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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 20TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

In the Gospel, Jesus is on the road which leads to his passion. He strives to draw his disciples after him, in spite of them not understanding his message that he is to be a suffering Messiah. Instead, they are arguing about who will be the greatest in the earthly kingdom which they anticipate Jesus will establish. They dream of advancement to positions of prestige and power. 'You want to be the first?' says Jesus, 'Become the last! You want to be great? Become small! You want to be masters? Become servants!' This paradox is based on the concrete example which the suffering servant, Jesus himself, never ceases to give.

What are the things that we discuss as we accompany Jesus on the road of our lives? Do we dream of authority, of power, or simply allow our minds to be filled with the many distractions of modern life? Maybe we can instead spend time asking ourselves how we will best serve others, how we can help those in need, what it means for us to become 'last of all and servant of all'. In this way, we show how eager we are to conform more and more with the person of Jesus Christ.

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.

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Response to Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29; **2nd Reading:** James 5:1-6; **Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £586.27; Loose Plate: £394.49; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1479.76**

Mill End: Envelopes: £323.91; Loose Plate: £174.44; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £592.10**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of August amounted to **£2565.62**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 20TH SEPTEMBER	7.15pm	Young Adults Pub Social	Coach & Horses
MON 21ST SEPTEMBER	10.00am - 11.45am 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
TUE 22ND SEPTEMBER			
WED 23RD SEPTEMBER			
THU 24TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 25TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH 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 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
MONDAY 21 ST SEPTEMBER <i>ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST</i>	9.30am Ellen & Brandon (Ints.)	9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish	
TUESDAY 22 ND SEPTEMBER	9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish		9.30am Betty Donovan RIP (Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY 23 RD SEPTEMBER <i>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST</i>		9.30am Michael Roach RIP	
THURSDAY 24 TH SEPTEMBER <i>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</i>	9.30am Patrick & Lil (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		9.30am Katrina Thatcher RIP
SATURDAY 26 TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am Madge Howley RIP	6pm (Vigil) Marjorie Broadhurst RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 27 TH SEPTEMBER <i>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Catherine (Kitty) Feehely RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Colin Lawrence RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Fr Norman Wrigley 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 Hu nt, 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

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who is currently distant from the family of the faith - the parish community. Today is Home Mission Sunday and we are invited to pray for and support for the work of evangelisation. For more information, free resources, testimonies and to donate online please go to www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15

Please do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church.

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:

<u>Our Lady's, Rickmansworth</u>	Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Monday 19th October 2016 at 5.30pm 1st Children's Session – Monday 2nd November 2016 at 5.30pm
<u>St John's, Mill End</u>	Parents' Meeting – Sunday 11th October at 11.30am 1st Children's Session – Sunday 18th October at 9.15am
<u>St John Fisher, Chorleywood</u>	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) this **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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

SYNOD 2015: A SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION

Uploaded now on to the [Marriage & Family Life Office website](http://www.marriageandfamilylife.org.uk) is the summary report of all the comments, replies and submissions received by us in response to the Holy Father's call for a period of 'true spiritual discernment' ahead of the Synod on the Family in October 2015. I wonder if you wouldn't mind putting a notice of this in your parish newsletters, letting your parishioners know it is now available to read. The full link to the document is <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/news/summary-of-responses-to-synod-consultation/> The FULL report with all the comments and submissions we received is available from us on request.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about parish life that you would like discussed please contact Samantha Benson (Chair) at rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or Michael Curtin (Secretary) at rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk. If you don't have access to the internet you can write to Samantha or Michael c/o The Presbytery, 5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU.

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 *this* Sunday (20th Sept).

PLANNED GIVING BOX NO. 146

Would the parishioner with planned giving box number 146 please contact Kerry, the Parish Administrator, with your details.

APF MISSIO - would promoters please collect the magazines from the church porch for distribution.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING – WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Wednesday 30th September. Any parishioners who have suggestions or ideas that they would like to be discussed at the meeting should contact Ewan Smith at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

ROTAS - MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

The new rotas are available now at the back of the church. Please take your copy.

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.

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

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

Following the Pastoral Council meeting, 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 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.

RED APF MISSIO BOX HOLDERS

Please would you bring your boxes to church by next weekend 26th/27th for the September collection. Thank you very much.

	This week 19 / 20 September				Next week 26 / 27 September			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	A Dennis	R Ellis	C Johnson	Carolyn Opie	E O'Sullivan	GF	P Goble	M Watkins
9am Mass	U Lean	A Opie	J Hale	Patsy Tyden	J Hale	J Donohoe	AM Farnsworth	A Brew
19 September	Laundry: V Terrill			25 September	Church Cleaning: M Calvert			