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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 30TH OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

What is the catalyst that leads us to change our behaviours? Sometimes it is dissatisfaction with the way things are, sometimes it is a crisis that demands a decision, sometimes it is a person who shows us a better way. In this Sunday's gospel Zacchaeus, a tax collector, sinner, and wealthy man, goes out of his way (probably out of curiosity) to encounter Jesus about whom he has heard. Little does he know where this encounter will lead!

The exchange between Zacchaeus and Jesus leads beyond Zacchaeus's curiosity and Jesus' staying at his house. Zacchaeus "welcomed [Jesus] joyfully," set his unjust actions aright, and obtained from Jesus the promise of salvation. Jesus excludes no one – especially not the host – from his presence and favour.

Jesus offers the gift of salvation; the work of change needed to receive the gifts is ours. Like Zacchaeus, we must examine our own unjust actions and change our behaviour. For example, we must examine our wasteful use of goods, and be more conserving. We must monitor the words we say to and about others, and be more kind in conversations. We must make good use of our time, and bring work, leisure, and care for others into better balance. To receive the salvation Jesus offers, we must be as uninhibited and enthusiastic about encountering Jesus as was Zacchaeus, and just as willing to be changed by Jesus.

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Response to Psalm: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14; 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38 (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: £649.15; Loose Plate: £373.40; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1532.55**

Mill End: Envelopes: £351.89; Loose Plate: £195.92; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £646.81**

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

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 30TH OCTOBER	8.45am 9.15am 11.30am	First Communion Class - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch - hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
MON 31ST OCTOBER	10.00am 10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Mary Latimer's Flat Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 1ST NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Small Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 2ND NOVEMBER	7.15pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 3RD NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 4TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 5TH NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.30pm 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</i>	10.00am Elizabeth Kendrick RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Jacob Stern RIP
SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER <i>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	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
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls 8pm Holy Souls	8pm Holy Souls	9.30am Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP
WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	8pm Holy Souls
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER <i>ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER <i>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Maire Moore RIP 6pm Anthony De Luca RIP	10.30am Seamus Fagan 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, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, John Caneparo 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

NORAH MACWILLIAM RIP

The funeral of Norah MacWilliam will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 7th November at 12 noon**. Burial will take place the following day at St Mary's Church, Dedham. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

JACOB STERN RIP

We offer our deepest condolences to Barbara Marke and her family on the sad news of the death earlier this week in Canada of her great grandson, Jacob Stern. We commend him to the love of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

There will be no meeting this coming Tuesday (1st November) due to this day being a Holy Day of Obligation. Instead Session 2 will commence on 8 November.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED!

I am delighted to be able to inform you that I have appointed Miss Anke Voss as the Parish Youth Worker. As you know, the employment of a Youth Worker was the parish project of the *Growing in Faith* campaign at Our Lady's. It has been agreed that the costs of employing the Youth Worker will be shared with St John's, Mill End, and so Anke will be able to work in both parishes. Anke will be joining us on Monday 14th November and I know that she is very much looking forward to meeting parishioners and beginning her work with and for the young people of our parishes. *Fr Shaun*

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION TRANSFER 2017

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Nursery and Reception Transfer 2017 on the following days:

Monday 5th December - 4.30pm to 5.30pm; Tuesday 13th December - 4.30pm to 5.30pm and Friday 16th December - 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

All three sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment or to bring with you the child for whom you are applying for a place; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you. **Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card.** If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY/RECEPTION 2018

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception 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.

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 2017** 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.

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

This Christmas we would like once again to make up gift bags for the ladies currently living at the Catholic Worker Farm and Mary House. It was a great success last year and much appreciated. There are twelve ladies and we are asking for: jewellery, scarves, gloves (in good condition) shower gel, body butter and lotion. These items can be left in the collection boxes in the three church porches from next weekend. Thank you, SVP

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 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. I need to confirm the size of coach this week, so if you wish to join us please sign up on the list on the clipboard this weekend. 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*

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. Would any Welcomers who haven't yet notified Fr Shaun whether or not they will be able to attend please do so as soon as possible.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE FOURTH OF NOVEMBER!

6th Rickmansworth Sea Scouts present **BONFIRE NIGHT SPECTACULAR – FIREWORKS & BONFIRE** – on Friday 4th November at 7.00pm in the grounds behind Our Lady's Church. Admission £4.00 single or £15.00 per family.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

200 CLUB

If you would like to renew/cancel your membership or join the 200 Club please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. Payment is now due for those who wish to continue their membership and pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (6TH NOVEMBER) - please join us in the hall after Mass next Sunday.

ADVENT FAIR (27TH NOVEMBER 9AM - 1PM) - UNWANTED GIFTS AND BOTTLES PLEASE

Boxes are in the porch for 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. 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 recent 'Planned Giving' appeal. There are envelopes for all parishioners who signed a promise card. If you requested a box of donation envelopes, you will find these inside your envelope. If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a promise card, 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*

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18th December with Mr Marvel to entertain the children! Food donation lists will be in the back of the church nearer the time.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NEXT LADIES MEETING is on Monday 31st October, 10am at Mary Latimer's flat, (18 Turney's Orchard). All welcome.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - will be on Saturday 5th November at 5.30pm.

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.

OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR ON SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 10.00AM TO 12.30PM

Please continue your search of your homes for gifts for all of our stalls: valuables for Silent Auction plus books, bottles, unwanted gifts, good bric-à-brac, jewellery, accessories, toys, raffle prizes, pot plants, cakes and groceries. Please now start to bring your items to Church and leave them in the kitchen. If you would like them collected, please contact Mary Latimer on 01923 285975. Thank you.

MEZZANINE STORAGE AREA

Could you please join with a small group of us to sort this storage area prior to the Fair? We hope to do this after the 9.30am Mass next Tuesday, 1st November. We would love to have your company. Many thanks.

FR PETER

Maureen and Mary visited Fr Peter. He is in good spirits and is fairly well. He asked us to say that he misses us all and sends us his blessings and love.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
29/30 Oct.	R Ellis	E Page	P Goble	D Treanor	J Whelan	J McEwen	Peter & Francis	T Price
5/6 Nov.	A Dennis	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	C Holly	L Turnbull		S Tarrant

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.