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## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

We are used to the idea that God is forgiving but we can forget what a radical notion this is. In fictional stories and television dramas, for example, we all enjoy seeing the wicked and unkind character get their comeuppance. We feel a sense of satisfaction when justice is done. Indeed, we can also feel indignant when people 'get away' with what they've done or when we feel they haven't been punished sufficiently, as the Pharisees and the older brother feel in this Sunday's Gospel. God's mercy turns this perspective upside down. We should never desire the punishment of the wicked but rather their conversion because, contained within Scripture, is the disturbing revelation that none of us are just in the sight of God. If we enjoy seeing others suffer for their sins, we have no right to complain should God choose to punish us for the sins we all commit. And yet this is not God's way. God, through a freely given gift grants us his mercy and does not exact from us the justice which is his right. This is why the Jubilee Year of Mercy is important. It reminds us to recognise our own need for mercy and thus never to write off anyone but rather to pray and work for their conversion, realising that every soul is as precious in the sight of God as my own.

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

**Response to Psalm:** I will leave this place and go to my father.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32

**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

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (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: £506.15; Loose Plate: £360.70; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1376.85**

**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 - **£1852.09**

**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

<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>MON 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice SJF Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
<b>TUE 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.15am 11.00am	SJF Ladies Meeting Funeral Mass - Diana Price RIP	Jacki's House Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	9.30am departure  5.30pm	<b>No Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions at Our Lady's today</b> Day of Reflection for Readers / Ministers of Communion ( <i>please remember to bring something for the shared lunch</i> ) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Niland Centre St John the Evangelist

### Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Roshini Alles RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Anne Stark RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Creavan Dunlop RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Jean Fursman RIP	<b>9am</b> Patrick Holly RIP (Anniv.)
<b>MONDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Jane & Joseph Netto RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
<b>TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>St JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Eamon Sheriden RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.</b> <i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Mary O'Sullivan RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.</b> <i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Ruari Chisholm (Ints.)		
<b>FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>SS CORNELIUS, POPE &amp; CYPRIAN, BISHOP</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Martha Harte		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Sean McWeeney RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Myrtle Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Roshini Alles RIP <b>6pm</b> Bridget & James O'Brien RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> Cataldo Vangi RIP

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 12.00pm to 1.00pm**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Shaun or Fr Mark 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 Shaun or 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 **Diana Price** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth at 11.00am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

The funeral of **Roshini Alles** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.00am, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

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

### **SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September** in St John's School Hall. Dinner is served at 12.30pm. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)**

We are 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.

### **NEWLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM FLAT IN CHORLEYWOOD TO RENT**

The flat above St John Fisher Church in Chorleywood is currently in available to rent. If any parishioner is interested, please contact Siobhan Hoy on 01923 285659 for details.

### **6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP –**

**Autumn Jumble Sale & Nearly New** will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am.

**Book Sale & Quality Items** will be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST**

Are holding an open evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Secretary at [rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk). Alternatively parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

**READERS ROTA** - is available from the back of the church for those who prefer a hard copy. *Dee Barker*

### VAUDEVILLE RETURNS TO OUR LADYS WITH "VAMP TIL READY" ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

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.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

A summary of the PPC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Chair at [millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk). Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

### PARISH QUIZ - SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

Tables/teams of 8. Tickets £10 each from Geraldine Page. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be provided. The money raised from the quiz will go towards sponsoring pane no. 71 in the new stained glass window and is dedicated to the clergy of our parish.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the work of re-ordering the church. We will have an opportunity to meet the Bishop and enjoy a piece of cake and refreshments after Mass. If anyone can help with Tea and Coffee, please contact Alan Opie or Fr Shaun.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING – MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the PPC will take at 8.00pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### THANK YOU

We are very grateful to all parishioners who have made, and are making, very generous donations for different furnishings of our reordered church.

### LADIES MEETING

This meeting is on Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup>) September at 10.15am at Jacki's house in Little Chalfont:- 5 Church Grove. All are very welcome. If you need a lift or directions please phone Rosemary on 01923 282500.

### MISSIO RED BOXES

Please bring your red boxes to church on the next two weekends - 17/18 and 24/25 for the September collection. Thank you very much.

### 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!

### 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			
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
10/11 Sept.	R Ellis	M Foggo	C Johnson	U Lean	L Munro	F Holly	Carolyn & Francis
17/18 Sept.	A Dennis	M Fields	C Johnson	J Hale	J Donohoe	J McEwen	Una & Ann

### Rota for Laundry of Altar Linen

11 September	18 September	25 September	2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October
C Steet	T Price	S Tarrant	J Whelan	S Treanor	V Terrill	C Steet	T Price