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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 8TH OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

We tend to be uncomfortable, and sometimes react very negatively, when we are faced with behaviours that need changing. Yet this kind of feedback calls us to growth, brings us to greater integrity, and ultimately is life-giving. Not heeding other's judgements of our behaviour and changing ourselves leaves us like the tenants in today's gospel: shallow, fallow, and, ultimately, dead.

Posing a parable to the chief priests and elders of the people, Jesus asked them to make a judgement about what the landowner ought to do in the face of the murderous tenants. These religious leaders found it non-threatening to identify the wrongdoers in the parable; in their own lives, however, they refused to identify themselves as wrongdoers. Jesus challenged them to look at their lives, admit they had strayed, and embrace the conversion they needed. Only then could they be assured of their own inheritance in the kingdom of God.

Let's be honest with ourselves. We, too, have a difficult time admitting our wrongdoing and embracing conversion. At stake are our very lives – fullness of life in the kingdom of God. What helps us face our wrongdoing is the goodness of other people, the forgiveness extended to us, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, Jesus the Cornerstone is our helper and teacher.

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Response to Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £503.61; Loose Plate: £415.67; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1429.28**

Mill End: Envelopes: £242.50; Loose Plate: £193.24; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £632.74**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of August - **£2408.06**

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. Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 8TH OCTOBER	9.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Coffee after Mass for all Sunday Brunch - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 9TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 12 noon 12.15pm 6.00pm—7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Funeral - Rita Garrett RIP B-Attitude - Upper Room Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 10TH OCTOBER	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Saints - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 11TH OCTOBER			
THU 12TH OCTOBER	2.15pm for 2.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 13TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 14TH OCTOBER	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 7TH OCTOBER <i>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</i>	10.00am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER <i>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP 6pm Albert Kean RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP
MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER	9.30am John Otibo RIP	9.30am Fr John Bruce Elliott RIP	
TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER	9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP		9.30am Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP
WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER	9.30am Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP		
FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER <i>St EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER	10.00am Fr John Bruce Elliott RIP	6pm (Vigil) Agnes Ludwigson RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr John Bruce Elliott RIP
SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER <i>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am W H (Bill) Osgood RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Kathleen Mathews RIP	10.30am Rosemarie Carter RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell and Joan Townend.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor and Michael Dixon.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Collection this weekend

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Last Friday was Harvest Fast Day. Please return your Fast Day envelope this weekend, with your donation to CAFOD. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity

FIRE SAFETY AND AN APPEAL FOR FIRE WARDENS

Ensuring the safety of parishioners during Mass is of the highest importance. In the likely event of a fire in the church during Mass it is essential that we are able to evacuate the church swiftly but safely. Health and Safety regulations mean that we are now required to have designated fire wardens, whose responsibility it will be to ensure our churches are safely evacuated in the event of a fire. I am now appealing for parishioners who would be willing to take on this responsibility. The role would be particularly suited to Welcomers but I am making a wider appeal for help, as we need to make sure that each Mass is sufficiently covered. Training for prospective Fire Wardens is being offered at a Deanery level and will take place on **Saturday 11th November** from **9.30am to 11.30am** at Our Lady and St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston WD25 0NE. If you would be willing to share in this important ministry in the parish then please sign on the list available in each of the parishes this weekend. There is a box where you can tick if you are able to attend the training morning.

RITA GARRETT RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Rita Garrett. Rita was a long time parishioner at St John Fisher, Chorleywood. Rita's funeral will take place at St John Fisher at **12.15pm on Monday 9th October**, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her soul to the Lord and we offer our condolences and prayers to her husband, Alan, and to all her family at this sad and difficult time. *Please note that the parking restriction on Shire Lane (single yellow line) has been lifted for the day.*

NOEL JACKSON RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death this past week of Noel Jackson, a long-standing parishioner of Our Lady's. Noel's funeral will take place at Our Lady's at 11.00am on **Monday 16th October**, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We pray for Noel's wife, Roberta, and for all Noel's family at this sad and difficult time.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

On the four Sundays of October each parish is required by the Diocese to count the number of people attending Mass. The details are forwarded to the Diocese along with other parish statistics at the end of the year. So, if you see someone "clicking you in" at Mass today you will know why!

FAREWELL MASSES FOR FR MARK

The Farewell Masses for Fr Mark will be on **Friday 20th October at 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood** and **Friday 27th October at 7.30pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End**

Each Mass will be followed by a reception in the appropriate parish. If you are unable to be present for the Farewell Mass in the parish which you usually attend, then please feel free to attend whichever celebration in the other two parishes is most convenient for you. If you would like to make a contribution toward a farewell gift for Fr Mark, in thanks for his ministry in the three parishes over the past four years, there are special envelopes available in each parish. These can be placed in the offertory collection, handed to Fr Shaun or Fr Damian or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Cheques should be made payable to your respective parish.

1ST COMMUNION 2018 – PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents who have registered their children for the 1st Holy Communion programme, are reminded that there will be a Parents Information Meeting in October. For those who have registered at St John's, Mill End – **Sunday 15th October at 11.45am**. For those who have registered at Our Lady's – **Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm**

CONFIRMATION 2018

We are now beginning the process of enrolment for the Confirmation programme for 2018. 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 for candidates and their parents in the New Year with Fr Damian and the leaders. The sessions will take place at Our Lady's Hall. The closing date by which you must have written to Fr Shaun is **Sunday 22nd October 2017**. No applications will be considered after this date.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – SECONDARY TRANSFER SEPTEMBER 2018 FORM SIGNING

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer 2018 on the following days: **Monday 2nd October** – 5.30pm to 6.30pm; **Tuesday 30th October** – 5pm to 6pm and **Monday 16th October** – 7pm to 8pm (**NOT** Tuesday 17th as previously advertised). 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 2019

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Secondary transfer place in a Catholic School for **September 2019** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or Fr Damian 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.

QUIET SPACE – ECUMENICAL GATHERING FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION IN STILLNESS

There is a twice-monthly gathering for silent prayer and reflection on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St Peter's, Mill End and on the 4th Monday of each month at St John's, Mill End. There will be a short reading from scripture and a poem, which will lead into 20 minutes of prayerful silence. All are welcome. For further details please contact Anne on 07810 805900 or Kathy on 07712 626169. Information leaflets are available at each parish.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING REVIEW – THANK YOU

“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” - I Chronicles 29: 14-16

Thank you to everyone who took part in our ‘Planned Giving’ review last weekend. On a table in the porch there are addressed envelopes for all parishioners who signed a promise leaflet last week. If you asked for a standing order form (bankers order) or a new batch of donation envelopes, you will find them inside your addressed envelope. Please collect your letter when you leave Mass today. If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a promise leaflet last weekend, and would like a box of donation envelopes, or to donate to the parish by standing order (bankers order) or wish to **Gift Aid**, please complete the **My Parish Commitment** leaflet available at the back of the Church today and post it through the Presbytery letterbox or hand it to Fr Damian. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers. *Fr Shaun*

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT OUR LADY’S - Sunday 8th October after 11am Mass

We will be serving vegetable soup with a roll and bacon rolls. Tea and coffee will also be available. All proceeds will go to the Catholic Worker Farm. Please do come along and join us.

EARLY WARNING - Quiz Night on Saturday 11th November

Please add this date to your diary and start putting together some crafty teams. More information to follow.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES



Announcements - After both Masses this weekend, some young people from our B-Attitude group (year 9 to 13's) will explain briefly who they are and what they do.

FR MARK'S LEAVING PARTY

After the Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 27th October we will be have a party in the hall afterwards. Please help us celebrate by bringing along a plate of finger food either before or after the mass. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church or contact Geraldine on 07725 748490. Many thanks.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

FR MARK'S FAREWELL MASS

We do hope many of you will be able to come along to the Mass at 7.30pm on **Friday 20 October**, followed by a reception. If you are able to bring a small plate of finger food, please put your name on the list on the noticeboard.

QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a St John Fisher Quiz Night on the evening of **Friday 10th November** to be held at Our Lady’s hall. Please add this date to your diary.

COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY - please stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass this Sunday. All welcome.

MONEY COUNTERS

We need a few more volunteers to help count the offertory collection after Mass on a Sunday. It only takes 10-15 minutes and if we get enough volunteers then each one of us should only need to count about once a month. If anyone would be willing to join our Counters Rota or would like to find out a bit more about it, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Carolyn Opie.

ST JOHN FISHER CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our St John Fisher Charity Christmas Fair is on the planning board once again. The date will be **Saturday, 2nd December** and the time 10am to 12.30pm. What can you do now? Let Mary know if you have any interesting and innovative ideas for organisation or variety of stalls. All ideas welcomed. Also please volunteer (or respond happily if approached!!) to do any of the many necessary jobs. Please start to search the corners of your cupboards for unwanted gifts and bottles and even items which would be suitable for our Silent Auction and possibly plant up some Christmas bulbs. **MOST IMPORTANTLY** please pray for the success of our Fair, where every penny raised is given away to the Needy people our World. Thank you for reading to the end of this long notice. *Mary*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
7/8 Oct.	J Ingham	E Page	M Latimer	J Hale	A Opie	AM Farnsworth	Una & Francis	J Whelan
14/15 Oct.	A Roberts	C Pierce	D Gibney	M Mackie	H McGrath	E Price	Kate & Patsy	S Tarrant

Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

Hi Saints! We have some questions ready for you about *drumroll*... being different. And also some blindfolds and quite a few random objects. See you this **Tuesday 10 October, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ St John’s Mill End** parish hall. Anyone is welcome to come along and give it a try. Please practise your duck sounds and sleeping bag racing skills, they might come in handy.

Young Adult Pub Social

Pub social taking place next weekend!

15 October, from 7.15 pm to 9 pm at the Coach and Horses in Ricky. All young adults age 18 to 35ish are warmly invited to join us, and you are very welcome to bring along friends as well.

B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

B-Attitude visit the care home and plan other ways to serve our local community. We meet fortnightly on Mondays for planning and reflection. We will meet on **Monday 9 October @ Our Lady’s** parish hall (it’s in the upper room, up the staircase) **from 6 pm to 7 pm**. New members are welcome to join!