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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 19TH NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Some fearful people keep their “investments” under the carpets or mattresses. Some more trusting people place their investments in savings accounts in banks. Others secure the services of a stock broker. Still others turn to a wealth manager. Jesus, our master, is the best “wealth manager” anyone could have.

Jesus invests every one of us with the continuation of his saving work. At issue is not how much we’ve been given or how great or small a matter we undertake. The issue is our faithfulness to the commission with which he has invested us, evidenced in the everyday choices we make for Gospel living. When Jesus returns at the end of time, will our use of what he has invested in us bring us the joy of eternal life?

Exactly what does Jesus invest in us? He gives us his Gospel to guide us in making faithful, wise, and loving choices. He gives his Spirit to strengthen and encourage us. He gives us a share in divine life. What do we do with his investment in us? Do we increase it five- or two fold? Or do we bury it?

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Response to Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £721.91; Loose Plate: £393.48; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1625.39**

Mill End: Envelopes: £258.50; Loose Plate: £235.03; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £690.53**

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

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 19TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 12.30pm 7.15pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School Coach & Horses
MON 20TH NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12 noon 5.00pm - 6.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall B-Attitude (school year 9-13) - Upper Room Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 21ST NOVEMBER	5.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 22ND NOVEMBER	7.30pm 8.00pm	Annual Flower Meeting - Small Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
THU 23RD NOVEMBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 24TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 25TH 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 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 18 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Vinny Spiteri RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER <i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Fr Pat O'Sullivan RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Mary & Frank Leary RIP	10.30am Emile Sabella RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WED 22ND NOVEMBER <i>St CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER <i>St ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Tony Finucane RIP (Anniv.)
SATURDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Jacqueline & Lucien Burdin RIP	6pm (Vigil) Special Intention
SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am Peggy Carroll RIP 11am Nicholas Jubber (Ints.) 6pm Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Neal Perry 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 Townsend and Mike Townsend.

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

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday is the first 'World Day of the Poor'. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance." Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship today. Please also take a Prayer Card away with you and keep all those experiencing poverty in your prayer.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund Collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. This important collection helps cover the financial expenses of priests who are sick or retired in the Diocese of Westminster. Thank you for your prayers for all our Catholic priests, and especially for those concluding a lifetime of service to the Church.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual Review and the Annual Report and 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.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Shaun will be blessing graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery on Saturday 25th November at 2.00pm.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY - Friday 15th December 11am to 2pm

All are invited to the St Joan of Arc School, Community Christmas Lunch Party. Includes buffet lunch with Christmas entertainment. Please RSVP to 01923 773 881 or jmiller@joa.herts.sch.uk

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. Items can be placed in the CWF boxes in the 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

The party is on **Sunday 17th December** after the 10.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist. Children from all Parishes are welcome to attend but we do ask that parents stay with their child(ren) at the party or nominate another adult to keep an eye on them and that your child knows who that adult is. The only donation requested is a plate of food. If you would like to come please email your interest to: liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk. Liz will email you back the plate of food we want you to bring. If you attend Mass at St John the Evangelist please sign up on the list in the porch as usual.

GENERAL NOTICES

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.

PLEASE TAKE HOME A CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE AFTER MASS

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD World Gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who don't *need* anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water, and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue after Mass.

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS - WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER AT 11AM

You are warmly invited to the CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 4HE. If you would like someone to be included in our book of remembrance, please send us their name by calling 020 8449 6970 or emailing westminster@cafod.org.uk

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night last Saturday. Special thanks to the Social Events Committee who worked so hard preparing for and running the event. A profit of £487 was made, of which £377 will be donated to the Peace Hospice and £110 to the Connect2 Project (Sebeya, Ethiopia).

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

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS! Please help to make our advent fair a success by donating a bottle or two and any unwanted gifts for our tombola/raffle. A box is in the porch. Please consider baking something delicious for the popular cake stall, cakes can be dropped off that morning (or Saturday afternoon). Please help us spread the word and invite your family and friends! All profits for the wonderful HPCC charity (group 183) which takes disabled children on holiday. Contact Angela is 07971 587848, Caroline or Laura 07939 224664 with any questions or if you are available to help.

FLOWER GROUP

Our annual meeting will be on **Wednesday, 22nd November** at **7.30pm** in the small church hall. We are always pleased to welcome new members so please join us for the meeting, or phone Annie 448663 to offer your help.

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

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.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 26th November** 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 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. 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT & CHURCH ART CALENDARS are now available in the repository.

BURNS NIGHT - this event has been postponed until January 2019.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

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

Only 2 weeks to go. Please keep on with your prayers and your gifts coming in we will be handing out posters and lists this weekend, which will also see the start of our excellent and interesting Silent Auction in the lounge. Do come and admire and start to place your bids. Many thanks to our generous donors. Remember all proceeds go to our charities.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night on Friday 10th November. Special thanks to Jane and Serge Marston, Laurence and Laura Turnbull and Siobhan Hoy who worked so hard preparing for and running the event. A profit of over £200 was raised to support the work of the parish.

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.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
18/19 Nov.	M Foggo	M Fields	M Latimer	M Mackie	M Golin	E Price	Peter & Patsy	J Whelan
25/26 Nov.	M Fields	S Hoy	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	M Golin	F Holly	Marguerite & Carolyn	S Tarrant

Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

You Saints are amazing. Bunny bunny bunny bunny! Next Saints evening: **Tuesday 28 November, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End** parish hall. Looking forward to seeing your families on **12 December**, for our question-free quiz!

Annual Youth Mass

Friday 8 December, Euston

For young people, their families and for young adults.

Mass starts 7 pm, followed by social. Some of our young people have signed up and we'll go cheer for Fr Mark, who is now our diocesan youth chaplain! Please let us know if you want to join us: ankevos@rcdow.org.uk.

Young Adult Pub Social

This Sunday (19 November) we'll meet for our monthly pub social after the 6 pm Mass, **7.15 pm—9 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.**