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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When someone hurts us, our general behaviour and demeanour can be visibly affected. We avoid that person, we gossip with others about the hurt, we seethe with resentment and live out of anger. Only forgiveness frees us from being locked within a heart become hard.

The king in the gospel parable who is overwhelmingly gracious in his forgiveness of his servant is like our heavenly Father who is immeasurably forgiving of us. By contrast, the servant in the gospel is overwhelmingly callous and unforgiving toward another who is in debt to him. We must be forgiving like our "heavenly Father" rather than be hard-hearted like the servant. Our very salvation is contingent on having forgiving hearts toward others.

Jesus teaches us that to attain salvation we must forgive one another "from your heart" and we must do so "seventy-seven times." To forgive one another from the heart means letting go completely of the hurt done to us, letting go completely of efforts both blatant and subtle to make the person pay for the hurt rendered. We can let go completely of a hurt when we remember how often and how immeasurably God forgives us.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7

Response to Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24. 27; Matthew 20:1-16 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £659.56; Loose Plate: £417.15; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1586.71**

Mill End: Envelopes: £390.00; Loose Plate: £189.93; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £1166.93**

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 17TH SEPTEMBER	12.30pm 7.15pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John's School Coach & Horses
MON 18TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am - 12 noon 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 19TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm	Chorleywood PPC Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 20TH SEPTEMBER			
THU 21ST SEPTEMBER	7.45pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 22ND SEPTEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 23RD SEPTEMBER	9.30am departure 5.30pm	Day of Recollection (please remember to bring something for the shared lunch) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Niland Centre St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SAT. 16TH SEPTEMBER SS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP	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 17TH SEPTEMBER 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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
MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Celia McInerney (Ints.)	9.30am Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WED. 20TH SEPTEMBER SS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS		9.30am W J O'Sullivan	
THURS. 21ST SEPTEMBER St MATTHEW, APOSTLE	9.30am Marion Slavern RIP		
FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	9.30am		9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP
SAT. 23RD SEPTEMBER St PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST	NO MASS THIS MORNING	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP
SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Eileen Byrne RIP 11am Elsie Alexander RIP 6pm Heather Young RIP	10.30am Paul O'Connor RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

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, 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 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.

FAREWELL TO SISTER MARGARET

This weekend we wish a sad farewell to Sister Margaret Devine, of the Daughters of Jesus, who will be moving from the community at Blakenhall Convent in Nightingale Road, to join the community of sisters at Westgate-on-Sea. Sister Margaret first came here in 1951 and has had several sojourns here with us since that time. Sister Margaret's presence at daily Mass, her gentle smile and calm demeanour will be very much missed. We wish Sister Margaret every blessing and good wish as she moves to her new home on Monday 18th September.

NOEL JACKSON RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death this past week of Noel Jackson, a long-standing parishioner of Our Lady's. Noel's funeral will take place at Our Lady's at 11.00am on Monday 16th October, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We pray for Noel's wife, Roberta, and for all Noel's family at this sad and difficult time.

1ST COMMUNION 2018 – PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents who have registered their children for the 1st Holy Communion programme, are reminded that there will be a Parents Information Meeting in October.

For those who have registered at St John's, Mill End – **Sunday 15th October at 11.45am**

For those who have registered at Our Lady's – **Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm**

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 Fisher, Chorleywood that day.

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

Monday 16th October – 7pm to 8pm (**NOT** Tuesday 17th as previously advertised)

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 – ECUMENICAL GATHERING FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION IN STILLNESS

There is 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 gathering at St John's will be on Monday 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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Autumn Jumble Sale & Nearly New will be held on **Saturday 23rd September** at 10.30am.

Book Sale & Quality Items will be held on **Monday 25th** and **Tuesday 26th September** from 7 to 9pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING REVIEW

'As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace' - 1 Peter 4:10

Our parish has a long history of being a spiritual centre in the lives of many people. Periodically reflecting on our blessings and renewing our commitment to our Catholic Faith is an important part of spiritual growth and Christian discipleship; giving thanks to God first and foremost! This weekend we launch a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we want **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Inside the Newsletter today, you will find a special newsletter entitled **Our Call to Stewardship**. I invite you to take this home with you and reflect upon it. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this review. If you have any questions, a member of the Parish Finance Committee will be available after Mass today.

Thank you. **Fr Shaun**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Monday 25th September**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Chair at rickmansworthppchair@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

FR MARK'S LEAVING PARTY - BUFFET CONTRIBUTION

We would like to make this a truly parish affair and we are asking for people to bring a dish of finger food to the party after Mass on Friday 29th September. There's a sign up sheet with a list of suggested items at the back of the church. Please sign up this weekend or contact Adrian on 07503 898689. Thank you!

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

A copy of Fr Shaun's letter is available this weekend at the back of the church.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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!

RED MISSIO BOXES

Please bring your boxes on either 23rd/24th or 30th/1st for the September collection. Many thanks.

BURNS NIGHT

We are looking into the possibility of having a Burns Night on **Friday 26th January 2018**. If you would be interested in helping to plan and organise this event please contact Bob Livingston on 01923 903375 or bblivingston@talktalk.net

READERS, MINISTERS OF WELCOME AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

New rotas are available now at the back of the church.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING - TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 8PM

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.

RED MISSIO BOXES - please bring your boxes to church on the 23rd for the September collection. Many thanks. **Mary**

BAPTISM

Next Sunday, Bethany Screeche-Powell will be baptised at the 9.00am Mass.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
16/17 Sept.	A Dennis	M Williamson	C Johnson	D Treanor	L Munro	F Holly	Kate & Don	V Terrill
23/24 Sept.	M Fields	E O'Sullivan	J McEwen	M Calvert	H McGrath	L Turnbull	Una & Francis	C Steet

Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

Thank you for a lovely evening last Tuesday! Next Saints evening: **Tuesday 26 September, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ St John's Mill End** parish hall. Looking forward to another evening with lots of giggles! If you would like to give Saints a try, come along anytime to check it out. Always welcome.

B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

B-Attitude will be meeting on **Monday 25 September @ Our Lady's** parish hall (it's in the upper room, up the staircase). Please note that meetings will now start and finish 15 minutes earlier, so our B-Attitude meeting time for this year will be **from 6 pm to 7 pm**.

Young Adults Pub Social

All young adults age 18 to 35ish are warmly invited to join us at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15 pm (after the 6 pm Mass) **this Sunday 17 September** for a drink and a chat. Pub socials are held every third Sunday of the month. Please come along & invite your friends to join us as well!