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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

People don't keep good news to themselves. Fingers fly tapping text messages, conversation around the proverbial watercooler gets louder. In today's gospel Jesus orders the crowd to keep quiet about the healing of the deaf-mute man. He's got to be kidding! Contain good news? Not possible!

This whole gospel is essentially about relationship and communication. Jesus establishes a unique relationship with the deaf-mute man when he reaches out to him with a healing touch. In this gesture, he has opened this man to a deeper relationship with himself as the Christ, as the One who saves. Healed, the man "spoke clearly" and the crowd proclaimed widely.

What do we communicate about our relationship with the person of Jesus? Do we speak "clearly" about him, to those who are suffering or in sorrow, to those who need to hear words of forgiveness or to those who need to be challenged to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus? In all this, through word and act, we are proclaiming good news. When we truly encounter and hear the Word, our tongues cannot refrain from proclaiming him widely. Contain such good news? Not possible.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7

**Response to Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 2:14-18; **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £659.50; Loose Plate: £325.80; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1484.30**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £293.59; Loose Plate: £143.51; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £530.85**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	9.30am 12.30pm	Coffee and Tea after 8.30am Mass Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 7.00pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Chorleywood Pastoral Council Meeting Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>WED 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 1.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Emily Harman and Michael Wright 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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Mgr Walter Drumm RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Norman Wrigley RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Agnes & Thomas Feely RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Alex Davies RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> Paddy Holly RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Fr George Lyons RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> Fr George Lyons RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr George Lyons RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Jonathan Pione RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Massi & Susan & Baby (Ints.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Kenneth Murray RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> James & Bridget O'Brien RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> O'Sullivan Family 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, Heather Kean and Olive Kiener.

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

**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

This 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.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2015/16

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

**Our Lady's, Rickmansworth** Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 5.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Children's Session – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 5.30pm

**St John's, Mill End** Parents' Meeting – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am

1<sup>st</sup> Children's Session – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am

**St John Fisher, Chorleywood** Parent's Meeting - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Children's Session Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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*

### PARISH YOUTH WORKER

The position of parish youth worker is now being advertised on the diocesan website and elsewhere. We hope to be able to interview prospective candidates in early October.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 2016

The 2016 Day of Recollection will take place at the Niland Centre on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. Fr John Hemer, who gave such well-received talks this year, has kindly agreed to join us again. Unfortunately, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### CAFOD Harvest Supporters Meeting - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Come and hear how your support of CAFOD is enabling communities in Niger, to continue to survive in spite of extreme droughts. Meeting from 10am - 12.15pm at Amigo Hall WE1 7HY, next to St Georges Cathedral, Southwark, Lambeth North. Please contact CAFOD on 0208-449-6970 or [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) for further details or book direct via [www.cafodwestminster.wordpress.com](http://www.cafodwestminster.wordpress.com)

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>** (10.30am – 4pm)

*Pope Francis in conversation with St Catherine of Siena* - Sr Marie-Henry Keane OP **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** (10.30am – 3pm)

Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £12.

*Living the Joy of the Gospel* - Sr Regina McGarry & Monika Cleaver **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** (10.30 am – 1.30 pm). Suggested donation £6.

### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Invite you to a regional gathering on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 4pm. The Venue is Our Lady and St Anne Parish Centre, South View Avenue, Reading RG4 5AB. The day will include a 20 minute film and an update about the current situation in the Holy Land, and the activities of the Friends in Bethlehem and other areas. The event is free, lunch is included. For more information and to book call 01926 512980 or email [friendsoftheholylan@btconnect.com](mailto:friendsoftheholylan@btconnect.com)

## 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. A drawing of the design of the new organ can be seen on the porch notice board and on the parish website under the 'New Pipe Organ' tab. It is hoped that the organ will be installed in early November of this year. The organ will cost in the region of £45,000. This cost will largely be met by two legacies left to the parish (amounting to £20,000) and by drawing on existing parish funds. There will also be a Parish Quiz Night being organised by the Choir in support of the pipe organ fund (see item below), and we are also inviting individual donations from any parishioners who might wish to make one. Special envelopes are now available at the back of the church. If you wish to make a donation please use these envelopes and, if you are a UK Tax Payer, please consider filling in the Gift Aid information, as this will add a further 25p for every £1 that you give, at no extra cost to you.

### QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF THE NEW PIPE ORGAN FUND

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

### 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 are interested, we practice each week before Mass on Sunday from 5.30pm, 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. The 200 Club is a lottery. 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 (1<sup>st</sup> prize), £75.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize), £50.00 third prize and £25 (4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### JOIN THE CHOIR

This is a great time to join the choir, it's an exciting time for our Church! If you have ever thought of joining sometime, let that time be now. No qualifications or experience required, just come along to our practice in the Church at 8pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> September and help us 'make a joyful noise'. *St John's Choir.*

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to the following winners: 200 Club July winners: David McLoughlin. Michael Flanagan. McKiernan family. 200 Club August winners: Zammit family. Kathleen Galvin. Bo Bambridge.

### RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Phase One of the re-ordering is now complete. The wooden arch above the sanctuary, the sliding doors, the tabernacle, the crucifix and the sanctuary light fittings have all been removed and the tabernacle cavity bricked up in readiness for the re-plastering of the sanctuary walls in mid-September. Photos of the work can be seen on the *News* tab of the parish website and all the plans and designs for the re-ordering are available on the *Re-ordering of the church* tab. Don't forget to sign up for e-Alerts if you would like to follow the progress of the project as it goes forward.

### 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. A church can only be consecrated once it has a fixed stone altar. We will soon have a stone altar, and so I have petitioned Cardinal Vincent Nichols requesting his consent to the consecration of the church. His Eminence has graciously agreed to consecrate the church himself in a solemn Mass of Dedication on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 12 noon.** This will be a wonderful moment of grace and blessing for our parish community. There will 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 AT 7.30PM

Tables/teams of 8. Tickets £10 each from Geraldine Page. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. Tea & coffee will be provided. The money raised from the quiz will go towards sponsoring a pane in the new stained glass window dedicated to the deceased clergy of our parish.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place at 8pm this Monday. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### NEXT LADIES' MEETING - MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 9.30AM

This will be at Valerie Terrill's house, 122 Whitelands Avenue. All will be very welcome.

	This week 5 / 6 September				Next week 12 / 13 September			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	R Ellis	D Gibney	M Latimer	Carolyn Opie Una Lean	M Foggo	A Penn	M Latimer	Peter Mackie
9am Mass	D Treanor	L Munro	J McEwen		M Calvert	M Williamson	L Turnbull	Francis Holly
5 September	Laundry: J Whelan			11 September	Church Cleaning: Volunteer			