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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 6TH NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our entire life is filled with invitations to embrace the unknown in order to move forward: a family moves to a new area or even another country to follow a job opportunity, a student moves into university accommodation knowing no one but seeking further opportunities of learning and friendship, a youngster asks a parent to let go so he or she can ride the two-wheeler alone. All of these kinds of experiences unshackle us from our present moorings and free us to embark on the utterly new.

Contemporary cosmology leaves us gasping at the seemingly endlessness of space. This pales, however, in the face of the eternity of life God offers us in the gift of the resurrection. We cannot experience now the full meaning of this gift, but – just as we do see and marvel at aspects of the unlimited universe – we do already receive the new life God offers us.

We receive God's gift of new life whenever estranged family members reconcile, when a new baby is born, when we've tried successfully a new endeavour, when the death of a loved one becomes a moment of grace, when our spirits are lifted up by someone's kind remark. All these experiences of new life are a taste now of the fullness God has in store for us. While we are bound by this life's limitations, we are at the same time unbounded by God's promise: a share now in – and after death the fullness of – risen life forever.

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

Response to Psalm: I shall be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

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

Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19 (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: £634.81; Loose Plate: £358.41; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1503.22**

Mill End: Envelopes: £402.55; Loose Plate: £181.39; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £682.94**

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 6TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 9.30am	First Communion Class - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 7TH NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 12 noon 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Funeral - Norah MacWilliam 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
TUE 8TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm - 9.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	1 st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Small Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 9TH NOVEMBER			
THU 10TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 11TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 12TH NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 2.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Woodcock Hill Cemetery St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6 TH 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
MONDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Julia & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER <i>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER <i>St LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER <i>St MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER <i>St JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER <i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Graham Williams RIP (Anniv.) 11am Liam Foreman RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Bevan Smith RIP (Anniv.)	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, Josie Westhrop, Eric Selley and Oliver Watson.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor and Mary Hornsby

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, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard, Don Williamson, Aidan Mahony and Gregory McEwen.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a collection to help support the basic needs of 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 to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick & Retired Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings accumulated. Envelopes are available - please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with a donation if you're able. They've been here for us; let's be there for them.

FUNERALS

The funeral Mass 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.

The funeral service of **Margaret Cormack** will take place at St John Fisher on **Tuesday 15th November 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.

1st COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING WITH FR SHAUN

Parents of the 1st Communion children are reminded that they have their first meeting with Fr Shaun on Tuesday 8th November from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Our Lady's Hall.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – 13TH NOVEMBER

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service takes place at St Mary's, Rickmansworth next Sunday at **2.30pm** (preceded by a procession of the uniformed organisations departing from Our Lady's car park at 2pm). We hope that many parishioners will attend this important annual act of remembrance.

TRIP TO OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS, KENSAL NEW TOWN – SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

There are now just a few places left on the coach to Kensal New Town for Mass and a tour of Fr Shaun's previous parish church, which is a Grade II listed Victorian building. If you would like to book a seat on the coach please speak directly to Fr Shaun to book a place. The coach will depart from Our Lady's at 1.30pm and leave Kensal around 4.45pm. Would those who have booked a place please remember to bring with them £6 per person as a donation towards the hire of the coach.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED!

I am delighted to be able to inform you that I have appointed Miss Anke Vos as the Parish Youth Worker. 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. We look forward to welcoming Anke when she takes up her appointment on Monday 14th November. *Fr Shaun*

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE– NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2017

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Nursery/Reception 2017 as follows:

Monday 5th December 4.30-5.30pm; Tuesday 13th December 4.30-5.30pm and Friday 16th December 5pm to 6pm.

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.

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

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 12th November at 2.30pm – Woodcock Hill Cemetery; Saturday 19th November at 12 noon – Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery and Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm – Chorleywood Old Cemetery

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION ON THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME IN OUR PARISHES

There will be an afternoon of reflection on the ministry of welcome in our three parishes held at Our Lady's Hall between **2pm and 4pm on Saturday 19th November**. We will reflect on the theological meaning of the Ministry of Welcome and on its practical development in 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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY/RECEPTION 2017/18 & SECONDARY TRANSFER 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.

THE ART OF DYING WELL- www.artofdyingwell.org

The Bishops' Conference has produced a website which is underpinned by Catholic spirituality, to help those dealing with death and dying. It's a sort of "repurposing" of the medieval *Ars Moriendi* (The Art of Dying) for the digital age. The website is intended to offer consolation and hope for those grappling with these issues - whether it is a dying person, a relative or friend, carer, healthcare professional, or just someone who wants to learn more about it. The website features real-life stories about the highs and lows of dealing with death. I particularly draw your attention to the short film about the Catholic Art of Dying Well (accessible from the homepage). One of Our Lady's parishioners, Steph MacGillivray, who works for the Bishops' Conference, was involved in the website's production. The resource also features the personal story of surviving a life threatening illness by another Our Lady's parishioner, Adrian Parker - <http://www.artofdyingwell.org/talking-about-death/new-outlook-life/life-brush-death/> Do take the time to have a look at this powerful and very well resourced website. *Fr Shaun*

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

If any parishioner feels that he or she can help with the church flowers, we are in need of some new volunteers. We are having our annual meeting on **Wednesday, 23rd November** at **7.30pm** in the small church hall and you would be very welcome to join us. Alternatively, please contact Annie 01923 448663.

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

Please keep donating bottles and unwanted gifts for our stalls, tombola and raffle, boxes are in the porch. If you would like to arrange for your donations to be collected, please contact Laura on 07939 224664. Are you available to help in the day to help raise money for HCPT who take disabled/disadvantaged children to Lourdes? If so please contact Angela aodonovan@ntlworld.com, Caroline CarolineCronin.Brady@ge.com or Laura laura.sharp@live.co.uk. Calling all cake bakers! Please can we ask for donations of homemade cakes/cupcakes to be delivered to the church hall from 3-4.30pm the day before or on the morning of the fair. Thanks in advance for your support.

MISSIO

Please collect the Autumn Missio Magazine from the porch and also start collecting monies. Someone has kindly left a box in the sacristy with no name or address - if they wish to contact Maurice on 774855.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

STAINED GLASS WINDOW – THANKSGIVING BOOK

We are now ready to proceed to the next stage of preparation of the Thanksgiving Book for the new stained glass window. All the thanksgiving intentions have now been typed-up from the handwritten sheets that donors have provided. Would all donors now please check the wording of their thanksgivings for accuracy before we produce the final versions for the Thanksgiving Book. You will find alphabetical folders in the porch containing pages for all 92 panes of glass. Please **print clearly** onto your sheet any changes or corrections that you wish to be made and then tick the appropriate box at the bottom of your thanksgiving page to show that either a.) the text is correct as it stands, or b.) that it should be amended as per the changes you have provided. Thank you.

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*

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available for sale in the lounge.

COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - all will be very welcome to stay for a short while.

CHOIR

There will be rehearsals on **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 to gather all your gifts and start to bring them in to the lounge. This week we appeal for items for the Silent Auction and also all types of bottles (full up, please), spirits, wines, fruit juices, fizzy drinks etc., for the Tombola stall. This weekend also we will be handing out posters. Please take one if you have a good window site or could put one in the side window of a car. Thank you so much. Mary 01923 284975.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST AT THE JUNCTION Saturday 19th November, 8.30-10.00am.

Our parishioners (ladies!) are invited to join members of other churches for a special breakfast and a talk by the well-known Christian speaker, J John. The event is free but donations can be made. If you would like to book a place, please contact the Christ Church parish office: Tel 282149 or e-mail office@cccw.org.uk

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
5/6 Nov.	A Dennis	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	C Holly	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Kate	S Tarrant
12/13 Nov.	M Fields	A Penn	C Johnson	M Calvert	N Johnson	J Hale	Una & Ann	J Whelan

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Purtill on lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk or 01923 897957.

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.