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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 16TH OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Sometimes to accomplish a task we need other people to encourage and support us. At other times, to be persistent we need our expectations expanded beyond a narrow perception of how to proceed. Our expectations are expanded by receiving challenges from other people; by remembering what we have learned from, past similar experiences; by realising the direction we are pursuing is too limited. Prayer leads us to expand our minds and hearts beyond our own limits, entrusting ourselves to the God who always acts justly and wills only good for us.

In this Sunday's gospel parable, the widow kept returning to an unjust judge whom she petitioned face-to-face, and whom she could concretely judge for his lack of just action. When we pray to God, we do so personally, but we cannot judge how God responds to our prayer. The challenge of the gospel is to keep on praying to a God who only wills good for us. Sometimes this requires that we must change our minds about that for which we pray or about our perception of how God answers our prayer.

Jesus' admonition to "pray continually and never lose heart" says something about persistence in prayer as well as how we ought to pray. We become weary and discouraged in prayer when our expectations of God are too narrow either in what we want or how soon we want it. Prayer opens us up to a deeper relationship with God that expands us and our expectations of both self and God. Prayer leads us to expand our minds and hearts beyond our own limits, entrusting ourselves to the God who always acts justly and wills only good for us.

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call, for you shall 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.

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Response to Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord who
made heaven and earth.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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: £644.66; Loose Plate: £348.12; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1502.58**

Mill End: Envelopes: £312.20; Loose Plate: £199.62; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £610.82**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of September - **£1934.09**

Walsingham Collection: Rickmansworth £257.41; Mill End £143.79; Chorleywood £110.20

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 16TH OCTOBER	8.45am 11.30am 12.30pm 7.00pm	First Communion Class 1 st Communion Parents' Meeting - Hall SVP Community Lunch Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 17TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	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 the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 18TH OCTOBER	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	1 st Communion Parents' Meeting - Hall Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help RCIA - Small Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 19TH OCTOBER	7.30pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St John Fisher
THU 20TH OCTOBER	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
FRI 21ST OCTOBER	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm	Burial of Ashes - Jacqueline Grove RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 22ND OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 15TH 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 16TH 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
MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER <i>St IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	
TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER <i>St LUKE, EVANGELIST</i>	9.30am Cecy Netto RIP		9.30am Sr Amadeus Bulger CJ RIP
WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER		9.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	
THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER	9.30am Bishop David Konstant RIP		
FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER	9.30am Jacqueline Grove RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER <i>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am W.H. (Bill) Osgood RIP 6pm Dr Desmond Sharland RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	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 Mulderri; 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, Don Williamson and Aidan Mahony

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

JACQUELINE GROVE RIP

The ashes of Jacqueline Grove will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 21st October.

KATHLEEN BIRCH RIP

The funeral of Kathleen Birch, the sister of Mike Eaton, will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 24th October, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

VISIT TO OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS, KENSAL NEW TOWN – SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

I have arranged for a parish visit to my former parish of Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Kensal New Town on the afternoon of **Sunday 20th November**. Our Lady of the Holy Souls is a rare dedication and the church at Kensal is dedicated as a Centre of Prayer for the Faithful Departed. The church was designed by the great Victorian architect John Francis Bentley, who also designed Westminster Cathedral and Holy Rood, Watford. Between 2010 and 2012, I had the privilege of restoring some of the original Victorian features and beauty to the church and to see it consecrated on 10 November 2012. I have booked a 57 seater coach, which will depart from Our Lady's, Rickmansworth at **1.30pm**. On arrival we will celebrate Mass for our faithful departed loved ones (this Mass will fulfil the Sunday Obligation), I will then give a tour of the church and the parish community have kindly offered to provide us with some refreshments before we depart around 4.45pm. There is a sign-up list in each parish this weekend. If we have more people than seats on the coach the places will be offered to those who signed-up first – so, don't delay if you want to be sure of a place. I would kindly ask a donation of £6 per person (to be collected on the day) towards the cost of the coach hire. *Fr Shaun*

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Shaun and Fr Mark will be conducting the traditional November blessings of graves as follows:

Saturday 5th November at 2.30pm - Our Lady's Garden of Rest

Saturday 12th November at 2.30pm – Woodcock Hill Cemetery

Saturday 19th November at 12 noon – Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery

Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm – Chorleywood Old Cemetery

All parishioners with loved ones buried in these places are warmly invited to come and join in prayer for the Holy Souls.

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION ON THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME IN OUR PARISHES

Fr Shaun is organising an afternoon of reflection on the ministry of welcome in our three parishes. This will be held at Our Lady's Hall between **2.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 19th November**. This will be an opportunity for us to reflect on both the theological meaning of the Ministry of Welcome and on its practical development in each of the three parishes. A warm invitation is extended not only to those currently exercising this ministry but to anyone who might like to become involved in it across our three communities.

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 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 Parents' Meeting - 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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH is on **Sunday 16th October at 12.30pm** in St John's School Hall. Please do come along.

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PPC MEETING

The Note of the recent PPC meeting held on 20th September 2016 is now available on the porch noticeboard and the parish website. A few "hard copies" are also available at the back of church for those without access to the internet.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship. This weekend we ask that **all** parishioners complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself. Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today. If you have any questions, volunteers available after Mass. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

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 email liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18th December with Mr Marvel to entertain the children! Food donation lists will be in the back of the church nearer the time.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NEW CIBORIUM PATEN

Thanks to very generous donations by three parishioners we have been able to purchase a gold-plated open Ciborium-paten to contain the hosts used during the celebration of Mass. We are very grateful for the generosity of these parishioners. The Ciborium-paten will be blessed at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and be used at both Masses this weekend.

CHOIR

There will be rehearsals on **2nd, 16th and 30th November**. We are inviting people to 'join for Christmas' and come along to the rehearsals. We're particularly in need of men to join us. It doesn't matter if you don't read music, or don't read it well - willingness to sing is what we want more than anything else.

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.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
15/16 Oct.	M Foggo	J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	U Lean	D Treanor	E Price	Carolyn & Kate	V Terrill
22/23 Oct.	G F	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	J Hale	K Cottingham	F Holly	Patsy & Marguerite	C Steet

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation – one of the few days outside of Sundays when all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Masses in the parishes will be as follows:

Our Lady's Rickmansworth: **9.30am** and **8.00pm**; St John Fisher, Chorleywood: **9.30am**; St John's, Mill End: **8.00pm**

ALL SOULS DAY – WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

The Masses for All Souls' Day across the three parishes will be as follows:

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth: **9.30am**; St John the Evangelist, Mill End: **9.30am**; St John Fisher, Chorleywood: **8.00pm**

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.