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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 25TH SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

What makes us complacent? Sometimes, having too much of a good thing, or even enough of everything. At other times, laziness, self-absorption, self-satisfaction, frustration, too much praise, lack of challenge. All these things turn us inward and close us off from hearing or noticing what we need to get out of ourselves. Growing toward fuller life means shaking ourselves out of complacency, hearing and accepting new challenges, and seeing the good we are called to do.

In this Sunday's gospel, the rich man is complacent because he cannot see or hear beyond himself. Despite the fact that God has given him all good things – Lazarus to see the action he should take, Moses and the prophets to hear the word he should live – he chooses to remain complacent and in doing so loses for all eternity the everlasting good God bestows.

We, too, have been given all good things by God. We cannot afford to be complacent. We cannot ignore the poor man at our door, the child who needs a listening ear, the co-worker who needs words of encouragement. We cannot ignore speaking words of challenge or affirmation, offering words of forgiveness or understanding, seeking words of guidance or strength. By doing so, we choose now on which side of the chasm we will be in the next life.

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
For we have sinned against you and not obeyed
your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us
according to the bounty of your mercy.

1st Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7

Response to Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Sunday's Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (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: £730.10; Loose Plate: £400.16; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1640.26**

Mill End: Envelopes: £162.47; Loose Plate: £349.50; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £610.97**

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

SUN 25TH SEPTEMBER	11.30pm 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch (proceeds donated to Aid to the Church in Need) - hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 26TH SEPTEMBER	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
TUE 27TH SEPTEMBER	10.10am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Open Meeting (all parishioners welcome) RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 28TH SEPTEMBER			
THU 29TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 30TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Burial of Ashes - Eileen Bailey RIP Funeral – Margaret Staide RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 1ST OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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
SATURDAY 24TH SEPT. <i>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Elizabeth Wang RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Roger Barker RIP 6pm Leo Connolly RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Private Intentions (P&M)	9.30am Patrick Joseph Sweeney RIP	
TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER <i>St VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Chess Valley SVP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER		9.30am Marie Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 29TH SEPT. <i>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</i>	9.30am Elizabeth Wang RIP		
FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER <i>St JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Eileen Bailey RIP		9.30am Elizabeth Wang RIP
SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER <i>St THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Nalene Nixon (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Valerie Foster RIP	10.30am Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.)	9am Fr David O'Driscoll 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, John Caneparo and Josie Westhrop.

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

CHESS VALLEY SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) CONFERENCE

At all the Masses this weekend, members of our SVP Conference will be giving an update on the work of social outreach that they are carrying out in the local area. Our SVP Conference would like to welcome any parishioner who may be interested in joining the SVP to come along to either of the following 2 Open Meetings: Tuesday 27th September 10.10am at Our Lady Help of Christians (in the upper room in the hall, immediately following Mass which will be offered for Chess Valley SVP as it is the Feast of St Vincent de Paul) or Thursday 13th October 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist (church hall).

EILEEN BAILEY RIP

The ashes of Eileen Bailey will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 30th September.

MARGARET STAIDE RIP

The funeral of Margaret Staide will take place at St John the Evangelist at 11.00am on Friday 30th September, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

GROWING IN FAITH – UPDATE BULLETIN

Respective *Growing in Faith* update bulletins are available on the notice boards of the three parishes this weekend. These show how much cash has been received so far and the status of pledges raised.

CONFIRMATION 2017

We are now beginning the process of enrolment for the Confirmation programme for 2017. To be eligible the candidates must now be in **Year 9 or above** and must have been baptised in the Catholic Church. Those young people who wish to be confirmed, and meet these requirements, should write a letter (no emails please) to Fr Shaun setting out why they wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please be sure to include your full name and address. There will then be a meeting in the New Year with Fr Mark and the team of catechists to set out the expectations that we have for those preparing for Confirmation. The classes will take place at Our Lady's Hall. The closing date by which you must have written to Fr Shaun is **Sunday 23rd October 2016**. No applications will be considered after this date.

THREE PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – 15TH TO 23RD OCTOBER

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. The theme this year will be **The Corporal Works of Mercy**. I have invited speakers to come and reflect with us to the practical ways that the 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 24th 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 Thank you for your generosity.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE- SECONDARY TRANSFER 2017

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of these certificates for Secondary Transfer 2017 on the following days:

Monday 3rd October 2016 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 8th October 2016 – 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Tuesday 11th 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. 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.

SVP COMMUNITY KITCHEN

We are in need of clean ice cream or takeaway containers. Please bring yours to church and a member of the SVP will collect them. Thank you.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

VAUDEVILLE RETURNS TO OUR LADYS WITH "VAMP TIL READY" ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Coming up in 1 month is a Song and Dance comedy evening. Saturday 15th 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.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (2ND OCTOBER)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

A SAD FAREWELL

This weekend we say a sad farewell to Ewan and Anna Smith, who are moving to North Wales later this week. Ewan and Anna have been in the parish for nearly 21 years and have been at the centre of parish life during all of that time. Anna has been our Music Director and a key figure in the launch of our three-parish SVP Conference. Ewan has been a Reader, Minister of Communion, catechist and Chair of the Pastoral Council. Both of them have given extremely generously of their time, skills and energy on behalf of the parish in more ways than can be listed here, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to them both for the many, many ways that they have contributed to parish life. They will both be greatly missed by the whole parish community. We wish Ewan and Anna great joy and happiness in their new home in Colwyn Bay.

Fr Shaun

ROTAS – READERS, WELCOMERS, OFFERTORY AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place this **Sunday 25th 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.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

This Sunday Bishop Paul McAleenan will join us at the 9.00am Mass to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the work of re-ordering the church. During the Mass, Bishop Paul will bless two new silver altar candlesticks which have been purchased thanks to a very generous donation from a parishioner. We will have an opportunity to meet the Bishop and enjoy a piece of cake and refreshments after Mass.

PPC MINUTES

The minutes of the recent PPC Meeting held on 12th September are now available on the noticeboard and on the parish website. A few 'hard' copies are also available in the lobby for those without access to the internet.

COFFEE AND TEA

All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass this Saturday (24th September).

MASS DUTY ROTA	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
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

25 September	2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October	6 November	13 November
S Tarrant	J Whelan	S Treanor	V Terrill	C Steet	T Price	S Tarrant	J Whelan

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner for 1.5 hours each day (Monday to Friday) from 3.30pm to 5.00pm (term time only). The duties will include cleaning 3 classrooms – hoovering, wiping tables and cleaning toilets and sinks.

For further information please contact the school office on 01923 774 004

ST JOAN OF ARC COMEDY NIGHT - SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2016

St Joan of Arc are hosting their popular Comedy Night with Dominic Holland as the head line act and 2 other comedians. Tickets £12 per person and there is a licensed bar. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. Email pfa@joa-herts.sch.uk.

REQUEST FROM BARBARA JOHNSON

My daughter, Anna and her fiancé Malcolm are 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.