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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2016

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

We human beings tend not to like change. We are creatures of habit and status quo. So what spurs us on to embrace change? Encounter with another who has accepted change and become more successful, growing impatient with not getting ahead, being presented with a creative and exciting new opportunity. Even with these catalysts of change the road is still often rocky, but keeping the goal in mind is enough to spur us on. The Transfiguration shows us the goal; it also shows us the rocky road.

The Transfiguration is a foreshadowing not only of Jesus' risen glory, but also of what Jesus will embrace on the journey. Jesus' prayer encounter with his Father reinforces his self-understanding as the "chosen Son" and why he was sent. Moreover, the road he walked is the road we must walk. Our own prayer encounters with the Father reinforce our self-understanding and keep us faithful on our life journey toward glory.

It is well established that the journey of life follows a rocky road. We live through the death of loved ones, loss of a job or a home, disappointments and failures, pain and illness. As followers of Christ we are not exempt from such a rocky road, but we do have a clear goal that encourages and strengthens us: Christ's risen presence (often through the support and help of others) and an experience of glory (now and forever).

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

**Response to Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my help.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; 1 Cor. 10:1-6. 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (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: £746.52; Loose Plate: £47.00; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1726.52**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £315.60; Loose Plate: £250.80; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £665.40**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of January amounted to **£2434.01**

**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

<b>SUN 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	8.45am 9.15am 3.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Our Lady's Parish Pastoral Council AGM - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist  Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am - 12.00pm 11.15am 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Funeral - Enid Covington RIP First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.30pm  7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues Course - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	6.00pm - 10.00pm	St Vincent de Paul - Refugee Prayer Vigil	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	11.00am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral - Eileen Bailey RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
<b>SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10am</b> For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Paddy O'Donoghue (Ints.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY <i>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Joan Marioni RIP <b>11am</b> Sheila Sharp RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> Special Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY <i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</i> <i>THE APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Enid Covington RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Annie Kate McManamen RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY		<b>9.30am</b> Margaret McHugh (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Timothy Collins RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Paddy Sheridan RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Richard Leslie Brown RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Merwyn Mascarenhas RIP <b>6pm</b> Anna Khurwal RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> 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, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener and Margaret Taylor.

**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

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

This year CAFOD is working to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends. CAFOD Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend. Extra Good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD this Lent!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm, as follows: **St John the Evangelist, Mill End: 11<sup>th</sup> March; St John Fisher, Chorleywood: 26<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March; Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth: 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March**

### PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA, VENICE, VERONA AND LAKE GARDA - 22<sup>ND</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

There are still a few places left on the pilgrimage to Padua, Venice, Verona and Lake Garda in May. Full details are available on the parish website.

### ENID COVINGTON RIP

The funeral of Enid Covington will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 11.15am** 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.

### EILEEN BAILEY RIP

The funeral of Eileen Bailey will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL – REFUGEE PRAYER VIGIL

A prayer vigil will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, between 6pm-10pm at Our Lady Help of Christians. This will be an opportunity to pray for all those who have been displaced from their country of origin and are living in desperate circumstances. There will be readings, prayers, hymns and time for quiet reflection and prayer. Please join us at any time during the evening, for as long or short a time as you can stay.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 4 MARCH 2016 AT 2.00PM

Our Lady Help of Christians is hosting this annual interdenominational service this year, prepared by the Christian women of Cuba, with the theme 'Receive children. Receive me'. Please put the date in your diary. It would be wonderful to have our parishes well represented - both men and women are most welcome. Contact Cristina MacGillivray 01923 774840.

### 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 (2015/16 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.

### LENT PROGRAMME – SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

As part of our Lent 2016 programme, we are offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues*. Bishop Barron discusses each of the traditional seven deadly sins and sets them against their opposing virtues. The programme will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm as part of the Faith Matters Discussion Group at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End. This Tuesday, **23<sup>rd</sup> February**, Bishop Barron will be considering Anger and Forgiveness.

### LENTEN ALMS

Our 2016 Lenten Alms appeal is in support of Caritas Westminster, the official social outreach arm of the Diocese of Westminster. Caritas Westminster works across our Diocese, throughout London and Hertfordshire enabling and co-ordinating parish communities to find practical solutions that address a variety of local social needs. One of the money boxes in each of three parishes has been set aside for *Lenten Alms*, and any money placed there during Lent will be sent to Caritas Westminster. Alternatively you may wish to make a direct donation online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donation](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donation)

### MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

Parents who will be applying for **September 2017** Nursery, Reception or Secondary places for their children at Catholic Schools are reminded that the Mass Attendance Card system is now in operation. Please collect your sticker from the priest as you leave Mass today. Parents to whom the above applies, and who haven't yet collected a letter about the Certificate of Catholic Practice and a Mass Attendance Card, should see Fr Shaun or Fr Mark today.

### CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 3pm.**

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Mark the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

We are once again appealing for donations of Long-Life milk and toilet rolls for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes are in the Church porches. Thank you.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### AGM & ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) – 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

The Parish AGM takes place this Sunday afternoon at **3.30pm** in the parish hall. We have received five nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council and so there will be an election to elect the four new members. Those standing for election are Peter Waters, Adrian Ramsden, Paul Forrest, Angela Steele and Christina Calderato. The Agenda for the AGM is available on the porch notice board and on the parish website.

### FAMILY BINGO EVENING - SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 6.30PM

Please come and enjoy a family bingo evening with your fellow parishioners to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society. Tickets include pizza and a bingo book each. Ice cream and bar available on the night. £7.50 per adult, £5 per child. Extra bingo books £2 each. Tickets on sale after mass or contact Adrian on 07503 898689.

### STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. I have now sent off two large packs since we started collecting. 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

### AGM & ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) - 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

The parish AGM will take place at **11.45am** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. So far, we have received three nominations: Natalie Zammit, Siobhan Corcoran and Linda Yates. Nominations remain open until close of play on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. All nominations should be submitted in writing to Ewan Smith, the PPC Chair, at [millendppcchair@redow.org.uk](mailto:millendppcchair@redow.org.uk) or in writing c/o the Parish Office.

**If there is any matter for discussion that you would like to be raised under *Any Other Business* please submit it in writing to the Chair (at the above email address or c/o the parish office) by close of play on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S (28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY)

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place next Sunday 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!

### THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW – OUR THANKSGIVING WINDOW

This weekend and next we are displaying an artist's impression of our new stained glass window. The window will contain 92 individual panes of coloured glass and we hope that parishioners will sponsor them in thanksgiving for loved ones, living or departed. The panes range from £15 to £55. If we are able to sponsor every pane we would raise between £3,185 and £3,981 (depending on Gift Aid). The total cost of the window (including the new window frames which will contain and support it) will be £31,000. If parishioners wish to give a larger donation than the minimum donation, this would be very welcome.

On the weekends of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March parishioners will have the opportunity to choose the pane that they would like to sponsor. We would be grateful for payment at the time please, ideally by cheque made payable to *St John the Evangelist, Mill End*. We will not be able to hold a particular pane for you without payment at that time.

Please take a moment this weekend to have a look at the drawing of the new window (*the design is also on the parish website on the Stained Glass Window Appeal campaign tab*), and perhaps start to think about which size of pane you would like to sponsor. Members of the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE FLAT AND RE-ORDERING THE CHAPEL

While the works are on-going there will be no Tuesday or Friday morning Masses. We will have access to the church for Saturday and Sunday Masses throughout Lent and for Easter services from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. During this period, there will be access for the choir to practice and to host some Lenten Stations of the Cross. Work on the chapel begins immediately after Easter so there will be no weekend or weekday Masses for six to eight weeks. During this time, parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at Our Lady's, St John the Evangelist or one of the other local churches. We will coordinate travel to our sister parishes for parishioners with no access to a car. A list is on the noticeboard to try and pair up those who require help with travel with drivers who are willing to take passengers to a specific Mass.

We wish to rent the flat to tenants who are sympathetic to the requirements of the parish. Please encourage any suitable prospective tenants to contact Fr Shaun or Alan Opie. We would also welcome any additional support that Parishioners may be able to contribute towards the cost of additional items that are not included in the *Growing in Faith* project.

This is a very exciting time for our parish. The works will cause some disruption in the short term but, once completed, we can look forward to a very bright future.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**2.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Free Church, Hillside Road, Chorleywood**

As well as the service in Ricky, hosted by Our Lady's, there will, as usual, also be an ecumenical service in Chorleywood for Women's World Day of Prayer. It will be last about an hour. Everyone is most welcome to attend and to stay for refreshments afterwards. Please take a leaflet from the lobby. *Maureen Foggo*

	This week 20 / 21 February				Next week 27 / 28 February			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	M Fields	E O'Sullivan	E Harris	Ann Brew Francis Holly	E O'Sullivan	E Page	M Latimer	Peter Mackie
9am Mass	J Hale	J Whelan	E Price		D Treanor	T D'Urso	F Holly	Patsy Tyden
21 February Laundry: J Whelan								