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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 23RD OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Why do conceited people turn us off so much? Most probably because they are so stuck on themselves that we feel they separate themselves from us and that they make us feel that we are inferior to them. The word “Pharisee” in Hebrew means “separated ones.” They separated themselves from other Israelites by the strictness and piety of their religious practices. Ironically, for some Pharisees this kind of piety was exactly what separated them from God as well.

Today’s gospel challenges and reverses our perception about who is pious and who is a sinner. The Pharisees placed tremendous importance on exterior behaviour, but some did not have the interior attitude of humility before God and others that made their pious practices truly an act of religion. Piety without humility and right relationships is false piety and not true prayer. The Pharisee is the real sinner. The tax collector has sinned, but the humility and honesty of his prayer justify him. He is really the pious one.

Pious acts and prayer deepen our relationship with God, change us, and must be expressed in the way we treat each other. Respectful relating to others brings about in us true humility (truth about who we are before God and others when our prayer and daily living are consistent with each other. What we do says who we really are.

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
Turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19

Response to Psalm: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10 (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: £719.72; Loose Plate: £423.53; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1653.25**

Mill End: Envelopes: £271.00; Loose Plate: £231.65; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £601.65**

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

CAFOD Collection: Rickmansworth £513.81; Mill End £246.70; Chorleywood £272.00

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 23RD OCTOBER	12.45pm 7.00pm	Baptisms Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 24TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 11.00am 7.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Funeral - Kathleen Birch RIP Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's NO Choir Practice this week	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 25TH OCTOBER	10.10am 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall RCIA - Small Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 26TH OCTOBER	12.15pm	Funeral - Rosemarie Carter RIP	Breakspeare Crematorium
THU 27TH OCTOBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 28TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 29TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tea and Coffee after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mary Gildea, Con Gildea, Sean Gildea RIP
SUNDAY 23 RD OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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
MONDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Joe Sutcliffe RIP	
TUESDAY 25 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Sr Amadeus Bulger CJ RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 26 TH OCTOBER		9.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	
THURSDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Bishop David Konstant RIP		
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER SS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES	9.30am Roshini Alles RIP		9.30am Bishop David Konstant RIP
SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE	10.00am Elizabeth Kendrick RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Mgr Peter Anglim RIP
SUNDAY 30 TH OCTOBER 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Catherine & Martin Earley RIP 11am Genova & John D'Cruz RIP 6pm Ann Breen RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Elizabeth Page 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, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, John Caneparo, Josie Westhrop and Eric Selley.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; 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

BIBLE STUDY COURSE – MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

On **Tuesday 25th October** at 7.30pm at St John's Parish centre, Mill End, we begin our new Bible Study course on St Matthew's Gospel. If you signed up for the course, please remember to bring with you the £30 for the study guide. If not did not sign-up for the course but would now like to be a part of it, it's not too late as we ordered a few extra copies of the study guide. Again, we would ask that you bring the £30 for the guide with you on the evening.

READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion should have received from your rota coordinators (or soon will) the notes from the Day of Recollection held in September. It is very important that all Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion read these notes carefully, especially those who were unable to join us for the day of Recollection. In this way we can better ensure a consistency of practice in these important ministries. A few "hard" copies of the notes are available in each parish for those without internet access.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Kathleen Birch RIP, 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.

The funeral of Rosemarie Carter RIP will take place at **12.15pm on Wednesday 26th October** at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. 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*

GROWING IN FAITH: AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER

The *Growing in Faith* newsletter is available this weekend. We encourage you to take a copy home with you and read about how the funds raised through the *Growing in Faith* campaign are being used in exciting projects around the Diocese.

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.

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.

CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND 29TH/30TH OCTOBER - a reminder that clocks go back one hour next weekend.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Social Events Committee for all the hard work they put into organising last Saturday evening's Music Hall Sensation with *Vamp til Ready*. There was a really good turnout; the entertainment was brilliant and the food excellent. A really great evening! A profit of £562.00 was made which will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

ADVENT FAIR (27TH NOVEMBER) - UNWANTED GIFTS AND BOTTLES PLEASE

Boxes will be in the porch from next week to start collections donations of good quality unwanted gifts and bottles for the tombola/raffle. All proceeds will go to HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) which takes disadvantaged/disabled children to Lourdes each Easter. Please save the date in your diaries and tell your friends and family to come and support this very worthy cause. Sunday 27th November 9am - 1pm. All enquiries to Angela aodonovan@ntlworld.com, Caroline CarolineCronin.Brady@ge.com or Laura laura.sharp@live.co.uk

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL - THANK YOU

Thank you for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal last weekend. At the back of the church there are addressed envelopes for all parishioners who signed a promise card last week. If you asked for a standing order form (bankers order) or a new batch of donation envelopes, you shall find them inside your addressed envelope. Please take a few minutes to collect your letter when you leave Mass today. If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a promise card last weekend, 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 at the back of the Church and pass it onto Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers. *Fr Shaun*

SEAMUS FAGAN RIP

The family of the late Seamus Fagan thank the Parish Community for their kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement. The Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards and attending the Requiem Mass, we appreciate the support extended to us at this sad time by all those who knew and loved Seamus.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on Sunday 30th 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 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

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COFFEE AND TEA

All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass next Saturday evening (29th October).

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		
22/23 Oct.	G F	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	J Hale	K Cottingham	F Holly	Patsy & Marguerite	C Steet
29/30 Oct.	R Ellis	E Page	P Goble	D Treanor	J Whelan	J McEwen	Peter & Francis	T Price

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.