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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 15TH OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells us '*the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding*'. This is good news to the unworthy, the people at the crossroads, invited when the original guests of honour responded ungratefully. It is bad news for those original guests as well as for the man without the wedding garment. Jesus told this story against the religious and political establishment of his time, '*the chief priests and elders of the people*' and he tells it against all who resist God's generosity or who dishonour his feast by not wearing the wedding garment he supplies for his guests.

The Mass foreshadows the heavenly banquet at which the Father celebrates the wedding of his Son. We should gratefully accept his generous invitation and resolve to live lives worthy of guests at such a feast. God calls us just as we are but he does not leave us as we are. He gives us new garments, fitting for the occasion, and he expects us to put them on.

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Response to Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £310.73; Loose Plate: £578.72; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1399.45**

Mill End: Envelopes: £280.00; Loose Plate: £222.08; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £699.08**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of September - **£2533.81**

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 15TH OCTOBER	11.45am 12.30pm 7.15pm - 9.00pm	1st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adult Pub Social	St John the Evangelist St John's School Coach & Horses
MON 16TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm - 7.00pm 7.00pm - 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall SJF Ladies Meeting Funeral - Noel Jackson RIP B-Attitude - Upper Room CCP Signing (Secondary Transfer) - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Mary Latimer's flat Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 17TH OCTOBER	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	1st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 18TH OCTOBER			
THU 19TH OCTOBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 20TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 21ST 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 14 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Fr John Bruce Elliott RIP	6pm (Vigil) Agnes Ludwigson RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr John Bruce Elliott RIP
SUNDAY 15 TH 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
MONDAY 16 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Cecilia Netto RIP	9.30am Paulton Family RIP	
TUESDAY 17 TH OCTOBER <i>St IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Noel Jackson RIP		9.30am Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP
WED. 18 TH OCTOBER <i>St LUKE, EVANGELIST</i>		9.30am Fr Sean O'Toole RIP	
THURSDAY 19 TH OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Victor Thian RIP		NO MASS THIS MORNING 7.30pm Fr Mark Walker (Ints.)
SATURDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	10.00am Fr Sean O'Toole RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 22 ND OCTOBER <i>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Giovanni & Angela Maccini RIP	10.30am Lee William Fitzgerald RIP	9am Fr Sean O'Toole RIP

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, Michael Dixon and Audrey and Paddy Lewin

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation, one of the few days outside of a Sunday when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Masses across the three parishes on this day will be as follows:

St John's, Mill End – 9.30am; Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – 9.30am and 8pm; St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 8pm

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Thursday 2nd November is All Soul's day. Masses across the three parishes will be as follows:

Our Lady's Rickmansworth – 9.30am; St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 9.30am; St John's, Mill End – 7.30pm

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries:

Our Lady's Garden of Rest – Saturday 4th November at 2.00pm; Chorleywood Old Cemetery – Saturday 4th November at 2.30pm; Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 18th November at 2.00pm and Woodcock Hill Cemetery – Saturday 25th November at 2.00pm.

We had hoped that the new memorial stones for the Garden of Rest might have ready for blessing at this time. However, due to it taking longer than anticipated to contact as many of the next of kin as possible, it is now unlikely that the memorial stones will be ready to be laid until early 2018.

MISSION APPEAL – LASALLIAN DEVELOPING WORLD PROJECTS – 21ST/22ND OCTOBER

We will be joined next weekend at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Mill End, the 9.00am Mass at Chorleywood and the 11.00am Mass at Rickmansworth by Brother John Deeney, who will be making an appeal upon behalf of the Lasallian Developing World Projects. Fr John made an appeal at the other parish Masses in August.

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER – 19th to 26th MAY 2018

We are looking into the possibility of running a Week of Guided Prayer for the three parishes in the lead-up to Pentecost 2018. The week would begin and end with a service, but from Monday to Friday retreatants would commit to praying individually for 30 minutes each day and to meeting for half an hour each day with a Prayer Companion to be guided in the prayer experience. Such an event obviously requires a considerable amount of preparation and organisation. Therefore, we would like to know:

1. If any parishioners would be interested in taking part in the Week of Guided Prayer as a participant.
2. Whether any parishioners would be prepared to commit to being Prayer Companions (some training would be given)
3. As this will be a lay-led event - whether any parishioners (a group of four or five at least would be needed) would be willing to plan, organise and run this event. All the resources necessary for running the event can be provided by an organisation which assists parishes who wish to run a Week of Guided Prayer.

If you are interested in participating in the week guided prayer or being a Prayer Companion and/or being part of a small team that would plan, organise and run this event, then please sign up, in the respective columns, on the clipboard sheet in each parish.

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.

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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH - Sunday 15th October at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall

Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

FAREWELL MASSES FOR FR MARK

Will be on **Friday 20th October at 7.30pm at St John Fisher** and **Friday 27th October at 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist**. Each Mass will be followed by a reception in the appropriate parish. 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 **Monday 16th October** – 7pm to 8pm at 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING REVIEW – THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent 'Planned Giving' review. On a table in the porch there are addressed envelopes for all parishioners who signed a promise leaflet. 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 Shaun or Fr Damian. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

PARISH Quiz Night on Saturday 11th November

Parish Quiz Night, Saturday 11th November, 7.00pm for 7.30 start. A light hearted evening of baffling questions complemented by the finest fish and chips available in the Rickmansworth area. Marathon rounds, jokers and much more. Tickets £10 each, available after Masses from next weekend or contact Adrian on 07503 898689. Please bring your friends!

200 CLUB - SEPTEMBER DRAW

Congratulations to Martin Brady (£40); Deirdre Edwards (£30); Hilary Barnett (£20) and Mary Thomson (£10).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 10th 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 Liz Townsend and Natalie Zammit in the church hall (over coffee!) after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 12th November**. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 12th November, but would be interested in helping, please email liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for Donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates and Homemade cakes to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola's; all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the 8th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (10th December).

200 CLUB - SEPTEMBER DRAW

Congratulations to Anthony Oxley (£50); Mrs McKiernan (£40); 3rd Mary Harris (£20)

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.

Please note there will be no morning Mass at St John Fisher that day.

ST JOHN FISHER QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 10th November

Please add this date to your diary. The quiz night will be held at Our Lady's hall.

NEXT LADIES MEETING - October 16th at 10am at Mary Latimer's flat, 18 Turney's Orchard. All are most 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 - Saturday 2nd December 10am to 12.30pm

Please 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. *Mary*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
14/15 Oct.	A Roberts	C Pierce	D Gibney	M Mackie	H McGrath	E Price	Kate & Patsy	S Tarrant
21/22 Oct.	GF	A Penn	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	J Donohoe	F Holly	Carolyn & Marguerite	A McReynolds

Saints
(school year 7-9)



Our next meeting will be after half term break, on **31 October**.

B-ATTITUDE

B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

After most of the Masses at Our Lady's and St John Fisher this weekend, some young people from our B-Attitude group (year 9 to 13's) will speak about what they do.

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 met last week, but as a special treat we'll meet again this week! **Monday 16 October @ Our Lady's parish hall** (it's in the upper room, up the staircase), **from 6 pm to 7 pm**. New members are very welcome to join!

Young Adult Pub Social

Pub social taking place **this weekend!**

Sunday 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 for a drink and a chat, and you are very welcome to bring along friends as well.