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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Conversion of any kind happens because of a catalyst. An alcoholic or drug addict, for example, enters a rehabilitation programme because family members pursue an intervention. In today's gospel Jesus challenges the community of the Church to be catalysts for one another's conversion, promising to be in our midst when we gather and pray in his name.

The risen Jesus is in our midst when we are gathered together in his name. He is in our midst even when we confront sinful divisions among us. Will the community of the church experience sinful division, member against member? Yes. How do we handle such division? By coming together in his name rather than pitting ourselves against one another in our own name. Community – being one in mind and heart – arises from our union with the risen Jesus.

Where is Jesus? Jesus is where sin, fraternal correction, and reconciliation occur. Jesus is where there is unanimity of the praying community. Jesus is where his followers are when they are gathered together in his name. Where are we?

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Response to Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £651.34; Loose Plate: £411.12; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1572.46**

Mill End: Envelopes: £260.15; Loose Plate: £144.89; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £602.04**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of August - **£2408.06**

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 10TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am	Tea and Coffee after Mass	St John Fisher
MON 11TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am - 12 noon 11.00am 6.15pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Funeral Mass - Shirley Edwards RIP B-Attitude - Upper Room Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 12TH SEPTEMBER	10.15am 6.00pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Saints - Hall	Edith Moid's flat St John the Evangelist
WED 13TH SEPTEMBER	7.30pm	Mill End PPC Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 14TH SEPTEMBER	2.15pm for 2.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Quiet Space Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall SVP Meeting - Hall	St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
FRI 15TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am 12 noon	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - Madden / Linney	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 16TH SEPTEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Connolly / Cole Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 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
MONDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Joseph & Jane Netto RIP	9.30am Martin McHugh (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 12 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Patricia Mary Colverson RIP		9.30am Betty Donovan RIP (Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPT. <i>St JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>		9.30am Eddie McLaughlin RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 14TH SEPT. <i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	9.30am John & Genova D'Cruz RIP		
FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER <i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	9.30am Patsy Reese (Ints.)		9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP
SAT. 16TH SEPTEMBER <i>SS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP</i>	10.00am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER <i>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Angela Vardy RIP 11am Kenneth Murray RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Myrtle Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	9am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: 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

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY-O'CONNOR

Cardinal Cormac's body will be received into Westminster Cathedral at 10am on Tuesday 12th September. The Cardinal's body will lie at rest in the cathedral throughout Tuesday and all are welcome to pay their respects, pray and sign the book of condolence. At 5.00pm on Tuesday there will be Solemn Vespers of the Dead, again all are welcome to attend. The Cathedral will remain open for prayer until 8.00pm. The Funeral Mass for Cardinal Cormac will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 13th September. **Admission for the congregation at the Funeral Mass is by ticket only.** At the end of the Mass, the body of Cardinal Cormac will be laid to rest in the nave of the Cathedral, by the Tenth Station of the Cross. There will be a Memorial Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday 4th October at 5.30pm. At this Mass there will be unreserved seating, and it is particularly hoped that anyone who might have wished to attend the Funeral Mass but was unable to do so could attend on this later date. Please continue to pray for the repose of Cardinal Cormac's soul, and for his family and friends. Prayer Cards are available in each parish this weekend.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr Damian as he joins us as the new Assistant Priest to these parishes. We hope and pray that he will be happy, blessed and fulfilled in his ministry in and to these three parishes.

FAREWELL MASSES FOR FR MARK

The Farewell Masses for Fr Mark will be as follows:

Friday 29th September at 7.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Friday 20th October at 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Friday 27th October at 7.30pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

Each Mass will be followed by a reception in the appropriate parish. If you are unable to be present for the Farewell Mass in the parish which you usually attend, then please feel free to attend whichever celebration in the other two parishes is most convenient for you. If you would like to make a contribution toward a farewell gift for Fr Mark, in thanks for his ministry in the three parishes over the past four years, there are special envelopes available in each parish. These can be placed in the offertory collection, handed to Fr Shaun or Fr Damian or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Cheques should be made payable to your respective parish.

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 or St John's, Mill End that day.

FUNERALS

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** – 5pm to 6pm and **Tuesday 17th October** – 7pm to 8pm

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 or Fr Damian 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.

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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 17th September** at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FR SHAUN'S LETTER ABOUT THE REDECORATION OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH HALLS

If you were away last weekend or didn't pick up a copy of Fr Shaun's letter about the redecoration of the church and the parish halls, copies are available this weekend at the back of the church.

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*

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.

200 CLUB - AUGUST Congratulations to P Starck £41, M Thomson £30.75, J Gibson £20.50, C Bridge-Madden £10.25.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Chair at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The next meeting will take at **8pm on Tuesday 19th September**. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should submit these to Malcolm Golin (PPC Secretary) malcolmgolin@outlook.com. Alternatively, parishioners can approach an individual PPC member (the names of all PPC members are listed on the parish website).

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS - tea and coffee is being served after Mass this Sunday. All are very welcome.

LADIES MEETING - TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.15AM

The next meeting is at 2 Grenville Court Chorleywood. (Edith Moid's flat). All are most welcome.

RED MISSIO BOXES

The holidays are over, children are back at school and we are back at work. Please can we turn our minds to our Red Boxes and bring them back to church on the 16th or 23rd for the September collection. Many thanks indeed. *Mary*

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. *Fr Shaun*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
9/10 Sept.	GF	J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	J Hale	C Holly	E Price	Ann & Carolyn	A McReynolds
16/17 Sept.	A Dennis	M Williamson	C Johnson	D Treanor	L Munro	F Holly	Kate & Don	V Terrill

SAINTS (school year 7-8)

Games, food & reflection

SAINTS meet fortnightly on Tuesdays. We start with a 15 minute chat or activity about what's going on in our lives, play a game, have some food and finish with a short prayer in the church. **First meeting: Tuesday 12 September, 6 pm - 7.30 pm @ St John's Mill End** parish hall. Just come along on the evening. Please bring £1.50 per evening to help cover food costs.

B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

B-Attitude go out into our local community and visit the local care home. We meet fortnightly on Mondays for planning and reflection. We start again on **Monday 11 September, 6.15 pm - 7.15 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.

Young Adults Pub Social

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish) are warmly invited to meet up at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15 pm (after the 6 pm Mass) **Sunday 17 September** for a drink and a chat.