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## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Children quickly learn that good behaviour is rewarded. How much they love the tight embrace of a parent when they have done the right thing! In this embrace they experience the blessing of human relationships. As children grow spiritually, they learn the blessed embrace of divine-human relationship. God's divine Law is their guide in all relationships.

In testing Jesus by pitting Moses' commands against the original Law of God, the Pharisees harden their hearts to the divine-human relationships that the Law and covenant establish. Jesus demonstrates this divine-human relationship when he calls the children to come to him and embraces and blesses them. God's intention "from the beginning of creation" is that we live our relationships with each other with the openness and trust of children.

Growing in healthy human relationships is demanding a great deal of give-and-take, and calls for openness to self and other. God's embrace and blessing of each of us fosters these healthy human relationships. We experience God's embrace and blessing, for example, during prayer, when we forgive another, as we delight in another's goodness. Growing in life-giving divine and faithful human relationships is the concrete expression of our accepting the kingdom of God "like a child."

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24

**Response to Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

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

### *Next Sunday's Readings*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13; **Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £770.40; Loose Plate: £517.73; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1787.13**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £276.50; Loose Plate: £189.27; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £559.52**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.00pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.30am 7.00pm	Coffee and Tea after 8.30am Mass Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.30pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 10.30am 5.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Signing of Priest's Ref. Forms - Secondary School Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist 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> 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>27<sup>TH</sup> 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
<b>MONDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention	<b>9.30am</b> John Linnane RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Patrick Lyons RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Patricia Collins (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>10.00am</b> Private Intention	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Annie McNiff RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> Fr Patrick Lyons 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, 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

### THREE PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 2015 – ‘RELIGIOUS FOUNDERS’

We encourage every parishioner, young and old, to come and share in as much of the Novena as possible. The times and venues for each evening are in the Parish Diary opposite.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – St Dominic** - Speaker: Sr. Raymunda Jordan, OP

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Fr Emmanuel d’Alzon** - Speaker: Fr Tom O’Brien, AA

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – St Daniele Comboni** - Speaker: Sr. Natalia Gomes, Comboni Missionary Sisters

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Fr Jean-Marie de la Mennais** - Speaker: Sr. Joyce Dionne, Daughters of Providence

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – St Benedict** - Speaker: Dom Bernard Akoeso, OSB

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October – St Ignatius of Loyola** - Speaker: Fr Michael O’Halloran, SJ

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – The Venerable Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan** - Speaker: Fr John Vallomprayil SDS

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October – The Venerable Catherine McAuley** - Speaker: Sr. Angela Moroney RSM

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Mother St Angele** - Speaker: Sr. Margaret Devine, DJ

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

There will be a second collection in support of CAFOD’s work after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of church - please gift aid your donation if you can.

### CONFIRMATION 2016

We are now beginning the process of enrolment for the Confirmation programme for 2016. 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015**. No applications will be considered after this date.

### NOVEMBER DEAD

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed. Remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. At the back of the church there are some sheets on which you can write the names of departed loved ones and friends. These can then be placed inside one of the brown envelopes provided (with any offering you wish to make) and then be placed in the “Holy Souls” box at the back of the church. During the month of November each weekday Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

### 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!

### WINE TASTING - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Our Lady’s Hall starting at 7.30pm.

This is our annual Christmas Wine Tasting moved from Eastcote to Ricky. A chance to taste and buy about 40 wines from The Really Fine Wine Co. Newly imported 5 Italian wines, some Rhone wines and a very special Aussie Shiraz along with a selection of UK sourced GEMS. To ease these wines down we will have some very scrummy cheese with French bread. The cost for this is just £8.00 per person with at least 50% going towards the new Pipe Organ. With our normal crowd from the Eastcote area this could be a book early event. Tickets are available via email from [adrian@reallyfinewine.co.uk](mailto:adrian@reallyfinewine.co.uk) or phone 07503 898689. Tell your friends all are welcome!

### 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

### 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.

**CATHOLIC WORKER FARM** - thank you for the very generous donations of Long Life milk. We have enough to last for a while and will suspend the collection. Please do watch this space for when we are again in need.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### FOUNDATION GOVERNORS - ST JOHN’S SCHOOL

The Governing Body of St John’s School, Mill End, is currently in need of two foundation (non-parent) governors. If you might be interested in taking up this important role in our local Catholic primary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

### VACANCY - RESOURCES OFFICER - VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL)

15 hours per week, term time only. Hours and days to be agreed by negotiation. APT&C Scale 3. Points 14-17.

Actual salary £5,757- £6,143 per annum. Fixed term to 30th June 2017. **Closing date for applications: Thursday 15/10/15.**

<http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/1527/vacancies/support-staff-vacancies>

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

We are looking for a parishioner who might be willing to take on the role of Parish Representative for the Women's World Day of Prayer. If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to Fr Shaun.

### HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER

On the Mondays of October parishioners are invited to pray the rosary at Our Lady's after the 9.30am Mass. The rosary will be prayed on these days with a special intention for all refugees.

### QUIZ EVENING - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM

Quiz Evening in our Lady's Hall to raise money towards the new Pipe Organ. A fish and chip supper and some jolly easy questions should make for a fun night out. If that is not enough a bar will raise your spirits. Tables of 8 to 10 people - make one up if you can. Tickets £12.50 each or £25 for 2. Available from this weekend after all Masses or phone Adrian 773609.

### 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 this Sunday.

### PLANNED GIVING BOX NO. 146

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

### 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

### RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

The next phase of the re-ordering (the laying of the new sanctuary floor, and the building of the new stone altar, ambo and tabernacle plinth) will begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The work is likely to take about three weeks and during this time there will be no 9.30am Mass at St John's on Mondays or Wednesdays. A Wednesday morning 9.30am Mass will be added at Our Lady's during this short time.

### 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.

### PARISH QUIZ - SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 8.30PM

Please note the change of start time. We will have less rounds of questions so as not to finish too late. Please let Geraldine (07725 748490) know if you want to come but do not have a full table/team as there will be several of you who can make up a team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please pay on the night.

### 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.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### ROSTERS - WELCOMER, READER AND MINISTER OF COMMUNION

The new rosters for Welcomer, Reader and Minister of Communion at the Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses are about to be produced. New volunteers are most welcome; we are particularly short of Welcomers at Sunday Morning Mass. If you feel you can help, please contact Maureen Foggo or Alan Opie.

### MONTHLY COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

We would like to introduce a monthly opportunity for coffee and a chat after the 6.00pm Mass. This would be a great occasion for parishioners to have some time to talk with the parish clergy and with one another. We would be grateful for any volunteers who might be willing to form a little rota of people who would be willing to take on responsibility for this. If you might be willing to help, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

### FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Due to the roadworks on Shire Lane on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October there will be no 9.30am Mass on this day.

### 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

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.

### APF/RED MISSIO BOXES

Thank you very much indeed for the September quarter's collection which amounted to £162.06.

	This week 3 / 4 October				Next week 10 / 11 October			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	D Gibney	S Hoy	E Harris	M Watkins	GF	S Hoy	E O'Sullivan	Peter Mackie
9am Mass	A Opie	J Hale	E Price	D Williamson	D Treanor	H McGrath	F Holly	Una Lean
3 October Laundry: T Price		9 October Church Cleaning: M Calvert						