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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

We know from the dynamics of our own human relationships that coming to know another person takes time, energy, patience, and steadfast love. No matter how long a relationship lasts, we can never know a person fully. Consider a couple who have been married for fifty, sixty or seventy years. How well they know each other! Yet they can still discover new and exciting things about each other. How much more true is this about our relationship with Christ.

How did John come to know who Jesus is? His journey of discovery epitomises the experience of every human being coming to know who Jesus is. The journey passes through many stages of knowing and not knowing before arriving at a place of certainty and belief. Moreover, John's response of testifying before the world that Jesus is the Son of God epitomizes the mission of every believer. The mission requires persistence, clarity and courage. The mission is unending because the mystery of who Jesus is can never be exhausted.

So why bother? Because there is no relationship more life-giving than the one we have with Jesus. Because there is no mystery more satisfying than the mystery of who Jesus is for us. Because there is no mission as transforming of the world than the work we do of coming to know and testify to the person of Jesus who dwells in us and among us. There is no end to what we will discover and can reveal about Jesus. This is why there is no end to what we will also discover about each other.

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you,  
Shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

**Response to Psalm:** Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £646.00; Loose Plate: £457.59; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1613.59**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £324.68; Loose Plate: £229.90; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £751.58**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£1804.80**

**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 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
<b>MON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	10.45am 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>			
<b>THU 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY</b>	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Baptism Preparation - Hall 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

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 14 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>10.00am</b> Stephen Birch RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Martin & Sheila Candon RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 15 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY <i>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Michael James Denning RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Canon Charles Acton RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Alan Moss RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> Canon John McDonald RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 16 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>9.30am</b> George Clinton RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention (AC)	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY <i>ST ANTHONY, ABBOT</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Canon Charles Acton RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY		<b>9.30am</b> Joe Furey and Family (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Canon John McDonald RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY <i>ST AGNES, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Desiree Zimmerman RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Martin & Sheila Candon RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Canon Charles Acton RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY <i>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Merwyn Mascarenhas RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Joan Marioni RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> Kathleen Barclay (Ints.)	<b>10.30am</b> Audrey Rayner RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Elsie Alexander, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, John Caneparo, Josie Westhrop, Eric Selley, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson and Christina Thomas

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Mary Hornsby and Mary Harris

**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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard, Don Williamson and Aidan O'Mahony.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

This year Our Lady's will be hosting the annual ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3.30pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. We hope that many parishioners will come and join us in praying for the unity of all Christians.

### VISITING PRIESTS

This weekend we welcome Fr Michael Holman who is very kindly celebrating the 6.00pm Mass at St John's, Mill End, and Fr Mark Aloysius, who is very kindly celebrating the 8.30am and 11.00am Masses at Our Lady's.

### CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

Please save the date of **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** for a classical music concert which will be held at St John Fisher. Parishioners and friends from all 3 parishes will be most welcome. Tickets will be priced reasonably and a bar will be available. All proceeds will go towards the reordering of the church. Further details to follow shortly. Please contact Caroline Holly or Alan Opie if you are able to help with the arrangements either on the night or to prepare the church.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE –MAY/JUNE 2017

As many of you will know, I had been planning a walking pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela for May 2017. Due to difficulties in arranging suitable flight times, I have decided to postpone this pilgrimage until 2018. However, I have now arranged an alternative pilgrimage from **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016** to the early saints of northern England in Northumbria and Holy Island (Lindisfarne). We will be based in Newcastle, from where we will visit Durham, Jarrow and Monkswearmouth (home of St Bede), Inner Farne Island and Holy Island. The cost of the pilgrimage including travel to and from Newcastle by train, accommodation at the Premier Inn, Newcastle, breakfasts and dinners will be £699 per person (single room supplement = £180 for the 5 nights). We are also able to offer a great deal for families with two children under 15 willing to share a family room (4 people) – the children's price would be £299 each.

The itinerary and booking forms are available in the parishes this weekend and are also downloadable from the parish websites. If you would like to join this pilgrimage please do consider booking before 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017, as the price is fixed only until that time. *Fr Shaun*

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10.00am** in Our Lady's hall.

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING - OUR LADY'S HALL

A reminder that there will be an information meeting for confirmation candidates and their parents on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.15pm** in Our Lady's Hall.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is this **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 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.

### WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in this Year of Mercy will take place in the Cathedral on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 2.00pm**. As in previous years, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. All are welcome, no seat reservations or tickets. If you are bringing a wheelchair, please let Fr Shaun or Fr Mark know before Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January so that the appropriate space can be reserved in the Cathedral.

### GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Kerry. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer.

**Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2016/17 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.** We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2018 and Secondary Transfer 2018

If you are new to the parish, and have not been issued with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2018** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a **September 2018** place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

## Youth Group

Thank you for an amazing start to our year 7-8 youth group! It was great to see so many of you. Our next meeting will be on 24 January at Mill End, 6–7.30 pm.

The leaders of the year 9-11 youth group had lots of fun playing ninjal! Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26 January at Our Lady's, 6–8 pm.



## Flame

We're going to FLAME!!

What? **10,000 young people**

Live music by Matt Redman

Drama, guest talks and adoration

When? **Saturday 11 March**

Where? **Wembley Arena**

£15, more information to follow soon.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN – PARISH PROJECT

In December we received the sum of £15,690 as the first tranche of *Growing in Faith* parish project funds for our Youth Worker Project. I am very grateful to all those parishioners who have and continue to so generously support the *Growing in Faith* campaign. The parish stands to receive a further £24,000 in the coming years to help us support and develop youth ministry in the parish. *Fr Shaun*

### SOUP LUNCH IN AID OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

There will be a homemade soup and bread lunch in aid of SVP on **Friday 27 January** from **12 noon to 2pm** in our Lady's church hall. There will be no charge but we ask, if you are able, that you give what you can towards helping provide Vinnie cold weather pack for homeless people. These contain basic essentials to help provide a little comfort for the homeless. As a guide, a Vinnie pack cost about £3 each to produce. All are welcome. Please do come and bring a friend and meet some of your fellow parishioners while helping SVP. Children welcome.

### STAMPS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference - Mighty Oaks from little Acorns grow! It can be a good and fun way of teaching our children about the Missions if they take on their own project within family and friend circles. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington*

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### URGENT APPEAL FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

The children's liturgy group **URGENTLY** needs more helpers. We have recently lost 2 members of the team who have moved away from the Parish. Members of the current team already plan all the sessions, craft activities and rota. We need extra people to help in the class on the day. Two adults are needed for each class. The class involves reading the gospel, leading the children through pre-set questions and helping the children complete the craft activity. You do not need any previous experience, just simply be at Mass and go out with the children for the first half of Mass. All volunteers do need to have a DBS check. This is straight forward and is organised through the parish. We need at least eight volunteers altogether so that each volunteer is required once a month. At present we have only four volunteers. Please consider volunteering and speak to Liz Townsend, Natalie Zammit, Geraldine Page, Fr. Shaun or Fr. Mark if you are interested. Sadly if more volunteers do not come forward we will have to close the Liturgy group.

### 200 CLUB RELAUNCH

This year our **200 Club** will run from February through to December with our big money draws in April and December. The primary purpose of the '**200 CLUB**' is to raise funds for the parish and give the members a chance of winning some cash prizes. In previous years the profits have been used for necessary parish repairs and maintenance. So please continue to help by re-joining. This year we are asking for a £20 subscription fee and all new members are most welcome. Everybody wins either tangibly through prize money or intangibly through a sense of belonging and achievement. Please make cheques payable to:- *St. John the Evangelist, Mill End*. The closing date is **19<sup>th</sup> February**. Application forms will be available after Mass today and once completed can either be handed to the parish clergy after Masses or delivered to Nikki Tew at 18 Berry Way, Ricky, WD37EY. The first draw will take place after the 10.30am Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your tremendous and continued support, and GOOD LUCK.

### 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> January** 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!

We would also be very grateful for volunteers who could help with the buying and cooking of the bacon and sausages. Please contact Natalie on 07813 102075. Thank you.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### TOM GILLIES RIP

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death on New Year's Day of Tom Gillies, the husband of the Rev. Arderne Gillies, the Baptist Minister in Chorleywood. There will be a Committal Service on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm at Chilterns Crematorium followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 2pm at Chorleywood Free Church (Baptist), Hillside Road, Chorleywood. After this there will be a buffet tea in the Church Hall. We pray for the repose of Tom's soul and we keep Arderne and her family in our prayers at this very sad and difficult time for them.

### APPLE JUICE

Apple juice made from Chorleywood apples professionally juiced locally. £2.50 for a 75cl bottle (can be diluted). All proceeds to Kenyan Children's Project ( [www.thekecp.org](http://www.thekecp.org) ). Can deliver within Chorleywood.

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ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
14/15 Jan.	J Ingham	E O'Sullivan	C Johnson	D Treanor	M Calvert	E Price	Marguerite & Ann	V Terrill
21/22 Jan.	E O'Sullivan	S Hoy	M Latimer	M Calvert	D Treanor	F Holly	Patsy & Francis	C Steet

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### VINNIE PACKS

The St Vincent de Paul Society is distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs to the homeless over the winter, mostly in the Westminster diocese. See [svp.org.uk/node/330](http://svp.org.uk/node/330) for more information. They cost about £3.20 to produce. Any contribution will be very welcome. Donations can be made by text VIMP33£[AMOUNT] to 70070 or by cheque made out to SVP and sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, SW1P 9EZ.