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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 2ND OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Sometimes we have a smidgen of an idea, and when we respond to the prompting of the idea it begins to grow and become something concrete and practical. For example, redecorating a room might begin with a choice of colour and grow from there. A birthday party might begin with an idea for a theme cake and grow from there. A garden plot might begin with one seed and grow from there. What begins small might end up quite large.

Faith and faithfulness are similar. They begin and grow slowly as we respond to God's promptings within us calling us to be servants. Being a servant is not a matter of obeying single commands, but of assuming a way of living in which we are constantly responding to needs around us.

If we ask God for an increase of faith, we are really asking for an increase of faithfulness – an increase of obedience, an increase in responding to the needs around us. Our faithfulness is increased when we, for example, persist as parents in rearing our children in right values, persist as labourers in putting in an honest day's work, persist as friends in guiding and supporting one another. The faithful disciple of Jesus is never finished serving. The faith of a disciple is never finished increasing.

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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Response to Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (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: £516.52; Loose Plate: £290.29; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1316.81**

Mill End: Envelopes: £275.68; Loose Plate: £221.58; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £596.26**

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 2ND OCTOBER	9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 3RD OCTOBER	10.00am - 12.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
	7.00pm	Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's	Our Lady Help of Christians
	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 4TH OCTOBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 5TH OCTOBER			
THU 6TH OCTOBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 7TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 8TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
	5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John the Evangelist
	7.30pm	Quiz Night - Hall	St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER <i>St THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	10.00am 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 <i>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Nalene Nixon (Ints.) 11am John Bond RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Valerie Foster RIP	10.30am Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.)	9am Rosie & Frank Hartney and their family (Ints.)
MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER	9.30am Fr David O'Driscoll RIP	9.30am Ann Rogers (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER <i>St FRANCIS OF ASSISI</i>	9.30am Special Intention		9.30am Mgr Peter Anglim
WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER		9.30am Mary O'Sullivan RIP	
THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER	9.30am Roshini Alles RIP		
FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER <i>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</i>	9.30am Christopher Williams RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Mgr Peter Anglim RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr David O'Driscoll RIP
SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER <i>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Paul Kirrane RIP 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP 6pm Colin Lawrence RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am 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, John Caneparo and Josie Westhrop.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderigg; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, 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

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is Friday 7th October

The Harvest Fast Day this year focuses on CAFOD's work in Bolivia, and supports the practical interventions that can help people to learn new skills and receive materials and seeds that will enable them to grow enough food to feed their families. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope and give what you can.

MAUREEN KOLLER RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Maureen Koller, who passed away peacefully last Tuesday morning. The funeral will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Wednesday 12th October, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend Maureen's soul to the love and mercy of God and pray for her family and friends at this sad and difficult time.

SEAMUS FAGAN RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Seamus Fagan, who passed away on Thursday evening. Seamus devoted so much of his life, time and energy to the service of the church at St John's, Mill End and will be greatly missed. The details of Seamus' funeral will be announced once they are known. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Mary and their family at this difficult time.

THE HOLY ROSARY DURING OCTOBER

On the weekdays of October we hope to pray the Rosary after the 9.30am Masses on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Our Lady's and Wednesdays at St John's, Mill End. There is a list in both of those churches for those who would be willing to take responsibility for leading the Rosary on any particular day(s). Please sign up if you are able to help.

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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Mark or Fr Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 22nd October at 2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

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. As you leave Mass today you will be handed a leaflet giving full details of the Novena. *Fr Shaun*

CHESS VALLEY SVP

Are appealing for needed items for the Mill End Food Bank. **Their needs are very specific and the only items required at present are:** tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding and tinned meat, sugar, juice (long life or squash) and snacks such as pot noodles or cup a soup. Please place in the box provided in the porch. Thank you.

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 and 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.

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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Our Cub Pack leader 'Akela' – Robert Phipps is stepping down at Christmas. The Group is now looking for someone to head a team of leaders working with 8 to 10½ year old children in that section. The new leader will have plenty of support from the current team and the other Group leaders. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH

We are considering the possibility of launching a monthly Sunday Brunch at Our Lady's after the 11.00am Mass, with hot bacon and sausage rolls. In order to make this a success, we need a team of people who would be prepared to take on responsibility for the event on a rota basis. If you would be interested in helping please contact Fr Shaun.

MUSIC HALL SENSATION - Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm

Yes just 2 weeks until the return of Vamp til Ready a live musical extravaganza. Have you got your tickets yet? Dinner of Chilli Con Carne and Dessert and all for just £15.00 for adults £7.50 under 12s. Reviews of their last performance include "Better than Sunday Night at the Palladium" and "beats trainspotting anyway" please come along and make this a mega social with proceeds to the Alzheimer Society. Tickets after Masses or from Adrian 07503 898689 or Email adrian@justparkers.co.uk

ADVENT FAIR - SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

This year we will be raising money for Water Aid. If you have or know someone who would be interested in having a 'boutique' stall, please contact Laura, Angela or Caroline (laura.sharp@live.co.uk, aodonovan@ntlworld.com, carolinecronin.brady@ge.com). We will be in touch again, nearer the time with requests for tombola donations and cakes. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 this Sunday.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

Our parish has a long history of being a spiritual centre in the lives of many people. Periodically reflecting on our blessings and renewing our commitment to our Catholic Faith is an important part of spiritual growth and Christian discipleship; giving thanks to God first and foremost! This weekend we launch a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we want *all* parishioners to take this opportunity to *prayerfully* reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Inside the Newsletter this weekend you will have found a copy of the appeal newsletter. Please take this home with you. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

EWAN AND ANNA SMITH

Last weekend we bade farewell to Ewan and Anna Smith. Some parishioners have asked if we might have a collection. Accordingly, special envelopes are available in the porch for any parishioners who might like to make a contribution towards a gift for Ewan and Anna in recognition of their massive contribution to the life of the parish over the past twenty years. These envelopes can either be placed in the collection basket at the Offertory or they can be handed to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

FROM EWAN AND ANNA SMITH

We have been overwhelmed by the flowers and gifts, the many kind words and good wishes we have received from our friends in this great Parish community and the three Parishes, as we leave for a new adventure. We thank you all very much.

QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

Tickets £10 each payable on the night. Tables/teams of 8. Please do not worry if you cannot make up a team just come along and we will sort teams out on the night. 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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11th December. If you are interested in helping with the fair, setting up, running a stall, clearing away or simply have something to donate please meet Natalie Zammit and Liz Townsend in the Church hall (over coffee!) after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 9th October. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 9th October, but would be interested in helping, please email liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18th December with Mr Marvel to entertain the children! Food donation lists will be in the back of the church nearer the time.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to making last Sunday's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Reordering of the Church with Bishop Paul such a splendid occasion. Particular thanks to Patricia O'Sullivan and the Choir for the wonderful music at Mass, to Rosemary Ellis for the beautiful flowers which decorated the church, to Marguerite Watkins for the delicious cake that she made especially for the celebration and to the ladies who helped with tea and coffee. It was a very joyful occasion and was much enjoyed by everyone. *Fr Shaun*

MASS DUTY ROTA	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
1/2 October	J Ingham	S Hoy	E O Sullivan	M Calvert	H McGrath	J Hale	Marguerite & Una
8/9 October	E O'Sullivan	A Roberts	P Goble	A Opie	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Peter & Ann

Rota for Laundry of Altar Linen

2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October	6 November	13 November	20 November
J Whelan	S Treanor	V Terrill	C Steet	T Price	S Tarrant	J Whelan	S Treanor