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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

What makes us drowsy and fall asleep? Exhaustion. Boredom. Inactivity. What keeps us alert and awake? An interesting and challenging task. Engaging interaction with people whose company we enjoy or who inspire us. The pressure of a deadline. What keeps us alert for the Second Coming of Christ? The task of active waiting. The engaging interaction with Christ and members of his Body. The deadline of Christ's return at the end of time.

"The kingdom of heaven will be like" the community of the church awaiting the return of Christ, the Bridegroom, in final glory. Some in the community are "wise". They are alert, awake, prepared, engaged, and persistent. Some in the community are "foolish". They are drowsy, inattentive, thoughtless, detached, and languid. When Christ comes at midnight, the time of deepest darkness, the wise meet the Light with the light and are admitted to the wedding feast. The foolish remain locked outside in darkness.

As we await the coming of Christ, sometimes we are wise and sometimes, foolish. We are wise when we make daily choices in line with Gospel values, cultivate a strong relationship with Christ through prayer and attentiveness to the needs of others, and when we remain faithful despite the ordinary ups and downs of Gospel living.

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Response to Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £464.50; Loose Plate: £276.13; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1250.63**

Mill End: Envelopes: £282.30; Loose Plate: £206.55; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £685.85**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2623.31**

Lasallian Mission: Rickmansworth £824.50; Mill End £202.69; Chorleywood £419.77

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. Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 12TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 10.00am	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Tea and coffee after Mass for all	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
MON 13TH NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall 1 st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 14TH NOVEMBER	5.30pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall Saints (school year 7-9) - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 15TH NOVEMBER			
THU 16TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 8.00pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Ilona's Flat Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 17TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 18TH NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER <i>St MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP</i>	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Nora Conroy RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER <i>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Graham Williams RIP (Anniv.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Fr Sean O'Toole RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Gregory McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Bevan Smith RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 15 TH NOVEMBER		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURS 16TH NOVEMBER <i>St EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Vinny Spiteri RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER <i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Mary & Frank Leary RIP	10.30am Emile Sabella RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Mike Townend.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Audrey and Paddy Lewin

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Today's retiring collection is in support of the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. This Fund ensures our elderly and sick priests are financially supported in their senior years after a lifetime of service. Our priests baptised us, counselled us in times of sorrow and worry, and celebrated with us in times of joy. Since we have received so much from their generosity, it is now our turn to assist them in their old age. The fund ensures that their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs are met. Most priests retire with modest means. In later years their ability to live independently can be adversely impacted because of declining health, mobility or frailty. There are donation leaflets available in each parish this weekend. Please use this leaflet to Gift Aid your donation. You can even use it set up an ongoing donation to this fund. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

1ST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING - MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Parents are reminded that there will be a meeting with Fr Shaun at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries: Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 18th November at 2pm and Woodcock Hill Cemetery – Saturday 25th November at 2pm. We had hoped that the new memorial stones for the Garden of Rest might have been ready for blessing at this time. However, due to it taking longer than anticipated to contact as many of the next of kin as possible, it is now unlikely that the memorial stones will be ready to be laid until early 2018.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

The Rickmansworth Town Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 12th November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade. The Parade will muster at Our Lady's at 1.45pm and moves off at 2.00pm. The Remembrance Service at St Mary's begins at 2.30pm. Our uniformed groups will be attending. We hope that many parishioners will come and share in this important act of remembrance.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE- NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2018

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Nursery and Reception 2018 on **Monday 11th December – 5.30pm to 6.30pm** and **Tuesday 19th December – 5.00pm to 6.00pm**. These 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 2019

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception place in a Catholic School for **September 2019** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or Fr Damian 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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 19th November** at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM - CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our SVP group will be making up gifts for the refugee ladies currently living at The CWF and Mary House. From next weekend there will be collection boxes in the three church porches. We are asking for: jewellery, gloves and scarves (new or in good condition please). Shower gels, body butter, lotions and hand soaps. We had a very generous response in previous years and we are optimistic that it will be the same this time. Thankyou very much. SVP.

SVP CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Do you know anyone who is on their own this Christmas? The SVP are hosting a Christmas Day Lunch at St John's RC Primary School. Doors open at 11.30am and a traditional Christmas dinner will be served at 1pm. The suggested donation is £5 and it will be a day of festive fun and laughter. To find out more information, or to book your place, please ring Geraldine or Emily Page on 01923 776100. We can offer lifts within Rickmansworth and the surrounding areas.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will take place after the 10.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist on **Sunday 17th December** with Mr Marvel to entertain the children! The party is open to children of all the parishes and will be a great opportunity for the children and parents of our parishes to get together! Food donation and sign up lists will be in each of the churches nearer the time.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

As only a relatively small number of parishioners have expressed an interest in the week of guided prayer proposed for May 2018, it has been decided to postpone this event for the time being. It is hoped that this will be something we can look at again in the future.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2018

Open afternoon for all prospective parents on **Wednesday 15th November 2017** at 1.45pm. Please see poster on noticeboard—there are flyers available too. For further details contact the school on 01923 774004.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (BERRY LANE, RICKMANSWORTH)

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 9th December** from 1pm - 4pm. All most welcome. Please come along and support our school.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF ADULTS/CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A support group is being set up for parents of adults or children with special needs and the first meeting will be at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth in the Upper Meeting Room on **Friday 17th November** from **11.30am to 1pm**. Please contact Siobhan, Family Worker at Holy Rood Church for more information, if needed, on 01923 224085 (option 6).

MOBILITY SCOOTER FOR SALE

If anyone is interested in buying a mobility scooter please contact Fr Tim Dean on 07812 248234.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 3rd December 9am - 1pm

Please start searching your cupboards for donations of bottles and unwanted gifts for the tombola and any star raffle prizes! Boxes will be available in the porch for next weekend. Please can all cake bakers pop a note in the diary to remember to bake something delicious to be dropped off on the morning of the fair. Help us spread the word by inviting your friends and family. All proceeds HPCC group 183 to take disabled children on holiday. Contact Angela is 07971 587848, Caroline or Laura 07939 224664 with any questions or if you are available to help.

READERS ROTA - there are copies of the new rota at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now on sale in the repository.

APF MISSIO - please collect the Autumn Missio Magazines from the porch and also start collecting monies. Thank you.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

As we come towards Christmas, please don't forget to save the stamps received on cards and parcels, for the Missions. Just cut about an inch or so around the sides, and leave them in the box in the church porch. As well as this, a little reminder, please ask for Nativity stamps at the Post Office when buying your own! *Sheila H.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The summary note of the Mill End PPC meeting held on 13th September 2017 is posted on the porch notice board and can also be downloaded from the parish website. A few "hard" copies are available for those without access to the internet. The next meeting of the Mill End PPC has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 29th November**. If any parishioners have any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed please contact the Chair at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 10th December**. If you are interested in helping with the fair, setting up, running a stall, clearing away or simply have something to donate please meet Liz Townsend and Natalie Zammit in the church hall (over coffee!) after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 12th November**. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 12th November, but would be interested in helping, please email liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for Donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates and Homemade cakes to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola's; all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the 8th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (10th December).

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale in the porch after Saturday evening Mass and both before and after Sunday Morning Mass from 18th November to 3rd December. 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

BURNS NIGHT

We are looking into the possibility of having a Burns Night on **Friday 26th January 2018**. If you would be interested in helping to plan and organise this event please contact Bob Livingston on 01923 903375 or bblivingston@talktalk.net

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

TEAS AND COFFEES will be served after Mass this Sunday. All are very welcome.

MONEY COUNTERS

We need a few more volunteers to help count the offertory collection after Mass on a Sunday. It only takes 10-15 minutes and if we get enough volunteers then each one of us should only need to count about once a month. If anyone would be willing to join our Counters Rota or would like to find out a bit more about it, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Carolyn Opie.

LADIES MEETING - Thursday 16th November at 10.00am

This will be at 10 Green Street (Ilona's flat). All are welcome. *Please note a different day than usual.*

OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 2nd December 10 - 12.30

The date is fast approaching so do make sure it is in your diaries and come along to a fun morning with your family and friends. There will be a fantastic raffle! Meanwhile please bring your gifts of toys, jewellery, books, new cosmetics, bottles for the tombola, good bric-a-brac and other items to stock the stalls. Home-made cakes will also be needed on the day, so please plan ahead.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
11/12 Nov.	A Dennis	T Hartney	P Goble	U Lean	K Cottingham	AM Farnsworth	Una & Francis	T Price
18/19 Nov.	M Foggo	M Fields	M Latimer	M Mackie	M Golin	E Price	Peter & Patsy	J Whelan

Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

We'll kick off the evening with a chat about walking the extra mile and then throw ourselves into a rather energetic version of ping pong. **Tuesday 14 November, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End** parish hall. We will also meet on 28 November and on 12 December, when you get to bring your family!

Annual Youth Mass

Friday 8 December, Euston
For young people, their families and for young adults.

Mass starts at 7 pm. After Mass there is a social in the hall. In other words: free food! If you would like to join us please let Anke know (ankevos@rcdow.org.uk).

Young Adult Pub Socials

Next week (**Sunday 19 November**) we'll meet for our monthly pub social, 7.15 pm at the Coach & Horses in Ricky. For young adults age 18 to 35ish.



B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

B-Attitude meet **Monday 20 November @ Our Lady's** parish hall (it's in the upper room, up the staircase) **from 5 pm to 6 pm.**