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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

In last Sunday's gospel Jesus called Peter "the rock". This Sunday Jesus calls Peter "Satan". Talk about an identity crisis! Who, really, is Peter? Who, really, are we?

Jesus minces no words in today's gospel: to be faithful disciples we must deny self, take up our cross, lose our life. So who in the world would choose to follow Jesus? No wonder Peter rebukes Jesus! However, there is another side to these demands which we can never forget as we remain faithful to being Jesus' disciples: we will find life, and we will be given a share in risen life. To embrace fully this mystery of Jesus, we must think as God does and not choose as humans would.

We think like God when we grasp that placing the good of another above our own needs or interests brings us fuller life. We think like God when we pay attention to the least among us, when we overcome whatever prejudices dwell within us, when we forgive as we have been forgiven, when we refuse to back down in the face of injustices and evil. When we think in these ways, like God, we become who God intends us to be. Who, really, are we? We are the presence of Christ in our world today.

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Response to Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £388.50; Loose Plate: £307.29; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1205.79**

Mill End: Envelopes: £180.60; Loose Plate: £111.33; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £488.93**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of August - **to be advised.**

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. Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 3RD SEPTEMBER			
MON 4TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 5TH SEPTEMBER			
WED 6TH SEPTEMBER			
THU 7TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 8TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am 11.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral Mass - Anita Rizzi RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 9TH SEPTEMBER	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 2 ND SEPTEMBER	10am Patricia Mary Colverson RIP	6pm (Vigil) Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER <i>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Christopher Williams RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Jonathan Pione RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (Ints.)
MONDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (Ints.)	9.30am Donald Taggart (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER		9.30am Sue Scott RIP	
THURSDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Frank Waters RIP		
FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (Ints.)		9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (Ints.)
SATURDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER <i>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Joe Maestranzi RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Bridget & James O'Brien RIP	10.30am Shirley (Conner) Edwards RIP	9am Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell and Joan Townend.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor and Michael Dixon.

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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FAREWELL FOR FR MARK

Fr Mark has now taken up his new appointment as Diocesan Youth Chaplain. We pray for him as he begins this new stage of his priestly ministry. Fr Mark will be returning to each of the three parishes for a farewell Mass and celebration (the dates of which we hope to be able to announce very soon). If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift for Fr Mark, as an expression of thanks for all his work in the parishes over the past four years, then you can do so by using one of the special envelopes available in the parishes this weekend. These envelopes can either be placed in the offertory collection or delivered to the parish office at Our Lady's.

FR DAMIAN RYAN

Fr Damian Ryan, the new Assistant Priest to the three parishes, arrives on Wednesday 6th September. We look forward to welcoming Fr Damian and we keep him in our prayers as he prepares to take up his ministry here with us.

FR TIM DEAN'S SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD – 26th SEPTEMBER 2017

Fr Tim Dean, who lives in Rickmansworth, and regularly helps with Masses in the three parishes, will celebrate his silver jubilee of ordination to the priesthood on Tuesday 26th September 2017. Fr Tim will preside at a thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady's at 12 noon on that day, to be followed by a reception in the parish hall. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to come and share in this special occasion. There will be no 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's on that day.

FUNERALS

The funeral Mass of **Anita Rizzi** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth at 11.00am on Friday 8th September, followed by committal at Stanley Hill Cemetery, Amersham.

The funeral Mass of **Shirley Edwards** will take place at St John the Evangelist, Mill End at 11.00am on Monday 11th September, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium.

The funeral Mass of **Rita Coleman** will take place at St Josephs, Harrow at 10.00am on Monday 11th September.

We commend them to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for their families at this sad and difficult time.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – SECONDARY TRANSFER SEPTEMBER 2018 FORM SIGNING

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer 2018 on the following days: **Monday 2nd October** – 5.30pm to 6.30pm; **Tuesday 3rd October** – 5.00pm to 6.00pm and **Tuesday 17th October** – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

All three sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you. **Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card.** If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – SECONDARY TRANSFER 2019

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Secondary transfer place in a Catholic School for **September 2019** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun after Mass this weekend. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains **very important** information regarding what is required of you in order for us to be able to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your family.

QUIET SPACE – ECUMENCIAL GATHERING FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION IN STILLNESS

Beginning this autumn there will be a twice-monthly gathering for silent prayer and reflection on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St Peter's, Mill End and on the 4th Monday of each month at St John's, Mill End. There will be a short reading from scripture and a poem, which will lead into 20 minutes of prayerful silence. The first gatherings will be at St Peter's on 14th September at 2.15pm for 2.30pm, and at St John's on 25th September at 10.00am for 10.15am. All are welcome. For further details please contact Anne on 07810 805900 or Kathy on 07712 626169. Information leaflets are available at each parish.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

In October 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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND WELCOMERS

The annual Day of Recollection, to which Welcomers are now invited, in addition to Readers and Ministers of Communion, will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23rd September 2017**. Please be sure to have returned your reply slips by Saturday 16th September at the latest.

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 in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Gomes on charlotte.gomes@compconsult.co.uk or 07834 987686.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are still actively looking for a Cub Pack leader - 'Akela' to join a team of leaders working with 8 to 10½ year old children in that section. **As yet no volunteer has come forward – this could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.** The new leader will have plenty of support from the current team and the other Group leaders. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michelle Meens who has been a member of the Parish Finance Committee for three and half years is stepping down at this time. On behalf of myself and the parish I wish to express my sincere thanks to Michelle for the very valuable contribution that she has made to the work of the Finance Committee. I have now appointed Neil Hilary as a member of the Finance Committee, and I am very grateful to him for taking on this important role. *Fr Shaun*

GARDEN OF REST - MEMORIAL STONES

We have now completed our efforts to contact as many people as possible who have the ashes of loved ones buried in our Garden of Rest. We are now preparing the list of names for submission to the stonemasons so that they can plan the layout of the names on the stones. Once we have approved the layout they will begin the work of carving the names onto the stones. It had been my hope that the two boulders, with the inscribed names, could be laid in the Garden of Rest in time for a special blessing during November, the month of the Holy Souls. However, the stonemasons have now advised us that this timetable will not be possible. The stone boulders, which are being imported from India, cannot be properly shaped until the stonemasons know the exact layout of the names on the stone plaques that will be fitted to the boulders – a stage we are only just reaching now. Transportation of the boulders will take around over two months and so it is unlikely that the stones will be ready to be brought to the Garden of Rest before December, possibly not even until the New Year. We will update you as more information becomes available. *Fr Shaun*

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS - there will be *no* coffee after Mass this Sunday (3 September).

200 CLUB

The 200 Club begins again in October and if anyone is interested in joining (or cancelling their membership) please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. Payment is due by mid September for those who wish to continue their membership and pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need a few new people to join our dedicated team of church cleaners. If you would be willing to help please speak to Fr Shaun or contact the Church Cleaning rota co-ordinator, Rowan Mangion at gourmetrowan@gmail.com.

CRECHE AT 11AM MASS

There is a crèche with toys and books for pre-school children (walking age upwards, as long as they're happy to be left) which runs throughout the year, usually alongside the Children's Liturgy, for the first half of the 11am Mass. This is not for school-aged children who can join the Children's Liturgy group in the small hall (during term time). We organise a rota on a two monthly basis and in September we will lose the majority of our volunteers when their youngest children start school so it may no longer be viable to run it. If you'd like to join us (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please pop into the hall or contact Helen Nolan on helenvnolan@ntlworld.com or 07980 600549.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS

A reminder that tea and coffee is available in the parish hall after the 10.30am Mass each Sunday. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 24th September** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOHN FISHER

I am delighted to say that a number of parishioners have volunteered to help run the proposed Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass on Sundays. We hope to begin the Children's Liturgies as soon as the volunteers DBS checks have been completed.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
2/3 Sept.	A Dennis	S Hoy	D Gibney	A Opie	L Munroe	AM Farnsworth	Carolyn & Peter	S Tarrant
9/10 Sept.	GF	J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	J Hale	C Holly	E Price	Ann & Carolyn	A McReynolds

SAINTS

Games, food & reflection—school year 7-9

SAINTS is for our young people who want to meet new friends, enjoy some food prepared with lots of love, play crazy games and talk about things which matter. **Don't worry if you don't know anyone else**, we'll introduce you to your new friends. SAINTS meet fortnightly. **First meeting** this year: **Tuesday 12 July, 6 pm @ St John's Mill End** parish hall. Please bring £1.50 per evening to help cover food costs.

B-Attitude

Put your faith into action—school year 9-13

B-Attitude are the young people in our parish who **support the local community**, especially by visiting the local care home on Wednesdays and helping with the Sunday brunches at Mill End. B-Attitude meets fortnightly for planning and reflection. Meetings resume **Monday 11 July, 6.15 pm @ Our Lady's** parish hall (it's in the upper room, up the staircase). **Anyone is welcome** to come along to find out if B-Attitude is right for you.