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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 9TH OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

It is delightful to watch a tiny baby discover self. At first the infant is fascinated with his or her fingers or toes. As children grow, new discoveries expand beyond self to a wider world, and many come through other people – family, playmates, teachers. Thus children gradually learn who they are, and the value of gratitude, trust, sharing, care of others, mutually satisfying relationships. The Samaritan, healed of his leprosy by Jesus, who returned to Jesus to glorify God and give thanks exemplifies someone who has learned well the importance of the deepening of relationships.

Having returned to Jesus to glorify God and express his gratitude for healing, the Samaritan leper hears Jesus acknowledge his faith and consequently receives the further gift of salvation. Faith is a response to our relationship with God. As our faith grows, so do our relationships. As our relationship with God grows, we know better who we are before God, we deepen our ability to worship, and we increase our need to give thanks always. Always and everywhere.

We build relationships with others by offering gratitude, yes, but also in many other ways: by listening attentively, by helping without being asked, by affirming the other's goodness, by being honest and trustworthy. Similarly, we build our relationship with God by giving thanks often, by listening to God in Scripture and in prayer, by being open to and using fruitfully God's many gifts, by faithfulness to what God asks of us all. All these actions are essential if we are to grow in faith. All of these actions are open to us hearing Jesus say to us, "your faith has saved you."

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Response to Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2; Luke 18:1-8 (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: £704.49; Loose Plate: £359.50; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1573.99**

Mill End: Envelopes: £284.40; Loose Plate: £221.49; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £604.89**

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 9TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all	St John Fisher
MON 10TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 11TH OCTOBER	4.30pm - 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer - Hall 1 st Communion Parents Meeting RCIA - Small Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 12TH OCTOBER	11.00am	Funeral - Maureen Koller RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 13TH OCTOBER	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting Open Meeting (all parishioners welcome) Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 14TH OCTOBER	10.00am 11.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Seamus Fagan RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 15TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Hall Sensation	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 8 TH OCTOBER	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr David O'Driscoll RIP
SUNDAY 9 TH 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 Seamus Fagan RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 10 TH OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	
TUESDAY 11 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Special Intention		9.30am Mgr Peter Anglim RIP
WEDNESDAY 12 TH OCTOBER		9.30am Bridget Tydings RIP	
THURSDAY 13 TH OCTOBER <i>St EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</i>	9.30am Sr Amadeus Bulger CJ RIP		
FRIDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Fr David O'Driscoll RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 15 TH OCTOBER <i>St TERESA OF 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 16 TH OCTOBER <i>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Roshini Alles RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Angela & Giovanni Maccini RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Frazer Bradshaw RIP	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 Mulderrig; 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 - FRIDAY 7TH 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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our Novena to Our Lady begins on Saturday 15th October. Full details of times, venues and speakers are available on the noticeboards and websites of the three parishes.

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.

1ST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17

Parents who have registered children for the 2016/17 1st Communion programme are advised that the dates for the initial meetings and 1st sessions are now as follows:

St John Fisher, Chorleywood Parent's Meeting - Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm

1st Children's Session Sunday 16th October at 8.45am

St John's, Mill End Parents' Meeting - Sunday 16th October at 11.30am

1st Children's Session - Sunday 30th October at 9.15am

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm

1st Children's Session - Monday 31st October at 5.30pm

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - REQUEST FOR GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

Our 2016/17 RCIA programme began last Tuesday and it is truly wonderful news that we have twelve adults across the three parishes journeying towards full communion in the Catholic Church. Six of them will be baptised and the other six will be received and/or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2017. We are seeking godparents (for those preparing for baptism) and sponsors (for those being received/completing their initiation into the Catholic Church) from among the parishioners of the three parishes. The role of the godparent or sponsor is to provide spiritual support and encouragement to the catechumens and candidates as they prepare for baptism and full initiation into the Church, to testify to the faith of the catechumens and candidates and to be present with them in church for the major liturgical rites which mark the various stages of their preparation, culminating in their baptism and/or reception and confirmation at the Easter Vigil in 2017. To be a godparent or a sponsor you must yourself be a confirmed adult practicing Roman Catholic. If you would be willing to be a godparent or a sponsor please contact Fr Shaun.

CHESS VALLEY SVP

Would like to welcome any parishioner who may be interested in joining the SVP to come along to the Open Meeting on **Thursday 13th October 7.30pm** at St John the Evangelist (church hall).

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 16th October at 12.30pm** in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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 **Tuesday 11th October - 4.30pm to 5.30pm** 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 one week 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 anyday" 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.

200 CLUB - congratulations to Michael Bridge Madden, Patricia Kelly, Tom McAteer and Martin Brady.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we want *all* parishioners to take this opportunity to *prayerfully* reflect on their financial commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances. 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. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including details on why our parish needs more financial help in order to cover our day-to-day running costs. If you have not done so already, please take an appeal newsletter as you leave Mass. We ask that you all prayerfully consider this Planned Giving appeal. We hope to complete our efforts next weekend. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. *Fr Shaun*

EWAN AND ANNA SMITH

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.

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

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

TEA & COFFEE - all are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass this Sunday, 8 October.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 10.00AM TO 12.30PM

Our Charity Christmas Fair time is here again! Please start to prepare: plant your bulbs; bake and freeze your cakes; search your cupboards for unwanted gifts; bottles; books; jewellery and accessories; toys; good bric-a-brac and raffle prizes. We will try to run another Silent Auction if anybody has any special items of value to make that possible. All offers of help and new ideas will be gratefully received. Please contact Juliet 283602, Jenny 284402 or Mary 284975. Thank you very much.

MISSIO/APF RED BOXES - the September collection amounted to £132.82. Thank you very much indeed. Mary L.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
8/9 Oct.	J Ingham	A Roberts	P Goble	A Opie	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Peter & Ann	S Treanor
15/16 Oct.	M Foggo	J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	U Lean	D Treanor	E Price	Carolyn & Kate	V Terrill

FUNERALS

MAUREEN KOLLER RIP

The funeral of Maureen Koller 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

The funeral of Seamus Fagan will take place at St John the Evangelist, Mill End at 11.00am on Friday 14th October, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend Seamus' soul to the love and mercy of God and pray for his wife, Mary and their family at this difficult time.