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## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Speculators who engage in dishonest financial manipulations gain short term wealth spent on multiple mansions, yachts, classy cars. Yet their future is often very limited – spent in a prison cell! The unlimited pursuit of this world’s wealth always limits our future.

Jesus challenges disciples to be shrewd as the wily servant in today’s gospel but not as short-sighted. This gospel pivots around the kind of future we choose for ourselves. Choosing to serve God and others often limits our own present way of living. But it opens us to a limitless future – an eternal future in God’s eternal dwelling place.

Preoccupation with money, with the world’s values, material wealth and possessions, satisfying self – limit our future because these things trap us in only the immediate things of this world. Gospel living calls us to have a longer and wide view of this world so we can be led to a fuller future. We must make choices in this life that open us to the next. For example, instead of pining for and buying the latest electronic gadget, we might give time and money to those without the barest necessities of life. Instead of choosing to go our separate ways for entertainment, we might spend a night together at home. The unlimited pursuit of the world’s wealth always limits our future. The un-limiting choice for the wealth God gives through serving others

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**Response to Psalm:** Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### Next Sunday’s Readings

Amos 6:1. 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (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: £341.99; Loose Plate: £560.64; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1412.63**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £318.96; Loose Plate: £187.64; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £605.60**

**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 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch	St John's School
<b>MON 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	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
<b>TUE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	7.30pm	Our Lady's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral Mass - Roshini Alles RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Sayers / Galvin Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tea and Coffee after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

## Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<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
<b>MONDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Sean McWeeney RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
<b>TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>SS ANDREW KIM TAE- GÖN, PRIEST, PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Sean McWeeney RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPT.</b> <i>ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Sean McWeeney RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Elizabeth Wang RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Robinson RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.</b> <i>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Elizabeth Wang RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Roger Barker RIP <b>6pm</b> Leo Connolly RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### 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

### THREE PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

Once again this October we will be having a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Each of the three parishes will host the Novena on three separate evenings. In honour of the Year of Mercy, the theme this year will be **The Corporal Works of Mercy**: *Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the Homeless, Clothe the Naked, Visit the Sick, Visit the Captive, Accompany the Dying*. I have invited speakers to come and reflect with us to the practical ways that these Corporal Works of Mercy are carried out in our world today. More details about the Novena will be published later in the month, but please make a note in your diary now. *Fr Shaun*

### WALSINGHAM APPEAL - REBUILDING ENGLAND'S NAZARETH

Message from Mgr. John Armitage, Rector of the Shrine - on the 24<sup>th</sup> September we shall be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, and on this weekend the Bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection to help in the developments of England's National Shrine to Our Lady. We are looking to upgrade existing buildings and build new facilities, to help us serve the increasing numbers of pilgrims, who continue to walk in the Walsingham Way, since the shrine was established in 1061. Our aims are to update our facilities, and to make provision for sick and disabled pilgrims and to have facilities for young people to come on pilgrimage. Full details are given on our website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) Thank you for your generosity.

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today and is themed: PROCLAIM the joy of love. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through online donation: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>. Thank you.

### 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.

### REQUEST FOR HELP

The SVP has had a request for a TV/DVD cabinet. If you have one in good condition that you no longer need please contact Geraldine Page on 07725 748490.

### ROSHINI ALLES RIP

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 her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The SVP Community Lunch is this **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.

### YOUTH EVENT

The youth event held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September was a great success and we look forward to the next one. For more information, please contact Katie - [katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk) or 07518 352478. Thank you to Caroline, Marlene, Margaret, Isabel and Sophie for their help in making this a great event.

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

**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

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

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>

Coming up in 1 month is a Song and Dance comedy evening. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October we have a return to the good old days with a Vaudeville team who travel up to 40 miles just to entertain. They only charge expenses and they are coming during the week for a rehearsal. So you will get nibbles and main course and pud, have a great evening and raise money for Alzheimer sufferers. Tickets after Masses or from Adrian on [07503 898689](tel:07503898689). Please try to make it and enjoy a cracking evening.

### 200 CLUB DRAW (AUGUST)

Congratulations to Louise Leahy (£58), Richard Dumughn (£43.50), Kevin O'Daly (£29) and Carol Bartlett (£14.50).

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 10.30AM MASS

The Children's Liturgy during the 10.30am Mass is designed to help younger children understand the message of the Sunday gospel at a level they can understand. The activities that the children undertake require a certain level of development and so the Children's Liturgy is open to children **aged four and above** (until they begin their preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion). We kindly ask that parents keep children younger than four with them in the church. Thank you.

## 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.

**COFFEE AND TEA** - all are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass next Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> September).

### 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.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** - please bring your red boxes to church next weekend for the September collection. Thank you.

### 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
17/18 Sept.	A Dennis	M Fields	C Johnson	J Hale	J Donohoe	J McEwen	Una & Ann
24/25 Sept.	M Foggo	T Hartney	M Latimer	D Treanor	J Hale	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Patsy
1/2 October	J Ingham	S Hoy	E O Sullivan	M Calvert	H McGrath	J Hale	

### Rota for Laundry of Altar Linen

18 September	25 September	2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October	6 November
T Price	S Tarrant	J Whelan	S Treanor	V Terrill	C Steet	T Price	S Tarrant

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST JOAN OF ARC COMEDY NIGHT - SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

St Joan of Arc are hosting their popular Comedy Night with Dominic Holland as the head line act and two other comedians. Tickets are £12 per person & there is a licensed bar. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. Email [pfa@joa-herts.sch.uk](mailto:pfa@joa-herts.sch.uk) with enquiries.

### REQUEST FROM BARBARA JOHNSON

My daughter, Anna and her fiancé Malcolm are currently collecting bedding such as sleeping bags, duvets, blankets and camping mats and small 2-man tents. This is to help them meet the needs of homeless people that they encounter on street outreach, or individuals who are vulnerably housed, particularly along the canal and in the local area. They would like to start collecting now so that they have enough by the time winter is here. If you are able to help by either donating any good-quality, clean items or by purchasing new, then please let them know. Malcolm: [07926 193877](tel:07926193877), Anna: [07805 121379](tel:07805121379). Many thanks and God Bless.