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## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Teachers, employers, civil officials etc. are leaders from whom we expect integrity. When they seek personal gain instead of fulfilling the responsibility and expectations of their positions, we become disillusioned, disheartened, and even angry. Instead of giving self, they serve self.

The scribes were responsible for transmitting the Jewish faith. They copied the scrolls and taught the word and law of God. However, they often did not live what they taught. They served themselves instead of giving themselves. Jesus calls his disciples to him and instructs them on how to become new “scribes” who authentically transmit and teach the faith that Jesus reveals and fulfils. As with the widow in the gospel, disciples are to give their all – their very selves.

Now we are Jesus’ disciples, we are the new “scribes” who authentically transmit and teach the faith that Jesus reveals and fulfils. We are to *live* Gospel values. This is the primary way we teach. We teach, for example, when our loving is self-giving: when we care for the downtrodden; when we persist in reaching out to anyone in need even when we seemingly have little to give. Instead of serving self, we give self – our all.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Kings 17:10-16

**Response to Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

**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*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Daniel 12:1-13; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14. 18; **Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £483.92; Loose Plate: £346.77; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1329.69**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £317.00; Loose Plate: £110.57; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £521.32**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	8.45am 9.15am 12.45pm 2.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Baptisms Remembrance Sunday Service	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St Mary's, Rickmansworth
<b>MON 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice SJF Pastoral Council Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
<b>TUE 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	7.30pm - 9.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	1st Communion Parents' Meeting - hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	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
<b>FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall The Really Fine Wine Co. Wine Tasting - hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 12.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions November Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest Baptism Preparation - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

### Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>10am</b> Julia Rice RIP (Anniv.) & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) John Linnane RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Ron Jackson RIP
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE DAY)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Graham Williams RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Johnny Jacobs RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	<b>No Mass today</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	<b>No Mass today</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Bevan Smith RIP (Anniv.)		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls
<b>SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>10am</b> Holy Souls	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> Michael Collins RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Nan O'Driscoll (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> Holy Souls

#### 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, 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

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING WITH FR SHAUN

1<sup>ST</sup> Communion parents are reminded that they have their first meeting with Fr Shaun on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Our Lady's Hall.

### VISIT BY BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP – 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

A missionary group from Bethlehem will visit Our Lady's and St John's, Mill End next weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and, after Mass, to sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families living and working there. We hope to arrange a visit to St John Fisher, Chorleywood at some point in 2016.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr. Mark or Fr. Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November** at **2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

### ADVENT PROGRAMME 2015

This Advent we will be following Bishop Robert Barron's six part DVD series *Priest, Prophet, King*. Through this series we will have the opportunity discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. *Priest, Prophet, King* will be offered as both an afternoon and an evening programme beginning on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** (we begin before Advent so as to be able complete the six episodes before Christmas) at **2.00pm and at 7.30pm** in **St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Mill End**. On the first three Wednesdays of Advent (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December) at **7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall**, there will be a series of *Thought-Provoking Films for Advent* (more details later in the month).

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service takes place at St Mary's, Rickmansworth this Sunday at **2.30pm** (preceded by a procession of the uniformed organisations departing from Our Lady's car park at 2.00pm). Fr Shaun will be the preacher this year. We hope that many parishioners will attend this important annual act of remembrance.

### NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

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

**Woodcock Hill Cemetery – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm**

**Garden of Rest, Our Lady Help of Christians – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon**

**Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am**

**Chorleywood Old Cemetery – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

The clergy of this parish thank everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests collection last weekend. It's not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office. This important collection helps cover the expenses of frail, elderly, infirm and chronically ill priests dependent on the Diocese. Thank you for your prayers for all our Catholic priests and especially for those concluding a lifetime of service to the Church. For more information, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those of you who would like to consider becoming a member you would be most welcome to come along to the following meetings; Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Mill End and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.15am at St John Fisher, Chorleywood. Meetings last approximately one hour.

### WINE TASTING - FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Adrian@reallyfinewine.co.uk) or phone 07503 898689.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St John's Catholic Primary are holding two open days for parents interested in a place in our Reception class starting in September 2016 (children born between 01/09/2011 and 31/08/2012) - **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm**. For further information call 01923 774004 or [admin@st.johns705.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st.johns705.herts.sch.uk). If you are unable to make either of these dates then private appointments are also welcome.

### FAITH MATTERS: ADVENT 2015. 'BEHOLD, THIS IS OUR GOD'

**Where:** Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. **When:** 7.00pm – 8.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015, "Fear not," said the Angel to the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy for all the people" (Lk 2.10)' by Fr. John Farrell OP.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015, 'Waiting for Christ with the Fathers' by Fr. Thomas Skeats OP.

8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015, 'Christ and Chalcedon' by Fr. Dominic Ryan OP.

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015, 'Christ the Fulfilment of our Hope' 'Fr Gregory Pearson OP.

Registration is required to secure your place. Please e-mail at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6078.

There is a suggested donation of £4.00 per talk.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### **BUILDING OF THE NEW PIPE ORGAN NOW UNDERWAY!!**

The building of our new pipe organ began last Wednesday. Look up to the organ loft to see the progress made! Photos of the various stages of work done so far can be seen on the *News* tab of the parish website. Once assembled, the organ will be finely tuned and will then be solemnly blessed and played for the first time at Mass on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** (which happens to be the feast day of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music) at the **11am** Mass. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new organ, special envelopes are available at the back of the church for this purpose. If you are a UK Tax payer we would invite you to Gift Aid any donation, as this adds 25p to every £1 that you give, at no extra cost to you.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS**

Due to work in progress at St John's, Mill End the Wednesday 9.30am Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's this week.

### **FLOWER MEETING**

Our annual flower meeting will take place in the small hall on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**. We are in need of some new volunteers to be on our flower rota. All required is for you and a partner to arrange flowers for our church for 4/6 weeks during the year and we all help out at Christmas and Easter if possible. Please join us on the 17<sup>th</sup> or phone Annie on 01923 773568. You would be most welcome.

### **ADVENT FAIR - SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 9AM - 1PM**

Please keep tombola and raffle donations coming, boxes are in the porch. Invite your friends and family to make a start on their Christmas shopping, we have lots of existing stalls confirmed, cards and wrap, artisan chocolates, ethical health and beauty product and many more. Please can any baking enthusiasts save the date, we'd be very grateful for any cake donations on the day. All profits raised from donations will go to charity. Any questions contact [laura.sharp@live.co.uk](mailto:laura.sharp@live.co.uk)

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS - THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER FROM 1-3PM**

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas Party in Our Lady's Church Hall. We will have a finger buffet lunch and a quiz. Transport will be provided, if necessary. If you are interested please telephone Susan Ray on 01923 778796 or Theresa Jubber 01923 772618 or e-mail sandaray17@hotmail.com by Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, so that we may know the numbers.

### **200 CLUB DRAW (OCTOBER)**

Congratulations to the following winners: Chris Doran (£58), Kevin O'Daly (£43.50), Susan Ray (£29), Mark Kirwan (£14.50).

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### **OUR NEW STONE ALTAR**

At the end of this past week our new stone altar was assembled on site. The altar is made of Portland stone and the front panel bears a carving of the Lamb of God. On Monday the altar will be boxed-in and the new marble floor covered and protected while the stripping and re-varnishing of the sanctuary vault takes place and the sanctuary walls are painted. Once this work is complete the new Portland stone Ambo (lectern) and the new Tabernacle plinth and Tabernacle can be installed.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

While the above work on the sanctuary vault is being undertaken it will not be possible to have weekday Masses in the church. There will be Monday Mass at Our Lady's as normal and an additional Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at Our Lady's at 9.30am. We don't yet know exactly how long the work on the vault will take. We will update you as information becomes available.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

We need your help to make the Fair a success. Could we please ask for donations of bottles, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, from next weekend. Boxes will be left in the Church porch for you to out the bottles in. We will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Rickmansworth Food Bank again this year. At their request can they please have toiletries and socks for men and women only. Please wrap your gift and label it for a man or woman. On the weekend of the Fair we will be looking for donations of homemade cakes and pies as this stall is always popular. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

### **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.

### **200 CLUB DRAW (OCTOBER)**

Congratulations to the following winners: Linda Bowles (£25), Vivien Rose (£20) and Mary Harris (£15).

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting is on **Monday 9 November at 8.00pm**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS - WELCOMERS, READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Please pick up your copy from the lobby. Grateful thanks to everyone who helps with the celebration of the Mass by undertaking any of these duties. *Fr Shaun and Maureen*

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 10AM - 12.30PM**

Christmas Fair is nearly here. The list of stall holders and helpers is now in the church porch. Could you please check it to see that we have got you in the right place! Thank you.

Please also continue to check your drawers and cupboards for goods for the stalls: bottles, books, cakes, toys, plants, gifts, jewellery, accessories, etc, and also remember the New Christmas Stall, the Raffle and the Silent Auction. Thank you.

	This week 7 / 8 November				Next week 14 / 15 November			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	A Dennis	A Roberts	E Harris	Una Lean	M Fields	J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	Marguerite Watkins
9am Mass	U Lean	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Patsy Tyden	D Treanor	J Whelan	J Hale	Don Williamson
7 November	Laundry: V Terrill			13 November Church Cleaning: A Brew				