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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 15TH NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

After a hard, cold difficult winter, how welcome is the greening of late spring into early summer! The rhythms of nature affect us, capture us, direct us. Even when we do not pay conscious attention to them, we are drawn into their changes. In nature, beginning and ending are blurred in the ever-repeated pattern of death and life. What seems to be an end is, in fact, a beginning.

In today's gospel Jesus predicts the end of the old, created world; he also announces the beginning of a new world order. This new world order is the reign of God: darkness giving way to light, dormancy giving way to new growth and life. The words of Jesus in this gospel communicate hope for those who may hear only the destruction and darkness this gospel foretells: when our world is falling apart, he is breaking in. He is eternal light. He is always near.

We must remain focused on Jesus, and when we do so the end times hold no fear for us. We remain focused on Jesus, for example, when we continue to study and pray over his words; when we remain faithful to the dying and rising rhythm of life; when we see his face in the goodness of others, in the surprise of an unexpected gift, in those we encounter each day. Immersed in the now, we find him always near. In his nearness, the new world dawns anew each day.

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: Daniel 12:1-13

Response to Psalm: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14; **2nd Reading:** Apocalypse 1:5-8; **Gospel:** John 18:33-37

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £891.55; Loose Plate: £384.51; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1775.05**

Mill End: Envelopes: £282.06; Loose Plate: £178.71; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £554.52**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October amounted to **£2124.38**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 15TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
MON 16TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's	Mary Latimer's Home Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 17TH NOVEMBER	2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Priest, Prophet, King DVD Series - hall Priest, Prophet, King DVD Series - hall Our Lady's Annual Flower Meeting - hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 18TH NOVEMBER			
THU 19TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 20TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 21ST NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions November Blessing of Graves Wedding - Barry Nash and Joanne Forde November Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery Our Lady Help of Christians Chorleywood Old Cemetery St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER	10am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER <i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Michael Collins RIP	10.30am Nan O'Driscoll (Ints.)	9am Nora Forshaw RIP
MONDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER <i>St EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	No Mass today	
TUESDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	No Mass today	
THURSDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Margaret Harkin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 22 ND NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Robert Burdin RIP 6pm Mary & Frank Leary RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am 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, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Valerie Foster, Heather Kean and Olive Kiener.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page and Joe Donnelly.

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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2015

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. The leaflet can also be downloaded from the three parishes' websites on the *Advent and Christmas 2016* tab.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Fr Shaun will be available on the following dates to meet with parents requesting a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a child seeking a reception place at a Catholic school in September 2016: Tuesday 8th December (Our Lady's Parish Hall) 5pm to 6pm; Monday 14th December (Our Lady's Parish Hall) 5pm to 6pm; Saturday 2nd January (Our Lady's Presbytery) – 10.00am to 11.00am. It is essential that you bring with you the child to whom the application applies. There is no need to make an individual appointment, please just turn up at any point during the above times. **N.B. A Certificate of Catholic Practice can only be given when there is clear evidence of regular Sunday Mass attendance in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.**

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 17th 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 (2nd, 9th and 16th 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).

RECOMMISSIONING OF READERS

At all Sunday Masses on the weekend of **5th/6th December** (2nd Sunday of Advent) all of our Readers will be re-commissioned in their ministry. All Readers are requested to make a special effort to attend one of the Masses on that weekend.

VISIT BY BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP – 14TH/15TH NOVEMBER

A missionary group from Bethlehem will visit Our Lady's and St John's, Mill End this 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.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) on **Sunday 22nd November** for a drink and a chat.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED!!

Fr Shaun has appointed Eileen O'Sullivan as the Parish Youth Worker. Eileen lives relatively locally and attended St Joan of Arc school. Eileen will be joining us on 23rd November and we look forward to welcoming her and supporting her as she develops a programme of activities for the young people of our parishes.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

For those of you who would like to consider becoming a member you would be most welcome to come along to a meeting on **Tuesday 8th December at 10.15am** at St John Fisher, Chorleywood. Meetings last approximately one hour.

A number of parishioners have indicated that they would like to make a regular donation to support the work of the SVP: Thank you for offering this support! A bank account is being set up for our local Chess Valley SVP. This will make it possible to make donations to your local SVP group and to Gift Aid these donations. Details will be given in the newsletter once the account is in place. You can also donate direct to the National SVP if you prefer.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

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

Garden of Rest, Our Lady Help of Christians – Saturday 14th November at 12 noon

Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 21st November at 10.30am

Chorleywood Old Cemetery – Saturday 21st November at 2.00pm

Any parishioners with loved ones buried in these places are warmly invited to be present for these blessings.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE.

This Christmas, why not give the gift of helping someone to work their way out of poverty with a CAFOD World Gift. These alternative Christmas gifts make unique presents for family or friends while making a real difference for many in the developing world. CAFOD World Gift Catalogues are available for you to take home after Mass, and the full selection is also available online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 28th November** from **1.00pm - 4.00pm**. All most welcome - please come along and support our school.

CAFOD POPE PAUL VI MEMORIAL LECTURE FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

Join CAFOD to hear Cardinal Turkson speak about the Church's response to climate change. The theme of his lecture will be *"Care for Creation: how to protect and sustain our common home"*. And will take place at St Mary's Church, Wyndham Place, York Street, London, W1H 1PQ from 7-9pm on Friday 4th December.

To book your free ticket www.cafod.org.uk/Events/Pope-Paul-VI-lecture or call 0303 303 3030.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

QUIZ NIGHT – THANK YOU

A massive thank you to the Social Events Committee and Choir members who organised and ran last Saturday evening's Quiz Night in support of the new pipe organ appeal. It was a really fun evening and exceptionally well attended. The evening raised a total of £1,178.50 towards the cost of the organ. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the quiz evening so generously.

PIPE ORGAN COMPLETED!

The installation and tuning of our new pipe organ has now been completed and we await the blessing of the organ at the 11.00am Mass next Sunday, when we will hear it played at Mass for the first time. Skrabl, the Slovenian company who have crafted, assembled and tuned our new organ have done a wonderful job and given us an instrument to be very proud of; a work of beauty in its own right, which sits well with and adds to the beautiful architecture of Our Lady's. I wish to express my thanks to Dr John Rowntree, who designed the organ for us and who has overseen the whole of the process from beginning to end, ensuring that we have the best possible instrument. I also wish to express thanks to one of our parishioners, Chantell Waite, who very generously provided a hot meal for the organ builders each day of their stay in the presbytery during the installation process. I hope that many parishioners will attend the 11.00 Mass next Sunday as we hear the organ (and the choir in their new home in the organ loft) for the first time. *Fr Shaun*

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS - due to work at St John's, Mill End, Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's this week.

ANNUAL FLOWER MEETING - TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM IN THE SMALL HALL

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 17th or phone Annie on 01923 773568. You would be most welcome.

ADVENT FAIR - SUNDAY 29TH 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. Bacon and sausage sandwiches and lot of cakes available for your breakfast/brunch/lunch. 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

ADVENT WREATHS/ADVENT FAIR

Pat Kelly and I will be having our usual stall at the Advent Fair - despite our offer of retirement! So that we can get an idea of the number of Advent Wreaths required, please can you e-mail or phone me if you would like to order one. The cost is £10. The wreaths will be available for collection on the day of the fair, 29th November. Thanks. Carol Bartlett – 01923 773841 or e-mail me at carolbart37@gmail.com

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES

While 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 hope to be back in the church for the weekday Masses of the week beginning 23 November.

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.

APF - RED BOX

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their Red Box/Envelope for APF. Your generosity is very much appreciated. 2016 Calendars are now available in the porch for Red Box holders. If anyone still has their box/envelope please be aware that all monies must be collected by the beginning of Advent at the very latest.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NEXT LADIES' MEETING

This will be at 10am on Monday 16th November, at Mary Latimer's home, 18 Turney's Orchard. All will be very welcome.

COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS – 28TH NOVEMBER

On Saturday 28th November after the 6.00pm Mass there will be the opportunity for coffee and chat in the lounge. This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to have a chat with each other and with the parish clergy. We hope that to make this a monthly event (on the last Saturday of the month).

CHRISTMAS FAIR, SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 10AM - 12.30PM

It is nearly here!! Could you please start to bring your gifts and leave them in the kitchen. We are going to start the Silent Auction this weekend, so do come to the lounge and check out the large table – items include another beautiful hand-made shawl, a bottle of Port from the House of Lords and a numbered Jasper Wedgewood Plate. Come and place your first bids. We will also be handing out posters for your windows and cars. Please be generous with your gifts for the Fair. As always, all the proceeds are split three ways between an order of Franciscan nuns working in Zambia, Kenya and Nigeria, the Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless, and a number of Diocesan charities. Thank you very much.

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*

	This week 14 / 15 November				Next week 21 / 22 November			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	M Fields	J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	Marguerite Watkins	GF	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	D Treanor	J Whelan	J Hale	Don Williamson	M Calvert	T D'Urso	AM Farnsworth	Ann Brew
14 November	Laundry: C Steet			20 November Church Cleaning: Volunteer				