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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

We are often divided over what belongs to whom. For example, property rights, national borders, child custody, inheritance, even toys. Sometimes divisions are so serious that they bring harm and even destroy lives. At other times these divides can be readily resolved through legal or parental intervention. In this Sunday's gospel the religious leaders present Jesus with what in reality is a false division that he dispatches rather cleverly.

What belongs to Caesar is a tax, a coin, an image and inscription – all inanimate objects, all external to the heart of things. What belongs to God is the tax of acting in accordance with the truth, the coin of living in the way of God and our hearts stamped with the image and inscription of God. What belongs to God is our undivided hearts devoid of malice, hypocrisy and self-importance. What belongs to God is our whole selves united with the very heart of God.

Our hearts are to be given over in loving obedience to the ways of God. Giving over our hearts means changing all ways within us that oppose the truth of God. It means allowing Jesus to heal what in our hearts divides us from God and one another. It means repaying God for everything by giving God everything – our undivided heart.

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

**Response to Psalm:** Give the Lord glory and power.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £556.00; Loose Plate: £607.48; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1673.48**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £322.00; Loose Plate: £266.66; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £785.66**

**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

<b>SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>MON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am for 10.15am 10.00am - 12 noon	Quiet Space Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK</b>	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>		<b>NO SVP MEETING THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>WED 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>THU 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am - 12 noon 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Baptism Preparation Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Sean O'Toole RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER <i>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> Giovanni & Angela Maccini RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Lee William Fitzgerald RIP	<b>9am</b> Fr Sean O'Toole RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Lance & Patrick Rooney RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Brigid McConnell (Ints.)	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		<b>9.30am</b> Robert Burdin RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Norman Brown RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Brian Robinson RIP (Anniv.)	<b>7.30pm</b> Fr Mark Walker (Ints.)	<b>9.30am</b> Fr John Elliott RIP
<b>SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>SS SIMON &amp; JUDE, APOSTLES</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Fr John Elliott RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Sheila Birmingham RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Norman Brown RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Elizabeth Mary Kendrick RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Peter Mann RIP <b>6pm</b> Ann Breen RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Frazer Bradshaw RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### 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

### MISSION APPEAL – LASALLIAN DEVELOPING WORLD PROJECTS – 21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

We will be joined this 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.

### SOLEMINITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm; Chorleywood Old Cemetery – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm; Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm and Woodcock Hill Cemetery – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm.

We had hoped that the new memorial stones for the Garden of Rest might have been 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.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Shaun or previously saw Fr Mark regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am** in Our Lady's hall.

### CHESS VALLEY SVP MASS - SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The 10am Mass, Adoration (from 10.30am) and Benediction (11.25am) on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Our Lady's will be offered for the work of Chess Valley SVP and in particular for the B'Attitude Group. Parishioners are warmly invited to come along for all or any part of the morning.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

The Rickmansworth Town Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade. The Parade will muster at Our Lady's at 1.45pm and moves off at 2.00pm. The Remembrance Service at St Mary's begins at 2.30pm. Our uniformed groups will be attending. We hope that many parishioners will come and share in this important act of remembrance.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will take place after the 10.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** with Mr Marvel to entertain the children! The party is open to children of all the parishes and will be a great opportunity for the children and parents of our parishes to get together! Food donation and sign up lists will be in each of the churches nearer the time.

### A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER – 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 (not 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May as previously advertised)

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 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 11<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30-11.30am** 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. **Fr Shaun**

### FAREWELL MASS FOR FR MARK - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist

The Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. If you would like to make a contribution toward a farewell gift for Fr Mark, in thanks for his ministry over the past four years, there are special envelopes available. 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.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**. No applications will be considered after this date.

**28<sup>TH</sup>/29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** - a reminder that clocks go back one hour next weekend.

## 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. Please collect your letter when you leave Mass today. If you missed signing a promise card, 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 a promise card, which are available at the back of the church today. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

### PARISH QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November (7.00pm for 7.30pm 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 this weekend or contact Adrian on 07503 898689. Please bring your friends!

### OUR LADY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

A note of the September meeting of Our Lady's PPC is posted on the porch noticeboard and can be downloaded from the parish website. A few "hard" copies are available at the back of the church for those without access to the internet.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FR MARK'S LEAVING PARTY

After the Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> November**. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November, but would be interested in helping, please email [liztownsend\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (10<sup>th</sup> December).

### CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale in the porch after Saturday evening Mass and both before and after Sunday Morning Mass from 18<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### ST JOHN FISHER QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

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

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available in the lounge

### APF RED MISSIO BOXES

Thank you very much for the September collection, which amounted to £115.18p. Please could every box holder be ready to hand in their box for the December (end of the year collection). I will let you have a timely reminder! Thanks, *Mary*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
21/22 Oct.	GF	A Penn	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	J Donohoe	F Holly	Carolyn & Marguerite	A McReynolds
28/29 Oct.	E O'Sullivan	GF	C Johnson	D Treanor	M Calvert	L Turnbull	Peter & Patsy	V Terill

### Saints (school year 7-9)

*Games, food & reflection*

**Tuesdays, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End.**

Saints meet on: 31 October,  
14 November, 28 November,

**12 December** - This is a special one! Families are invited to join for our **Advent quiz night**. An unusual quiz. It will be a quiz without questions. Naturally.



### Annual Diocesan Youth Mass

**Friday 8 December**

St Aloysius church, Euston  
**For young people, their families and for young adults.**

Mass starts at 7 pm. After Mass there is a social in the hall. In other words: free food!

### B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

*Put your faith into action*

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 will meet again after half term, on **Monday 6 November @ Our Lady's** parish hall (it's in the upper room, up the staircase) **from 6 pm to 7 pm.** Happy half term break!