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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 4TH SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

In trying economic times, most people need to calculate carefully how they spend their money. They choose to renounce having some things they would like to have because other things are more essential to life. Often the reward from this pattern of calculation and renunciation becomes valuable enough that even when better economic circumstances develop, they continue in this way of living.

Discipleship is constantly about renunciation and calculation. Following Jesus is an ongoing choice with ongoing demands. Disciples would become discouraged if they didn't keep focused on where faithful discipleship leads – to fullness of new life. Renunciation brings abundance; calculation ensures fidelity.

If we clearly calculated the costs and assessed our resources before beginning the journey, none of us would ever begin! The fact is, we ourselves don't have what we need to be faithful disciples. But Jesus does and he gives us his power and grace to "finish the work." So what we are to calculate is not what we lack, but what Jesus continually gives. We can give our all because Jesus has first given his all to us.

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

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Response to Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

Exodus 32:7-11; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 (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: £711.60; Loose Plate: £350.71; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1572.31**

Mill End: Envelopes: £246.09; Loose Plate: £113.87; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £458.96**

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. It's Easy! Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| SUN 4TH SEPTEMBER | 9.30am 12.45pm | Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Baptisms | Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians |
| MON 5TH SEPTEMBER | 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 6TH SEPTEMBER | | | |
| WED 7TH SEPTEMBER | | | |
| THU 8TH SEPTEMBER | 11.00am 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Funeral Service - Peter Coleman RIP SVP Meeting Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians |
| FRI 9TH SEPTEMBER | 10.00am 11.00am | Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral Mass - Betty Page RIP | Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist |
| SAT 10TH 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 |
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| SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER <i>St GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR</i> | 10.00am For the intentions of Pope Francis | 6pm (Vigil) Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.) | 6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER <i>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Margaret Taylor RIP 6pm Kay Murphy RIP | 10.30am Sharon Brownsell RIP | 9am For the People of the Parish |
| MONDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER | 9.30am Jonathan Pione RIP | 9.30am Billy Kerins (Ints.) | |
| TUESDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER | 9.30am Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP | | 9.30am Diana Price RIP |
| WEDNESDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER | | 9.30am Michael Smith (Ints.) | |
| THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i> | 9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish | | |
| FRIDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER | 9.30am Mary Pit RIP | | 9.30am Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP |
| SATURDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER | 10.00am Roshini Alles RIP | 6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish | 6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER <i>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 8.30am Anne Stark RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Creavan Dunlop RIP | 10.30am Jean Fursman RIP | 9am Patrick Holly RIP (Anniv.) |

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, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, Maureen Koller and John Caneparo.

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

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, Susan Maynard and Don Williamson.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE- SECONDARY TRANSFER 2017

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer 2017 on the following days:

Monday 3rd October 2016 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 8th October 2016 – 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Tuesday 11th October 2016 – 4.30pm to 5.30pm

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 2018

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Secondary transfer place in a Catholic School for **September 2018** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Mark or Fr Graham 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.

If you are new to the parish, and have not been issued with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2017** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Mark as soon as possible.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE: MATTHEW – THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

Later this autumn we are hoping to begin a new bible study course. Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. *Matthew* demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. The course is made up of twenty-four 50 minute DVD sessions. The course will take place on Tuesday evenings at St John's, Mill End (hopefully beginning in late October) and will be spaced throughout the year. An essential accompaniment to the course is the Study Book which includes engaging study "Questions" (with lesson summaries, home reading assignments, talk outlines, charts, diagrams, and more). The cost of the study guide is £30 per copy. If you would be interested in undertaking the course and and would be willing to purchase a copy of the study guide (which we can order on your behalf) we would ask you to please sign up on the list available in each of the parishes. This will enable us to gauge whether there is sufficient interest for us to make the substantial investment in this DVD course.

FUNERALS

The funeral of **Peter Coleman** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth at 11.00am on Thursdays 8th September, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

The funeral of **Betty Page** will take place at St John's, Mill End at 11.00am on Friday 9th September, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium.

The funeral of **Diana Price** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth at 11.00am on Tuesday 13th September, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

The funeral of **Roshini Alles** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Friday 23rd September at 11.00am.

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

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

We are also 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 are in the church porches. Thank you.

YOUTH EVENT

We are looking forward to seeing all children in year 6 and above for our youth group event at Our Lady's on **Sunday 11th September** from 4pm - 6pm. Outdoor games, weather permitting of course! Indoor games if it's wet. Tuck shop, hands free donut eating competition, water games and rounders. If you are in years 10 and 11 we would love you to come and help with the fun! It's a free afternoon of fun, but don't forget to bring your tuck shop pennies. For more details please contact Katie - katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk or 07518 352478.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Readers and Ministers of Communion should now have received from your respective rota co-ordinators information about the arrangements for the Day of Recollection on **Saturday 17th September**. Please be sure to have returned your reply slips by **Saturday 10th September** at the latest.

GENERAL NOTICES

MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST

Are holding an open evening on Wednesday 21st September 8pm. Venue - The Mill Café at the Methodist Church, Berry Lane, Rickmansworth, WD3 7HJ. As a Christian organisation we always aspire to maintaining a high percentage of Christian volunteers and currently we have a few gaps that we ideally would like to fill. If you would like to find out about what we do, without any commitment- please come & meet us. Prayerfully consider if you could offer to help in the café/ foodbank/ garden on a Tuesday or Friday once a month. We are also keen to create a team of men to lead the men's workshop – our latest project. Any questions please feel free to phone & chat it over - H 01923 72014 or mob 07763 185813. Hope you can come & look forward to meeting some of you. Iris Bangs - chair of Mill End Community trust.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

A summary of the PPC meeting held on 18th July 2016 is now available on the porch notice board. The Summary can also be accessed via the PPC tab on the parish website. A few 'hard' copies are available at the back of the church for those without internet access. The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Tuesday 20th September**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Secretary at rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (4TH SEPTEMBER)

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

VAUDEVILLE RETURNS TO OUR LADYS WITH "VAMP TIL READY" ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH

This merry band played here 3 years ago to fantastic reviews. It was a fun filled evening with music and humour. There will be dinner and a bar to accompany the general merriment. It is a must for your diary. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. More details to follow.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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A summary of the PPC meeting held on 28th June 2016 is available on the porch notice board. The Summary can also be accessed via the PPC tab on the parish website. A few 'hard' copies are available in the porch for those without internet access. The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Wednesday 14th September**. 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.

FRESH VEGETABLES!

A parishioner is kindly making available an assortment of fresh vegetables from his allotment after the 10.30am this weekend. All proceeds will go towards supporting Aid to the Church in Need. Come and buy some delicious fresh vegetables for your Sunday lunch!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Bishop Paul McAleenan will join us at the 9.00am Mass on **Sunday 25th September** to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the work of re-ordering the church. Please make a note in your diaries.

PARISH BBQ

The Parish BBQ which had been planned for this Sunday has been cancelled. Next year we will resume the normal pattern of having the BBQ before the summer holidays.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING – MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the PPC will take at 8.00pm on Monday 12th September. At the AGM in July it was agreed that the PPC will meet in closed session rather than in open forum. This practice will be reviewed at the next AGM in March. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should submit these to Malcolm Golin (PPC Secretary) malcolmgolin@outlook.com or Alan Opie (PPC Chair). Alternatively, parishioners can approach an individual PPC member (the names of all PPC members are listed on the parish website). Parishioners are reminded that the PPC is not responsible for financial or administrative matters. Matters concerning finance should be directed to Carolyn Opie (Chair of the Parish Finance Committee) and admin matters should be directed to Fr Shaun, either directly or through Kerry Van Rensburg, our Parish Administrator.

NEW SANCTUS BELL

Thanks to a generous donation from a parishioner, this weekend we are introducing a new four chime Sanctus bell to be rung during Mass at the consecration. We are very grateful for this generous gift, as we are to all the parishioners who have made, and are making, very generous donations for different furnishings of our reordered church.

TABERNACLE VEILS

We express our sincere thanks to Maeve Opie (Alan's mother) for making veils (in green, white, purple and red) for our new tabernacle. Another wonderful addition to our beautifully reordered church!

LECTERN

We are hoping to purchase a second wooden lectern to match the current lectern (ambo) used by the readers. The second lectern would replace the current four-legged lectern (legilium) used by the celebrant. The new lectern would cost £500. A parishioner has already very generously offered to donate half of this cost. If there is any other parishioner who might be willing to make a donation to cover the other half, could they please contact Fr Shaun.

ALTAR LINEN ROTA

Would members of the altar linen team who do not have access to the internet please collect a letter from Fr Shaun in the porch. Those for whom we have email addresses will have received the information by email.

| MASS DUTY ROTA | Saturday 6.00pm Mass | | | Sunday 9.00am Mass | | | |
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| | Welcomer | Reader | MoC | Welcomer | Reader | Communion | Counters |
| 3/4 Sept. | GF | R Ellis | P Goble | A Opie | S Marston | E Price | |
| 10/11 Sept. | R Ellis | M Foggo | C Johnson | U Lean | L Munro | F Holly | |

Rota for Laundry of Altar Linen

| 4 September | 11 September | 18 September | 25 September | 2 October | 9 October | 16 October | 23 October |
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| V Terrill | C Steet | T Price | S Tarrant | J Whelan | S Treanor | V Terrill | C Steet |