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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 13TH NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

People often lay their lives on the line so that good can triumph over evil. For example, rescue workers risk their lives to free victims of various disasters or someone speaks out for another who is falsely accused. These heroes put out of mind the danger they may undergo for the sake of the good that they hope to accomplish. Jesus put himself on the line throughout his life of preaching and teaching so that good would triumph over evil.

The people in today's gospel ask Jesus about signs of the end times. He cautions them not to be misled by catastrophes and disasters. Before the end times happen, Jesus and his followers must work to establish God's kingdom – work to ensure that good triumphs over evil. Disciples' perseverance in ministering in Jesus' name will lead to being persecuted, and even to some losing their lives. But fidelity to Jesus' name and saving mission secures for them what no earthly being can: eternal life.

The signs of the end times we usually name are not actually the right ones. The end will come not when evil is heightened, but when goodness overcomes evil. We bring about God's kingdom by the good we do. The amazing thing is that simple, everyday acts of goodness hasten the end times and eternal life.

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: Malachi 3:19-20

Response to Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (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: £671.55; Loose Plate: £403.40; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1584.95**

Mill End: Envelopes: £360.01; Loose Plate: £202.13; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £661.14**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2321.93**

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 13TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 10.00am	First Communion Class - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass for all	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
MON 14TH NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall 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 St John the Evangelist
TUE 15TH NOVEMBER	11.00am 7.30pm - 9.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral service - Margaret Cormack RIP 1 st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 16TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 17TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 18TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 19TH NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm - 4.00pm 2.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Afternoon of Reflection on the Ministry of Welcome - Hall Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 12TH NOVEMBER <i>St JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Gregory McEwen RIP and family (Ints.)
SUNDAY 13TH 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
MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER <i>St EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP</i>		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mary Parker
SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Graham Baldwin RIP 6pm Frank & Mary Leary 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, 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 and Aidan Mahony.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

GREGORY McEWEN RIP

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death this past week of Gregory McEwen. Gregory, who was a parishioner at St John Fisher and who contributed so much to the life of that parish, had friends in all three parish communities. His funeral will take place at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont on **Monday 21st November at 2.30pm**. We commend his soul to the Lord and we keep in our prayers his wife Jennifer and all their family at this very tragic and difficult time for them.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Today's retiring collection is for the annual Sick and Retired Priests Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. The fund ensures elderly and infirm priests are not alone in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Your gift helps defray the costs the Diocese bears in fulfilling its lifetime commitment to these men for their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual needs. Please be as generous as you can. Most priests retire with modest means, and later on circumstances with health, mobility, or frailty can adversely impact their ability to live independently. Special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you are a UK Tax payer, do please consider Gift Aiding your donation, as this will add 25p to every £1 that you give at no extra cost to you.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2016

The leaflet giving the times and locations of the Advent Programme, Advent Reconciliation Services and Christmas Masses across the three parishes is now available. Please take a copy home with you this weekend.

FUNERALS

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.

The funeral Mass of **Mario Cocomazzi** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 24th November at 11.00am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

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. 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. 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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 20th 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

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. 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 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. Art of Dying Well Prayer Cards are available in all the parishes this weekend. *Fr Shaun*

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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.

200 CLUB (OCTOBER)

Congratulations to Hilary Barnett (£37.00), Tom McAteer (£27.75), Louise Leahy (£18.50) and Patricia Kelly (£9.25)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates, Homemade cakes and any unwanted gifts to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates and unwanted gifts for the Tombola's, all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the 10th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (11th 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 12th November to 4th December. First Prize will be £100, 2nd Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

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. If you missed signing a promise card, and would like donation envelopes/standing order form (bankers order) or wish to **Gift Aid**, please complete a promise card available at the back of the Church.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NEW PRIEST'S LECTERN

Thanks to very generous donations from two parishioners, we have been able to commission a new wooden priest's lectern to match the wooden Ambo lectern. The new lectern will be in use from this weekend. We are very grateful for the generosity of so many parishioners, which has made it possible for us to provide dignified and beautiful furnishings for the reordered church.

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

There are still a few posters left in the lobby, please take one. We start the sale of raffle tickets after both Masses this weekend (over a dozen prizes!) Thank you for all you have brought in so far, please continue to bring your bottles, gifts, jewels!!, bric a brac, toys, cakes, groceries, chocolates and books. Most importantly, on Saturday morning, 26th November, **PLEASE BRING YOURSELVES AND YOUR CHILDREN** to join us at our Fair.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
12/13 Nov.	M Fields	A Penn	C Johnson	M Calvert	N Johnson	J Hale	Una & Ann	J Whelan
19/20 Nov.	J Ingham	GF	M Latimer	U Lean	A Opie	AM Farnsworth	Marguerite & Kate	S Treanor

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – 13TH 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 2pm). We hope that many parishioners will attend this important annual act of remembrance.

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.