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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 13TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Getting to know someone progresses through stages. We begin with knowing name, address, job. Continuing in the relationship, we progress to knowing values, extended family, accomplishments. Coming to know another person more fully sometimes entails letting go of previous assumptions and expectations. As Peter (and all the disciples) come to know Jesus more fully, they must let go of their prior assumptions and expectations of who “the Christ” is.

In response to Peter’s revelation of who Jesus is – “the Christ” – Jesus reveals the right understanding of what it means to be “the Christ”: “suffer grievously,” “be rejected,” “be put to death,” “rise again.” Peter strongly rebukes Jesus for saying that “the Christ” would suffer and die. He totally misses that Jesus would be raised to new Life. Yet this is exactly what happens.

The resurrection gives meaning to suffering, rejection, and death. We grow in being faithful followers of Jesus as we come to know him better, learn that suffering and death are not ends in themselves, and experience the new Life Jesus promises. Coming to know Jesus more deeply leads to knowing more fully who we are – followers of Jesus for whom the way of “the Christ” becomes our very way of living.

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: Isaiah 50:5-9

Response to Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20; **2nd Reading:** James 3:16 - 4:3; **Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £508.90; Loose Plate: £694.79; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1702.69**

Mill End: Envelopes: £294.20; Loose Plate: £116.23; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £504.18**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 13TH SEPTEMBER	12.30pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 14TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am 10.00am - 11.45am 7.00pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Valerie Terrill's house Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 15TH SEPTEMBER			
WED 16TH SEPTEMBER			
THU 17TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 18TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am 1.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - James Smith and Elizabeth Waddington	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 19TH 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
SATURDAY 12 TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am Massi & Susan & Baby (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13 TH SEPTEMBER <i>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Kenneth Murray RIP (Anniv.) 6pm James & Bridget O'Brien RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am O'Sullivan Family RIP
MONDAY 14 TH SEPTEMBER <i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	9.30am Athena Gig	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER <i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	9.30am Josie Brabin (Ints.)		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER <i>SS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP</i>		9.30am Myrtle Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Kenny D'Cruz RIP		
FRIDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Jane, Joseph & Cecy Netto RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-
SATURDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am Deceased members of the D'Cruz family RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr George Lyons RIP	6pm (Vigil) John Hoy RIP
SUNDAY 20 TH SEPTEMBER <i>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Michael Jubber RIP 11am Roger Barker RIP 6pm Fred Durrant RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish

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

1ST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2015/16

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

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Monday 19th October 2016 at 5.30pm
1st Children's Session – Monday 2nd November 2016 at 5.30pm

St John's, Mill End Parents' Meeting – Sunday 11th October at 11.30am
1st Children's Session – Sunday 18th October at 9.15am

St John Fisher, Chorleywood Parent's Meeting - Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm
1st Children's Session Sunday 18th October at 8,45am

These changes were notified to parents by email over the summer.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

From 3rd to 11th October 2015 we will have a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A novena (from the Latin word *novem*, meaning "nine") is a series of prayers that are said for nine consecutive days, usually as a prayer of petition but sometimes as a prayer of thanksgiving. The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost Sunday. A novena is often dedicated usually to a specific angel, saint, a specific Marian title of the Blessed Virgin Mary or it invokes one of the personages of the Holy Trinity. Our Novena will be dedicated to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**. For our celebration of the novena for this the Year for Consecrated Life we will have the over-arching theme of "Religious Founders". Speakers from nine different Religious Orders or Congregations will be with us over the course of the nine evenings. They will reflect on the life of their founder, on the particular charism of their Order or Congregation and say something about their life and work today. Each parish will host the Novena on three evenings. Please do come to as many of the evenings as you possible can, and ideally not just the ones in your "home" parish. This is a wonderful opportunity for the three parishes to journey together in prayer through the days of our novena. Full details of each evening of the novena can be seen on the parish notice boards and on the parish websites at the *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 2015* tab.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) on **Sunday 20th September** for a drink and a chat.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The new season of RCIA begins on **Tuesday 29th September at 8.00pm** in the Upper Room (upstairs in the Parish Hall at Our Lady Help of Christians). If you are an adult thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic or a baptised Roman Catholic wishing to complete your initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form and return it as soon as possible to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

PRIEST'S REFERENCES FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Priest's References for Secondary Transfer on the following days:

Saturday 10th October – St John's Church, Mill End - 10.30am to 11.30am

Wednesday 14th October – Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 20th October – Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth – 6.30pm to 7.30pm

There is no need to make an individual appointment, please just turn up during these times. **It is essential** that the child to whom the application applies is present at the meeting.

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).

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 4th June 2016**. Fr John Hemer, who gave such well-received talks this year, has kindly agreed to join us again. Unfortunately, 4th 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

Thank you for the generous donations of cooking oil. We now have a plentiful supply and no more is required for the present time. **Please continue** with donations of long life milk which is needed on a weekly basis.

GENERAL NOTICES

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT WEEKEND @ AYLESFORD 31ST OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER 2015

Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organising a weekend at Aylesford in Kent (just south of London), where you'll be able to:- hear catechetical talks (including from Fr. Gregory Pearson O.P., and noted author Donel Foley), learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary and socialise with like minded adults. To book go to <https://v1.bookwhen.com/yca-aylesford-2015>. For updates goto:- <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>. For more details goto:- <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Prices range from £5 to a full board option of £95.

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 7th November in support of the new pipe organ appeal. We hope that many parishioners will support this event. More details to follow.

LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from October 11th until February 7th inclusive. Please email us (awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (770826) with any unavailable dates by next Sunday (20th Sept).

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

Application Forms and bank standing order forms are available at the back of the church.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The children's liturgy team would love to have some new volunteers to help run the classes. Children's liturgy classes run during the first half of the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass, term time only. Liz Townsend plans the sessions in advance, providing all material needed to teach the children the Gospel for each week along with any related craft activity resources. The team is asking for members of the parish to volunteer to help teach the classes on the day, no prior preparation is required. The team run a rota, with the aim of each person only volunteering once or twice per month (depending of number of volunteers). Children's liturgy is an essential part of our parish life and it benefits the children of the parish to have a mix of parishioners impart the gospel message, keeping it alive and fresh. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Shaun, Fr. Mark, Liz Townsend or Geraldine Page. All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check before starting in the classes.

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 14th September and help us 'make a joyful noise'. *St John's Choir*.

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.

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.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHAPEL AND THE RE-FURNISHMENT OF THE FLAT

Following the Pastoral Council meeting on Monday evening, the report prepared by Alan Opie, Chair of the Pastoral Council, on the consultation concerning the re-ordering of the chapel and the refurbishment of the flat is now available for viewing on the parish website. A copy of the report is also posted on the noticeboard and a few copies are available in the lobby for those without access to the internet.

THREE PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

St John Fisher will host the Three Parishes Novena on the nights of **Monday 5 October** and **Thursday 8 October** at 1930 and **Saturday 10 October** at 1900 (after Saturday Mass). If a Parishioner is willing to help serve Tea/Coffee afterwards, please contact Alan Opie.

NEXT LADIES' MEETING - MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 9.30AM

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

RED APF MISSIO BOX HOLDERS

Please would you bring your boxes to church in the next two weeks, 19/20 and 26/27 for the September collection. Thank you very much.

	This week 12 / 13 September				Next week 19 / 20 September			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	M Foggo	A Penn	M Latimer	Peter Mackie	A Dennis	R Ellis	C Johnson	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	M Calvert	M Williamson	L Turnbull	Francis Holly	U Lean	A Opie	J Hale	Patsy Tyden
12 September	Laundry: S Treanor			18 September	Church Cleaning: A Brew			