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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 17TH JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

What brings us to embrace change? A closed bridge might bring us to find a new route to work. Sickness might bring us to a healthier lifestyle. Falling in love might bring us to an unprecedented self-giving. What brings us to embrace belief?

The disciples of Jesus saw him change water into wine. This sign, worked at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, 'let his glory be seen' and changed the disciples' relationship with him – they 'believed in him.' The sign was a catalyst of their belief bringing them to new intimacy with Jesus.

We don't see Jesus changing more than a hundred gallons of water into wine! But we do see signs of Jesus' power and presence in our lives when we observe someone entrusting self to another, when forgiveness is offered and accepted, when a friend confronts someone about hurtful behaviour. The more we see in others the signs of Jesus' power and presence, the more we, like the disciples, are drawn to grow in belief and intimacy with him.

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!

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Response to Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
(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: £706.56; Loose Plate: £490.06; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1706.62**

Mill End: Envelopes: £352.46; Loose Plate: £212.84; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £664.30**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of December amounted to **£1990.15**

White Flower Appeal: Rickmansworth £199.39; Mill End £130.48; Chorleywood £85.05

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 17TH JANUARY	7.15pm	Confirmation Information Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 18TH JANUARY	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 19TH JANUARY	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Session - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 20TH JANUARY			
THU 21ST JANUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 22ND JANUARY	10.00am 11.15am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Hilda Walmesley RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 23RD JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 16 TH JANUARY	10am Michael James Denning RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Albert Lucas RIP
SUNDAY 17 TH JANUARY <i>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Dominik Rozwod RIP (Anniv.) & Rozwod Family (Ints.) 6pm Martin Hynes RIP	10.30am Alan Moss RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 18 TH JANUARY	9.30am Private Intention	9.30am Tony & Ann Clark RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 19 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 20 TH JANUARY		9.30am Michael Ferry & Family (Int.)	
THURSDAY 21 ST JANUARY <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9.30am Alexis Petrie (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 22 ND JANUARY	9.30am Private Intention		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SATURDAY 23 RD JANUARY	10am Enid Covington (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Mary Murray RIP
SUNDAY 24 TH JANUARY <i>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Special Intention 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Neal Perry 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, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean and Olive Kiener.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page and Joe Donnelly.

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 and Susan Maynard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS – NUSERY/RECEPTION AND SECONDARY TRANSFER PLACES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - SEPTEMBER 2017

Catholic families applying for **September 2017** places at Catholic Primary or Secondary schools are required by the schools, as part of their Admissions policy, to seek a *Certificate of Catholic Practice* from their parish priest. This Certificate, which has been produced by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is a statement by the priest that he has sufficient evidence to state that he believes that the family of the child applying for a school place attends Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. In order to ensure that I have sufficient evidence of Sunday Mass attendance to be able to sign a certificate with a degree of certainty and in a way that is up-front, consistent and objective, I have decided to introduce a Mass attendance card system to be used by families who will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice from me. The Mass attendance card, together with an explanatory letter, can be collected from me or from Fr Mark as you leave Mass. *Fr Shaun*

HILDA WALMESLEY RIP

The funeral of Hilda Walmesley will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at **11.15am on Friday 22nd January**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA, VENICE, VERONA AND LAKE GARDA: 22nd to 28th MAY 2016

Our 2016 parish pilgrimage will be to the beautiful northern Italian cities of Padua, Venice and Verona. We will be based for the six nights in the hotel Casa del Pellegrino in Padua, which is right opposite the Basilica of St Anthony of Padua. During the pilgrimage we will also visit Venice, the Venetian Islands, Verona and the town of Limone on Lake Garda. The price of the pilgrimage is £898, which includes scheduled flights (British Airways) from Gatwick to Venice and return, 6 nights accommodation with private facilities (single room supplement £114 p.p. - limited availability), 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners, 3 guided tours). The itinerary and booking forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

PLEASE NOTE: There are now only seven places left at the advertised price. Once these are filled there may be a flight surcharge. Please book soon to avoid disappointment.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING - OUR LADY'S HALL

A reminder that there will be an information meeting for confirmation candidates and their parents on **Sunday 17th January at 7.15pm**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The last event taking place during this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is on **Sunday 24th January** at St Peter's, Mill End (Berry Lane) – 3.30pm – Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend these events.

PEACE SUNDAY - 17 JANUARY

This Sunday is Peace Sunday and we pray in particular for the work of Pax Christi in sharing a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Pax Christi envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to support their work. These can be placed in the collection baskets this weekend.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

The SVP will be meeting on Tuesday 26th January at 10.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians. If you would like to consider becoming a member of the SVP you would be most welcome to join us.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND GROW GROUP

Do you have young babies / toddlers and would like to meet up with other parents / carers who are parishioners of our three parishes for general support, sharing and chat? Why not join our small, friendly group which meets on a Monday morning from 10am - 12pm in the church hall at Our Lady's. We have plenty of toys for the babies and toddlers to play with and there is always tea, coffee and cake for the Adults!

We meet every Monday (barring unforeseen circumstances). For more information, please contact Helen Nolan - Our Lady's (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 / helenvnolan@ntlworld.com) or Edel Lewis - St John Fisher (01923 591987 / 07958538604 / edel_durmin@hotmail.com)

DIOCESAN NOTICES

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR ADULTS (18-30'S)

Meets on Friday 22 January, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt and Sr Kasia Kowalska on "Responding to God's Call in the Year of Mercy". For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

CAN YOU ADD A PRESENT ONTO YOUR LIST FOR SOMEONE HOMELESS?

The SVP are distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3.25 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or go to virginmoneygiving.com and type "SVP" into the charity section. Vinnie Packs is in the **Campaign** drop down box. Thank you so much for your support.

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 6th February 2016 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 Friday 22nd January so that the appropriate space can be reserved in the Cathedral.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM DUFFY

I wish to thank the many parishioners who sent me cards and gifts this Christmas. I was overwhelmed and moved by the sheer volume of cards. I am truly grateful. Unfortunately I do not have everybody's address in order to respond personally, so I would ask that all accept this note as a sincere and heartfelt 'thank you'. I wish all in the parish every blessing for 2016. *Fr Jim*

LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from February 14th until June 12th inclusive. Please email us (awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (770826) with any unavailable dates by Sunday 17th January. Thank you. *Richard and Angela*

200 CLUB DRAW (DECEMBER)

Congratulations to the following winners: Susana Nunes (£58), Mary D'Cruz (£43.50), Hilary Barnett (£29) and Paul Cullen (£14.50).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

200 CLUB DRAW (DECEMBER)

Congratulations to the following winners: Ian Oxley (£100); Bernard Beckley (£40) and Mrs Abel (£20).

ROTAS - MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

The new rotas for January, February and March are available now at the back of the church. Please take your copy.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COUNTING THE WEEKLY OFFERING

We are a small team of eight Counters, which means that we each count once in each month. The counting takes place after the 9.00am Mass and usually takes about half an hour. If we were able to increase our number, even by just a few, it would help spread the load so if any Parishioner feels that they would like to offer their services please contact Don Williamson on don.williamson@btinternet.com or telephone 01923 286790.

HELP NEEDED

If there is any parishioners (ideally one who attends the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, but the 9.00am if not) who might be willing to give a lift to church to a person living in Sarratt, please speak to Fr Shaun.

	This week 16 / 17 January				Next week 23 / 24 January			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	GF	M Fields	E Harris	Patsy Tyden Ann Brew	R Ellis	T Hartney	E O'Sullivan	Don Williamson Francis Holly
9am Mass	J Hale	H McGrath	F Holly		D Treanor	M Calvert	J McEwen	
17 January Laundry: V Terrill		22 January Church Cleaning: A Brew						

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL - EXAMS INVIGILATORS VACANCIES

£8.75 per hour. Casual work-hours by agreement with the Exams Officer.

Efficient, organised individuals with good people skills are required to facilitate the administration of exams in the school. No previous experience required as training will be given. Invigilators are usually required for exams in December, January, May and June each year.

Application forms available from the school on 01923 773387 or at www.joa.herts.sch.uk

Only applications submitted on the school's application form will be considered.