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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 25TH OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

We spring into action when what we need seems at hand. Bartimaeus springs into action – he cries out his need and comes to Jesus. These actions spring from faith that Jesus is the “son of David,” from belief that Jesus has the power to grant every request. Indeed, does anyone approach Jesus except in the boldness born of need and faith in him?

Bartimaeus has faith. Faith that Jesus will hear him, faith that Jesus is the Son of David who has power, faith that Jesus will have pity on him, faith that Jesus will heal him. Bartimaeus’ faith was rewarded, but even more than he thought he needed. Jesus also assures him of being saved. Bartimaeus’ actions are a manifestation of his faith. Jesus’ actions are a manifestation of his saving power in response to another’s faith.

The blind Bartimaeus knows exactly his position in relation to the community: off to the side and begging. He also knows his position in relation to Jesus: crying out, springing up, following. His position in relation to the community arises from his need; his position in relation to Jesus arises from his faith. Indeed, does anyone approach Jesus except out of boldness of need and faith in him?

Entrance Antiphon:	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
1st Reading:	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Response to Psalm:	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel:	Mark 10:46-52
Communion Antiphon:	We will ring out your joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14; **2nd Reading:** John 3:1-3; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £602.85; Loose Plate: £386.53; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1488.38**

Mill End: Envelopes: £214.59; Loose Plate: £220.75; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £529.09**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of September amounted to **£2162.43**

CAFOD: Rickmansworth £414.41; Mill End £304.03; Chorleywood £211.60

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 25TH OCTOBER	11.30am 12.30pm	Sunday Brunch (proceeds donated to Aid to the Church in Need) Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 26TH OCTOBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 27TH OCTOBER			
WED 28TH OCTOBER			
THU 29TH OCTOBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 30TH OCTOBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 31ST OCTOBER	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 24 TH OCTOBER	10am Giovanni Maccini RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Matt Allen RIP
SUNDAY 25 TH OCTOBER <i>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am In Thanksgiving 6pm Ann Breen RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Battie O'Connor RIP	9am Fr Patrick Lyons RIP
MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Private Intention	No Mass today	
TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		9.30am Duncan Guild RIP
WEDNESDAY 28 TH OCTOBER <i>SS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES</i>	9.30am Fr Patrick Lyons RIP	No Mass today	
THURSDAY 29 TH OCTOBER <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</i>	9.30am Private Intention		
FRIDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Fr Patrick Lyons RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SATURDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	10am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) John Linnane RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Fr Albert Ripberger RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Angela Maccini RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Maureen Digges, 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, Maureen Douglas, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Valerie Foster, Heather Kean and Olive Kiener.

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

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

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

During the month of November Fr Shaun and Fr Mark will be blessing graves as follows:

Woodcock Hill Cemetery – Saturday 7th November at 2.00pm

Garden of Rest, Our Lady Help of Christians – Saturday 14th November at 12 noon

Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 21st November at 10.30am

Chorleywood Old Cemetery – Saturday 21st November at 2.00pm

Any parishioners with loved ones buried in these places are warmly invited to be present for these blessings.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION - 31ST OCTOBER / 1ST NOVEMBER

Next weekend our parishes will take up a collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives in service of the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick and Retired Priests Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings. Envelopes are available at the back of the church – please take one home and bring it back next weekend. They've been there for us; let's be there for them.

ANGELA MACCINI RIP

The funeral of Angela Maccini will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at **11am on Thursday 29th October** followed by committal at Northwood Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

GROWING IN FAITH – PARISH BULLETINS

The latest parish bulletins for *Growing In Faith*, which show details of pledges made and cash received so far, are now on display on the respective noticeboards of the three parishes.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Two copies of the Annual Report and one copy of the Accounts for the Diocese are available at the back of the church for parishioners to review. We would ask that these please be **not** removed from the church, so that all those who wish to review them may do so with ease. Both the Annual Report and the Accounts and the shorter Annual Report are available on the Diocesan website at www.rcdow.org.uk/publications.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED!!

Fr Shaun has appointed Eileen O'Sullivan as the Parish Youth Worker. Eileen lives relatively locally and attended St Joan of Arc school. Eileen will be joining us on 23rd November and we look forward to welcoming her and supporting her as she develops a programme of activities for the young people of our parishes.

CONFIRMATION 2016

We are now beginning the process of enrolment for the Confirmation programme for 2016. 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 1st November 2015**. No applications will be considered after this date.

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING MASSES

Work on the laying of the new marble floor at St John the Evangelist, Mill End is well underway and is expected to take another two weeks. During this time there will be no Monday or Wednesday morning Masses at Mill End and the Wednesday morning Mass will be temporarily transferred to Our Lady's. If there are any Mill End parishioners who might need a lift to Our Lady's on Mondays and Wednesdays during this period please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and the Sunday 10.30am will continue as normal.

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.

WINE TASTING - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AT OUR LADY'S HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM.

What will you be drinking this Christmas??? Come to The Really Fine Wine Co WINE TASTING **Friday 13th November** from **7.30pm** for a chance to taste and buy about 40 wines many on Christmas discount. We will serve some very scrummy cheese with French bread. The cost for this is just £8.00 per person. We have a customer base in the Eastcote area so this could be a busy event at Our Lady's Hall. Tell your friends all are welcome! Tickets are available via email from Adrian@reallyfinewine.co.uk or phone 07503 898689.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!

The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) has worked with Educare to provide an online, interactive E-Learning safeguarding course which is now available to all in the Catholic Church. If you have a role (voluntary or paid) working with children/adults at risk or have an interest in safeguarding, the online training is a great opportunity to learn how to better protect children/ adults at risk in your care and community. Some of the modules available include: Child Exploitation & Online Safety and Adult Safeguarding. To register please email: safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk with your following details: parish/order/congregation, and your role e.g. parent, catechist leader. For more information please ask for a brochure from your safeguarding rep whose name and contact details are on the noticeboard.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SUMMARY OF PARISH PASTORAL (PPC) COUNCIL MEETING

A summary of the Minutes of the PPC meeting held on 28th September 2015 is now available on the Pastoral Council tab of the parish website. A few 'hard' copies are also available at the back of the church for those without access to the internet.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (1ST NOVEMBER)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

QUIZ EVENING - SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

Quiz Social Evening open to all at 7.30pm in our Lady's Hall to raise money towards the new Pipe Organ. A fish and chip supper and some jolly easy questions should make for a fun night out. If that is not enough a bar will raise your spirits. Come along and join a table. Tickets £12.50 each and available this weekend after all Masses or phone Adrian on 773609.

ADVENT FAIR - SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 9AM - 1PM

Please save the date! We're hoping you can donate unwanted gifts, chocolates, wine & spirits for our tombola and raffle. Boxes will be in the porch from next week. We have some exciting new stalls including locally produced goods, professional face-painting, artisan chocolates & cake pops. We'll be in touch again nearer the time to ask for cake donations. All offers of help on the day will be gratefully received! Contact laura.sharp@live.co.uk.

PARISH ACCIDENT REPORTING - HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION REQUIREMENT

In order to comply with health and safety legislation we need to keep a record of any accidents that occur on or about the church premises. If you have an accident inside or outside the church building or the church halls, however minor, you or someone else must record what happened and when in the accident report book. You can find the church accident report book by the first aid kit in the sacristy, and the church hall accident report book is by the first aid kit in the hall kitchen. Completed forms must be handed into the presbytery for filing and safekeeping.

NEW PIPE ORGAN

Skrabl will be building and tuning our new organ on-site between 3rd and 13th November. If all goes to plan we hope to have the solemn blessing of the new organ at the beginning of the **11.00am Mass on Sunday 21st November**. Special envelopes are available at the back of the church for any parishioners who might wish to make an individual donation towards the cost of the new organ. If you are a UK Tax Payer, please consider filling in the Gift Aid information, as this will add a further 25p for every £1 that you give, at no extra cost to you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS - THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas lunch. Please keep the date free - details will follow in the next few weeks.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place this **Sunday 25th September** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need which supports persecuted or oppressed Christians in over 130 countries around the world. We hope that you will come and join us!

GROWING IN FAITH – FIRST PARISH PROJECT FUNDING RECEIVED

At the end of September we received the sum of £5,903 as the first payment of our Parish Project funding from the *Growing in Faith* campaign. This money will be used in part-payment for the work on the new sanctuary floor. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to support the Diocese and the parish by making contributions to the *Growing in Faith* campaign.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the Christmas Fair is on **Sunday 13 December** and the children's Christmas party is on **Sunday 20 December**. Both are immediately after the 10.30am Mass. The party is open to all children of primary school age and younger.

RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

The work on the laying of the new sanctuary floor is well under way and is likely to take another two weeks. During this time there will be no 9.30am Mass at St John's on Mondays or Wednesdays. A Wednesday morning 9.30am Mass will be added at Our Lady's during this time.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERS

Please remember to take the laundry each week from the basket on the table in the lobby. Many thanks.

ROSTERS - WELCOMER, READER AND MINISTER OF COMMUNION

The new rosters for Welcomer, Reader and Minister of Communion at the Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses are about to be produced. New volunteers are most welcome; we are particularly short of Welcomers at Sunday Morning Mass. If you feel you can help, please contact Maureen Foggo or Alan Opie.

MONTHLY COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

We would like to introduce a monthly opportunity for coffee and a chat after the 6.00pm Mass. This would be a great occasion for parishioners to have some time to talk with the parish clergy and with one another. We would be grateful for any volunteers who might be willing to form a little rota of people who would be willing to take on responsibility for this. If you might be willing to help, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR – 28TH NOVEMBER 2015

All the money raised goes to our chosen charities. Please make a note of the date and start to search for gifts for the stalls. Now is the time to plant up pots with hyacinth bulbs. Always a good seller. Keep them watered and in a dark place. If you have any spare pots, please leave them in the lounge. Thank you.

	This week 24 / 25 October				Next week 31 October / 1 November			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	E O'Sullivan	M Fields	M Latimer	Carolyn Opie	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	P Goble	
9am Mass	A Opie	M Calvert	J McEwen	Don Williamson	A Opie	P Byrne	E Price	
24 October	Laundry: J Whelan			30 October Church Cleaning: Volunteer				