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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 30TH AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Every social grouping – families, schools, cities, various organisations, nations – has rules or laws. The purpose of these rules or laws is not to bind people to rigid behaviours, but to facilitate the relationships that bind them to one another as a social grouping. So it is with God's commandments and our relationship to God and each other.

In today's gospel Jesus faces the Pharisees and some scribes with how they use human traditions to oppress the community of God's people. In effect they put themselves above God, upsetting the relationships that God's commandments are meant to preserve and deepen. Jesus turns their judgement about him and his disciples back on them. He teaches that no human tradition can supplant God's commandments.

Good laws never oppress, but always promote the common good. God's commandments never oppress, but always promote right relationships with God and others. To illustrate this principle: each of the Ten Commandments has an important value at its heart. For example, the fifth commandment not only prohibits killing another, but demands respect for all life. The first commandment not only directs us to keep Sunday holy, but to keep God at the centre of our lives every day. Commandments always take us beyond the letter to the spirit, beyond minimal obedience to the conscious surrender of our heart to God and others.

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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Response to Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7; **2nd Reading:** James 2:1-5; **Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £465.45; Loose Plate: £328.43; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1292.88**

Mill End: Envelopes: £267.45; Loose Plate: £62.92; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £424.12**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of July amounted to **£2077.70**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 30TH AUGUST	12.30pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 31ST AUGUST	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 1ST SEPTEMBER			
WED 2ND SEPTEMBER	2.30pm	Funeral - Christina Fennell RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 3RD SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 4TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 5TH SEPTEMBER	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 29TH AUGUST <i>THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	10.00am George Rigney (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Patrick McAleavy (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Private Intention
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST <i>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mary Cook RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Moreno Torrini RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 31 ST AUGUST	9.30am Frank Waters RIP	9.30am Jean Warren RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 1 ST SEPTEMBER	9.30am Fr Norman Wrigley RIP		9.30am Mgr Walter Drumm RIP
WEDNESDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Private Intention		
FRIDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SATURDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am Mgr Walter Drumm RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr Norman Wrigley RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER <i>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Agnes & Thomas Feely RIP (Anniv.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Alex Davies	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Paddy Holly RIP

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, Angela Maccini and Heather Kean.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon and Seamus Fagan.

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 and Kitty Finucane.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

MISSION APPEAL BY THE XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES

Next weekend the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society (the Xaverian Missionaries) will be coming to all three parishes to make the Annual Mission Appeal. The Xaverian Missionaries will share with us something of the work they are doing around the world. There will be a retiring collection after all the Masses to support their important work of mission.

1ST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2015/16

Parents who have registered children for the 2015/16 1st Communion programme are advised that the dates for the initial meetings and 1st sessions are now as follows:

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Monday 19th October 2016 at 5.30pm
1st Children's Session – Monday 2nd November 2016 at 5.30pm

St John's, Mill End Parents' Meeting – Sunday 11th October at 10.30am
1st Children's Session – Sunday 18th October at 9.15am

St John Fisher, Chorleywood Parent's Meeting - Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm
1st Children's Session Sunday 18th October at 8.45am

These changes were notified to parents by email over the summer.

THREE PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

This year I am introducing a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help across the three parishes from Saturday 3rd October to Sunday 18th October. Each parish will host the Novena for three nights. As well as the traditional Marian prayers, the Novena will have the over-arching theme of "Religious Founders" (as we are currently celebrating the Year for Consecrated Life). On each of the nine evenings a member of a different religious order or congregation will come to speak to us about the life of their founder, the charism of their Order or Congregation and the way that their life as religious is expressed and lived out today. More details will follow later in the month. I hope that the Novena will become an annual event in the life of three parishes. *Fr Shaun*

CHRISTINA FENNEL RIP

The funeral of Christina Fennell will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2nd September followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 2016

The 2016 Day of Recollection will take place at the Niland Centre on Saturday 4th June 2016. Fr John Hemer, who gave such well-received talks this year, has kindly agreed to join us again. Unfortunately, 4th June 2016 does fall at the end of a half-term week, but this was the only date in the period that Fr John was able to make. Please make a note in your diary.

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

Urgently require donations of cooking oil and long life milk. No other items required at present. Please place your donations in the box provided in the church porch. Thank you very much.

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).

GENERAL NOTICES

SEPTEMBER AT THE NILAND CENTRE

Suggesting the Possible in a Fragile World—Pat Gaffney (Pax Christi) explores making change happen for a better world
Saturday 12th (10.30am – 4pm)

Pope Francis in conversation with St Catherine of Siena—Sr Marie-Henry Keane OP Saturday 19th (10.30am – 3pm)
Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £12.

Living the Joy of the Gospel—Sr Regina McGarry & Monika Cleaver Wednesday 23rd (10.30 am – 1.30 pm). Suggested donation £6.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Coach from St Paul's Church, Merle Avenue, Harefield for the Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 27th September, led by Bishop Philip Egan. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details pick up a flyer from the porch.

PERFORMING ARTS WEEKEND - 16 TO 18 OCTOBER

Are you aged over 14 and do you have you a passion for the performing arts? Want to know more? Why not spend an exciting weekend with Westminster Youth Ministry and Gen Verde unlocking your creative forces and having fun amongst friends - for more information see dowym.com or contact WYM - youth @rcdow.org.uk / 0207 529 8633.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

NEW PIPE ORGAN

The new pipe organ which we have commissioned is currently being built in Slovenia by a company called Skrabl, one of Europe's leading organ builders. A drawing of the design of the new organ can be seen on the porch notice board, on a board at the back of the church and on the parish website under the 'New Pipe Organ' tab. The new pipe organ is going to be a thing of beauty, that will enrich the interior of the church as well as enriching our music. It is hoped that the organ will be installed in early November of this year.

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF THE NEW PIPE ORGAN FUND

The Choir are organising a parish quiz night for Saturday 7th November in support of the new pipe organ appeal. We hope that many parishioners will support this event. More details to follow.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (6TH SEPTEMBER)

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

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 sight-reading, 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.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

During the summer we received financial permission to begin work on our project of re-ordering the church. The work will begin this autumn and hopefully be completed very early in the New Year. Parishioners are able to view the plans, drawings and designs on the parish website (on the re-ordering of the church tab) for all the work that will take place.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILL END AND MAPLE CROSS

St John the Evangelist Church was not consecrated when it was opened. It is only possible to consecrate a church once it has a permanent fixed stone altar. As part of the re-ordering of the church we will soon have a stone altar, and so I have petitioned Cardinal Vincent Nichols requesting his consent to the consecration of the church after the completion of the re-ordering. His Eminence has graciously agreed that our church may be consecrated and he himself will come to celebrate the consecration in a solemn Mass of Dedication on **Saturday 30th April 2016 at 12 noon**. This will be a wonderful moment of grace and blessing for the whole parish community. There will obviously be much more to say about this in the coming months. The date falls on a Bank Holiday Weekend, so please make a note in your diary now: we want as many parishioners as possible to share in this unique and wonderful occasion. I promise you it will be a celebration you will never forget! *Fr Shaun*

PARISH QUIZ - SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER - please make a note in your diaries. More details will follow.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Saturday 5th September** at 5.30pm.

	29 / 30 August				5 / 6 September			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	GF	E Page	E Harris	Peter Mackie	R Ellis	D Gibney	E O'Sullivan	
9am Mass	J Hale	S Marston	J McEwen		D Treanor	L Munro	J McEwen	
29 August	Laundry: S Tarrant			4 September	Church Cleaning: J McEwen			