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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

We act in another's name in many different circumstances, for example, as ambassadors, those with power of attorney, parents until a child is of legal age. When we act in another's name, we are not acting as ourselves, but as the other. We are not serving our own needs or interests, but the other's. So it is with those who act in Jesus' name.

What does it mean to act in Jesus' name? What is done in his name, even by those who seemingly are not disciples, continues his saving mission. Jesus is not concerned about who "belong" or not, but rather about whether what they do is consistent with his saving mission. Whoever places serving Jesus and his saving mission above serving their own needs and interests is a true disciple.

Faithfully acting in Jesus' name requires radical choices on our part. For example, choosing to be a full, conscious, active participant in liturgy; choosing to follow Gospel values rather than merely follow the crowd; choosing to follow God's call to ordained ministry or religious life. While these and many other radical choices are never easy, when we remain focused on Jesus and his saving mission, we cooperate with him in bringing about the kingdom of God. These choices are life-giving for us and for others.

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Response to Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

**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*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11; **Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £390.90; Loose Plate: £343.47; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1233.37**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £330.50; Loose Plate: £190.38; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £614.63**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	11.30am	Sunday Brunch (proceeds donated to Aid to the Church in Need)	St John the Evangelist
<b>MON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Rickmansworth Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Rickmansworth Finance Committee Meeting RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	7.30pm	Mill End Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Madge Howley RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Marjorie Broadhurst RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Catherine (Kitty) Feehely RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> Colin Lawrence RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> Fr Norman Wrigley RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Marian Malone RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Marie Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Household of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Raymond Legge RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>St JEROME, PRIEST &amp; DOCTOR</i>		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Household of the Parish	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER <i>St THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Raymond Legge RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER <i>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Household of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Norman Wrigley RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Sr Consilio O'Regan RIP (Anniv.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Nalene's Intentions <b>11am</b> Private Intentions <b>6pm</b> Albert Kean RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Brendan Flahive RIP	<b>9am</b> 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, 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

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

This year the focus is on the people of Niger and providing tools and coping mechanisms for people to deal with extreme droughts and be self-sufficient. You can pick up an envelope from the back of church and can set up a direct debit or give a one off donation. Either way it would be great if you could gift aid your donation as well. CAFOD really does appreciate your help so please think about going without yourself this Friday in order to support others who are less fortunate. Many thanks.

### TONY INFANTE RIP

The funeral service of Tony Infante will take place at Chilterns Crematorium at **12.15pm** on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2015/16

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

**Our Lady's, Rickmansworth Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 5.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Children's Session – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 5.30pm**

**St John's, Mill End**

**Parents' Meeting – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Children's Session – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am**

**St John Fisher, Chorleywood**

**Parent's Meeting - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Children's Session Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45am**

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

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

From **3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The new season of RCIA begins this **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> October – St John's Church, Mill End - 10.30am to 11.30am**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 2016

The 2016 Day of Recollection will take place at the Niland Centre on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. Fr John Hemer, who gave such well-received talks this year, has kindly agreed to join us again. Unfortunately, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Autumn Jumble Sale & Nearly New will be held on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at **10.30am**. Book Sale & Quality Items will be held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** 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.

### 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://marriageandfamilylifeoffice.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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk) or Michael Curtin (Secretary) at [rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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 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 7<sup>th</sup> November** in support of the new pipe organ appeal. We hope that many parishioners will support this event. More details to follow.

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER)

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

### 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

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

The next Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place this **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need which supports persecuted or oppressed Christians in over 130 countries around the world. We hope that you will come and join us!

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING – WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk)

### NOVENA CAR SHARE (3<sup>RD</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER)

If you would like a lift to attend some or all of the Novena meetings, please add your contact details to the sheet in the church lobby. Please also leave your details if you can offer lifts. For information call Ewan Smith on (01923) 770989.

### APF MISSIO

Can Red Box members please pick up a brown envelope from the porch? Boxes can be emptied at home into the envelope for you to bring back to church. Alternatively you can give your box to Roisin McAleavy after any weekend Mass. All envelopes and boxes must be received by Sunday 11 October to be sent off to APF/Missio. Thank you.

### ROTAS - MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

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

### 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

### 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 speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

### OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR – 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

This is our first notice about our annual fair. All the money raised goes to our chosen charities. Please make a note of the date and start to search for gifts for the stalls. Now is the time to plant up pots with hyacinth bulbs. Always a good seller. Keep them watered and in a dark place. If you have any spare pots, please leave them in the lounge. Thank you.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - will be on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at 5.30pm.

### RED APF MISSIO BOX HOLDERS

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

	This week 26 / 27 September				Next week 3 / 4 October			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	E O'Sullivan	GF	P Goble	M Watkins	D Gibney	M Foggo	E Harris	M Watkins
9am Mass	J Hale	J Donohoe	AM Farnsworth	A Brew	A Opie	J Hale	E Price	D Williamson
26 September	Laundry: C Steet			2 October Church Cleaning: T Barrett				