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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 11TH OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Ignorance is bliss! The man in today's gospel eagerly approached Jesus, oblivious to how challenging the encounter would become. Jesus' reply to the man's question about what he must do to inherit eternal life changed his eagerness to sadness. Yes, ignorance is bliss. But is it?

Today's gospel could be interpreted as saying that we must dispossess ourselves of everything we have. In today's world, this is not really possible. Possessions in themselves are not a stumbling block to following Jesus. The issue is whether we are willing to let go and single-heartedly follow him. Nothing should take precedence in our lives over following Jesus and inheriting eternal life – not possessions, family, property, or even the bliss of ignorance.

We ought to be careful about putting a question to Jesus if we are not ready to hear his answer! If we approach Jesus and ask him what more we need to do to gain eternal life, he will tell us in no uncertain terms. Will we hold back from Jesus lest he tell us the "one thing" yet lacking in our lives? Do we choose the bliss of ignorance? Or the joy of hearing Jesus invite us to follow him and inherit eternal life.

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: Wisdom 7:7-11

Response to Psalm: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16; **Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £1028.80; Loose Plate: £390.86; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1918.66**

Mill End: Envelopes: £239.26; Loose Plate: £186.66; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £519.67**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of September amounted to **£2162.43**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SAT 10TH OCTOBER	7.00pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St John Fisher
SUN 11TH OCTOBER	11.30am 12.30pm 7.00pm	First Communion Parents Meeting Baptisms Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 12TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 11.45am 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 13TH OCTOBER	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Communion Parents Meeting RCIA - Upper Room	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 14TH OCTOBER	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Signing of Priest's Reference Forms for Secondary School - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 15TH OCTOBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 16TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 17TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 12.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Baptism Preparation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians 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 10 TH OCTOBER	10am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) Annie McNiff RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11 TH OCTOBER <i>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am George Bryant RIP
MONDAY 12 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Bridget Tydings RIP (Anniv.)	No Mass today	
TUESDAY 13 TH OCTOBER <i>ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</i>	9.30am Gerard Koller RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Private Intention	No Mass today	
THURSDAY 15 TH OCTOBER <i>ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Fr Patrick Lyons RIP		
FRIDAY 16 TH OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		9.30am Fr Patrick Lyons RIP
SATURDAY 17 TH OCTOBER <i>ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	10am John Gallagher RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Mrs Hansen RIP
SUNDAY 18 TH OCTOBER <i>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Margaret McLaughlin RIP	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: 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

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED!!

I am delighted to announce that I have appointed a young woman by the name of Eileen O'Sullivan as the Parish Youth Worker to serve initially the parishes of Our Lady's, Rickmansworth and St John the Evangelist, Mill End, with a future possibility of extending her ministry to St John Fisher, Chorleywood. Eileen lives relatively locally and attended St Joan of Arc school. Eileen will be joining us in mid-November and we look forward to welcoming her and supporting her as she develops a programme of activities for the young people of our parishes. *Fr Shaun*

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) on **Sunday 18th October** for a drink and a chat.

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 17th October** at **2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

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 1st November 2015**. No applications will be considered after this date.

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING MASSES

Work on the laying of the new marble floor and the building of the new stone altar, ambo and tabernacle plinth at St John the Evangelist, Mill End begins on Monday 12th October and is expected to take in the region of three weeks. During that time there will be no Monday or Wednesday morning Masses at Mill End and the Wednesday morning Mass will be temporarily transferred to Our Lady's. If there are any Mill End parishioners who might need a lift to Our Lady's on Mondays and Wednesdays during this period please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and the Sunday 10.30am will continue as normal.

THREE PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 2015 – 'RELIGIOUS FOUNDERS'

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

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

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 13th November at Our Lady's Hall starting at 7.30pm.

A chance to taste and buy about 40 wines from The Really Fine Wine Co. many on Christmas discount. We will serve some very scrummy cheese with French bread. The costs 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 busy event - so book early. Tickets are available via email from adrian@reallyfinewine.co.uk or phone 07503 898689. Tell your friends all are welcome!

QUIZ IN AID OF HCPT (THE PILGRIMAGE TRUST) - SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

7.30pm for 8.00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church Hall. Cost £10. For more details see the notice in the porch. To book a table contact Berny Tomlin on 01923 446836/07910 138007 or email berny@tomlin.org.uk

1ST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2015/16

Parents who have registered children for the 2015/16 1st Communion programme are advised that the dates for the initial meetings and 1st sessions are now as follows:

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth Welcome Meeting (for parents and children) - Monday 19th October 2015 at 5.30pm

1st Children's Session – Monday 2nd November 2015 at 5.30pm

St John's, Mill End

Parents' Meeting – Sunday 11th October at 11.30am

1st Children's Session – Sunday 18th October at 9.15am

St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Parent's Meeting - Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm

1st Children's Session Sunday 18th 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:

Wednesday 14th October – Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm to 8.30pm and **Tuesday 20th 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.

GENERAL NOTICES

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS - ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, MILL END

The Governing Body of St John's School 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

CALLING ALL COOKS – HELP NEEDED!

On Tuesday 3rd November the organ builders from Slovenia will be arriving to commence building and tuning our new pipe organ. In order to keep costs to the minimum, I am providing beds for the workmen in the guest bedroom of the presbytery. It would be an enormous help to us if some parishioners were willing to cook a hot lunchtime meal for the two organ builders each day from **Tuesday 3rd November** until **Friday 13th November**. These meals could be delivered “hot and ready to be eaten” each day at lunchtime or, if appropriate, delivered the night before or earlier in the morning, so that they can be re-heated in the presbytery at lunchtime. I would be grateful if parishioners who are willing to help could sign-up on the list at the back of the church for one of the eleven days when lunches are needed. Thank you in advance for your help with this. *Fr Shaun*

QUIZ EVENING - SATURDAY 7TH 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 and really are available from this weekend after all Masses or phone Adrian 773609.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas lunch on **Thursday, 3rd December**. Please keep the date free. Details will follow in the next few weeks.

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

PARISH QUIZ - POSTPONED

Unfortunately our quiz has been postponed until the new year. The new date will be advertised as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Parents are reminded that the Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass is open to children aged three to seven. We would ask that younger children please remain with you in the church. Thank you.

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 12th 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.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILL END AND MAPLE CROSS

St John the Evangelist Church was not consecrated when it was opened. A church can only be consecrated once it has a fixed stone altar. We will soon have a stone altar, and so I have petitioned Cardinal Vincent Nichols requesting his consent to the consecration of the church. His Eminence has graciously agreed to consecrate the church himself in a solemn Mass of Dedication on **Saturday 30th April 2016 at 12 noon**. This will be a wonderful moment of grace and blessing for our parish community. There will be much more to say about this in the coming months. The date falls on a Bank Holiday Weekend, so please make a note in your diary now: we want as many parishioners as possible to share in this unique and wonderful occasion. I promise you it will be a celebration you will never forget! *Fr Shaun*

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.

OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR – 28TH 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.

	This week 10 / 11 October				Next week 17 / 18 October			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	GF	S Hoy	E O'Sullivan	Peter Mackie	R Ellis	T Hartney	C Johnson	Marguerite Watkins
9am Mass	D Treanor	H McGrath	F Holly	Una Lean	M Calvert	D Treanor	J Hale	Ann Brew
10 October	Laundry: I Schwartz			16 October	Church Cleaning: A Dennis			