, will rest on Our Lady's Altar at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth through Lent.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

This year CAFOD is working to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.

CAFOD Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Please collect your CAFOD Fast Day envelope from church this week, fast this Friday and give as much as you can in next week's collection. Extra Good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD this Lent!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm, as follows: **St John the Evangelist, Mill End: 19th February and 11th March; St John Fisher, Chorleywood: 26th February and 18th March; Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth: 4th and 25th March**

LIFT NEEDED

Would there be any Rickmansworth or Mill End parishioner who might be able to regularly bring a lady from the Sunrise Residential Home (Rickmansworth Road by the M25) to either the 11.00am or 10.30am Sunday Mass? The lady concerned would dearly love to attend Sunday Mass. She walks with a Zimmer frame and is a little slow, is capable of getting in and out of a car. Please contact Fr Shaun if you might be able to help.

ENID COVINGTON RIP

The funeral of Enid Covington will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 22nd February at 11.15am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

EILEEN BAILEY RIP

The funeral of Eileen Bailey will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 25th February at 11.00am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – REFUGEE PRAYER VIGIL

A prayer vigil will be held on Wednesday 24th February, between 6pm-10pm at Our Lady Help of Christians. This will be an opportunity to pray for all those who have been displaced from their country of origin and are living in desperate circumstances. There will be readings, prayers, hymns and time for quiet reflection and prayer. Please join us at any time during the evening, for as long or short a time as you can stay.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 4 MARCH 2016 AT 2.00PM

Our Lady Help of Christians is hosting this annual interdenominational service this year, prepared by the Christian women of Cuba, with the theme 'Receive children. Receive me'. Please put the date in your diary. It would be wonderful to have our parishes well represented - both men and women are most welcome. Contact person: Cristina MacGillivray 01923 774840.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Kerry. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer. Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2015/16 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax. We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

LENT PROGRAMME – SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

As part of our Lent 2016 programme, we will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues*. Bishop Barron discusses each of the traditional seven deadly sins and sets them against their opposing virtues. The programme will be held on Tuesday evenings at **7.30pm** as part of the Faith Matters Discussion Group at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End. This Tuesday, **16th February**, Bishop Barron will be considering Envy and Admiration.

LENTEN ALMS

Our 2016 Lenten Alms appeal will be in support of Caritas Westminster, the official social outreach arm of the Diocese of Westminster. Caritas Westminster works across our Diocese, throughout London and Hertfordshire enabling and co-ordinating parish communities to find practical solutions that address a variety of local social needs. One of the money boxes in each of three parishes has been set aside for *Lenten Alms*, and any money placed there during Lent will be sent to Caritas Westminster. Alternatively you may wish to make a direct donation online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donation

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

Parents who will be applying for **September 2017** Nursery, Reception or Secondary places for their children at Catholic Schools are reminded that the Mass Attendance Card system is now in operation. Please make sure that you have written your child's name on both sides of the card and collect your sticker from the priest as you leave Mass today. Parents to whom the above applies, and who haven't yet collected a letter about the Certificate of Catholic Practice and a Mass Attendance Card, should see Fr Shaun or one of the visiting priests today.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

AGM AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) – 28TH FEBRUARY

The parish AGM will take place at 3.30pm on Sunday 21st February in the parish hall. So far, we have received four nominations: Peter Waters, Adrian Ramsden, Paul Forrest and Angela Steele. Nominations remain open until close of play **on Friday 19th February**. All nominations should be submitted in writing to Samantha Benson, the PPC Chair, at rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or in writing c/o the Parish Office.

If there is any matter for discussion that you would like to be raised under *Any Other Business* please submit it in writing to the Chair (at the above email address or c/o the parish office) by close of play on Friday 19th February.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

AGM AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) - 28TH FEBRUARY

The parish AGM will take place at **11.45am** on Sunday 28th February in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. So far, we have received three nominations: Natalie Zammit, Siobhan Selvaraja and Linda Yates. Nominations remain open until close of play on **Friday 26th February**. All nominations should be submitted in writing to Ewan Smith, the PPC Chair, at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or in writing c/o the Parish Office.

If there is any matter for discussion that you would like to be raised under *Any Other Business* please submit it in writing to the Chair (at the above email address or c/o the parish office) by close of play on Friday 26th February.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COFFEE AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

Everyone is welcome to stay a while for coffee or tea after 9.00am Mass.

THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE FLAT AND RE-ORDERING THE CHAPEL

Work is underway to reorder the church and refurbish the flat. Our *Growing in Faith* Parish Project to reorder the church will transform our worship area to ensure all parishioners can see and participate more fully in the Mass. It will remove the loggia inner wall to open up the full space, level the floor, replace the doors and windows in the side chapel (loggia) and reposition the altar onto a low dais. The works on the flat will involve construction of a separate entrance on the side of the building, removal of the internal stairs and extension of the downstairs lobby. Upstairs a new bathroom and kitchen will be fitted and the other rooms will be refurbished to allow the parish to rent the flat on the open market and protect our long term future.

There will be no Tuesday or Friday morning Masses until the works are completed. We will have access to the church for Saturday and Sunday Masses throughout Lent and for Easter services from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. During this period, there will be access for the choir to practice and to host some Lenten Stations of the Cross.

Work on the chapel begins immediately after Easter so there will be no weekend or weekday Masses for six to eight weeks. During this time, parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at Our Lady's, St John the Evangelist or one of the other local churches. We will coordinate travel to our sister parishes for parishioners with no access to a car. A list is on the noticeboard to try and pair up those who require help with travel with drivers who are willing to take passengers to a specific Mass.

We wish to rent the flat to tenants who are sympathetic to the requirements of the parish. Please encourage any suitable prospective tenants to contact Fr Shaun or Alan Opie. We would also welcome any additional support that Parishioners may be able to contribute towards the cost of additional items that are not included in the *Growing in Faith* project.

This is a very exciting time for our parish. The works will cause some disruption in the short term but, once completed, we can look forward to a very bright future.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to get to know the community you live in? Can you spare a few hours a month? The Residents' Association was formed over 50 years ago to protect the interests of residents of Chorleywood. We are a non-party political association that is passionate about maintaining the special character of Chorleywood. A dedicated group of enthusiastic volunteers make up the executive committee using their skills and experience to benefit residents, raise awareness of important issues and to champion concerns with local councillors. Our current Treasurer has been with the association for over 30 years and now sadly for us, is stepping down to enjoy his retirement. We are very keen to find a person who can take on this role and who is looking for a new experience/challenge. For more details about what's involved please contact: Annette Naughton Annette@chorleywoodresidents.co.uk Tel: 01923 286726. We'd love to hear from you.

	This week 13 / 14 February				Next week 20 / 21 February			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	A Dennis	J Stratton	P Goble	Una Lean Carolyn Opie	M Fields	E O'Sullivan	E Harris	Ann Brew Francis Holly
9am Mass	A Opie	K Cottingham	AM Farnsworth		J Hale	J Whelan	E Price	
14 February Laundry: S Tarrant 19 February Church Cleaning: Volunteer								