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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 22ND JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

From now on come to dinner when I call you. From now on rinse your dishes and put them in the dishwasher. From now on let's talk things through before getting so angry. "From now on" implies an imperative demanding change in behaviour that continues into the future. Today's gospel's use of "From that moment" alerts us to the imperative of Jesus' call and mission.

"From that moment" Jesus calls his disciples to his mission to bring salvation announcing "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." His call: "Follow me." His mission: proclaim "the Good News of the kingdom." "From that moment" his call and mission are compelling, challenging and demanding.

To answer Jesus' call and carry on his mission, we must leave everything. Leave our wrongful ways of acting, leave our mundane activities, leave even our present way of life. We let go of everything because Jesus calls us to take up a new way, a new activity, a new life. From *this* moment on

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £612.70; Loose Plate: £403.81; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1526.51**

Mill End: Envelopes: £280.63; Loose Plate: £236.45; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £714.08**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£1804.80**

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 22ND JANUARY	12.45pm 3.30pm 7.15pm	Baptisms Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Confirmation Information Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 23RD JANUARY	10.45am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH JANUARY	10.10am 10.15am 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting SJF Ladies Meeting Youth Group (Year 7-8) Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall RCIA - Hall	St John Fisher Edith Moid's flat St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 25TH JANUARY			
THU 26TH JANUARY	6.00pm - 8.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Youth Group (Year 9-11) SVP Meeting Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH JANUARY	10.00am 12.00pm - 2.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Soup Lunch in aid of St Vincent de Paul - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 28TH JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tea and Coffee after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	10.00am Desiree Zimmerman RIP	6pm (Vigil) Martin & Sheila Candon RIP	6pm (Vigil) Canon Charles Acton RIP
SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY <i>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Merwyn Mascarenhas RIP (Anniv.) 11am Joan Marioni RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Kathleen Barclay (Ints.)	10.30am Audrey Rayner RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 23RD JANUARY	9.30am Canon John McDonald RIP	9.30am Mary Furey & Family (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY <i>St Frances de Sales, Bishop & Doctor</i>	9.30am Desiree Zimmerman RIP		9.30am For the Unity of Christians
WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY <i>The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</i>		9.30am Michael Caplice & Family (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY <i>SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	9.30am Eric Selley RIP		
FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor</i>	10.00am Canon Charles Acton RIP	6pm (Vigil) Phyllis Ryan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY <i>4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Denise Waters RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Nan O'Driscoll RIP	10.30am Tony & Ann Clark RIP (Anniv.)	9am Canon John McDonald RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, 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 Westthrop, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson and Christina Thomas

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

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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard, Don Williamson, Aidan O'Mahony, Terry Messer and Helen Forrest

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

MARY HORNSBY RIP

It is with sadness we announce the death this past week of Mary Hornsby. We pray for the repose of her soul and offer our sincere condolences and our prayers to Mary's family at this sad and difficult time. Mary's funeral service will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Monday 2nd February at 10.45am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

ERIC SELLEY RIP

Last weekend we announced the sad news of the death of Eric Selley, a long-standing and faithful member of Our Lady's community. Eric's funeral took place on Thursday of this past week. We commend his soul to the love and mercy of the Lord and we pray for his wife Beryl and their children and their families at this sad and difficult time.

THANK YOU

The Bugler family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude for all of the prayers, condolence cards and Holy Masses offered for the repose of Tom's soul. Also the huge amount of good wishes, which have meant so much to the whole family at this very sad time. Thank you so much.

CHILDREN AND EATING IN CHURCH

We fully appreciate the challenges that those of you with small children face in keeping them occupied during Mass when they are too young to understand what is happening. We would, however, kindly request that, wherever possible, parents please try to refrain from giving their children food to eat during the Mass. The Mass is our celebration of the Eucharistic banquet, where the only food of which we partake is the sacred food of the Body and Blood of the Lord. While the children are too young, of course, to understand this for themselves, it is a good principle for us to try to put into practice wherever possible. *Fr Shaun*

BIBLE STUDY COURSE - MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

Resumes on **Tuesday 24th January at 7.30pm** at St John's Parish centre, Mill End.

SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY

This year Our Lady's will be hosting the annual ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3.30pm this Sunday. We hope that many parishioners will come and join us in praying for the unity of all Christians.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING - OUR LADY'S HALL

A reminder that there will be an information meeting for confirmation candidates and their parents this **Sunday at 7.15pm**.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

Please save the date of **Friday 24th February at 7.30pm** for a classical music concert which will be held at St John Fisher. Parishioners and friends from all 3 parishes will be most welcome. Tickets will be priced reasonably and a bar will be available. All proceeds will go towards the reordering of the church. Further details to follow shortly. Please contact Caroline Holly or Alan Opie if you are able to help with the arrangements either on the night or to prepare the church.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE –MAY/JUNE 2017

There will be a pilgrimage from **Tuesday 30th May to Sunday 4th June 2016** The itinerary and booking forms are available in the parishes this weekend and are also downloadable from the parish websites. **If you would like to join this pilgrimage please do consider booking before 27th January 2017, as the price is fixed only until that time.** *Fr Shaun*

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in this Year of Mercy will take place in the Cathedral on **Saturday 11th February 2017 at 2.00pm**. As in previous years, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. All are welcome, no seat reservations or tickets. If you are bringing a wheelchair, please let Fr Shaun or Fr Mark know before Sunday 29th January so that the appropriate space can be reserved in the Cathedral.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Kerry. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer. **Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2016/17 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.** We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2018 and Secondary Transfer 2018

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 2018** 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.

ST JOAN OF ARC RC SCHOOL

Are hosting their popular Quiz & Curry night on **Saturday 4 February** at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £15 in advance from pfa@joa.herts.sch.uk - deadline Monday 30 January. Cheques payable to "St Joan of Arc PFA" or BACS to Lloyds Bank plc St Joan of Arc Parents Assoc A/C No: 00117074 sort code 30-97-07. All are welcome.

Youth Group

Our year 7-8 youth group will meet on **Tuesday 24 January** at Mill End, 6—7.30 pm. Come along to try out a very cheeky new game. And I've heard rumours about pizza!

Our year 9-11 youth group will meet on **Thursday 26 January** at Our Lady's, 6—8 pm. There's a rather impressive pile of crisps waiting for you!

Young Adults

Pub Social

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to meet up at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15 pm (after the 6 pm Mass) on **Sunday 29 January** for a drink and a chat.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The parish AGM will take place at **3.00pm** on **Sunday 12th February** in Our Lady's Hall. There will be reports from the Parish Priest, the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council; Miss Anke Voss, our Parish Youth Worker; and the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, who will present the 2016 Financial Return. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

SOUP LUNCH IN AID OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

There will be a homemade soup and bread lunch in aid of SVP on **Friday 27 January** from **12 noon to 2pm** in our Lady's church hall. There will be no charge but we ask, if you are able, that you give what you can towards helping provide Vinnie cold weather pack for homeless people. These contain basic essentials to help provide a little comfort for the homeless. As a guide, a Vinnie pack cost about £3 each to produce. All are welcome. Please do come and bring a friend and meet some of your fellow parishioners while helping SVP. Children welcome.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

I have appointed Christian Zammit as a member of the Parish Finance Committee, with special responsibility for helping us in the maintenance and development of our parish properties. I am very grateful to Christian for taking on this responsibility. *Fr Shaun*

GIFT FOR EWAN AND ANNA SMITH

Thank you to all who contributed to their gift. We brought a bench which Ewan and Anna are delighted with. We also brought a plaque which reads 'With love from all at St John's'. Ewan and Anna will send us a photo, which will appear on the parish website, as soon as they have assembled the bench.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

We are looking for a parishioner who might be willing to take on the role of Parish Representative for the Women's World Day of Prayer. If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to Fr Shaun.

200 CLUB RELAUNCH

This year our **200 Club** will run from February through to December with our big money draws in April and December. The primary purpose of the '**200 CLUB**' is to raise funds for the parish and give the members a chance of winning some cash prizes. In previous years the profits have been used for necessary parish repairs and maintenance. So please continue to help by re-joining. This year we are asking for a £20 subscription fee and all new members are most welcome. Everybody wins either tangibly through prize money or intangibly through a sense of belonging and achievement. Please make cheques payable to:- *St. John the Evangelist, Mill End*. The closing date is **19th February**. Application forms will be available after Mass today and once completed can either be handed to the parish clergy after Masses or delivered to Nikki Tew at 18 Berry Way, Ricky, WD37EY. The first draw will take place after the 10.30am Mass on 26th February. Thank you for your tremendous and continued support, and GOOD LUCK.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 29th January** 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!

We would also be very grateful for volunteers who could help with the buying and cooking of the bacon and sausages. Please contact Natalie on 07813 102075. Thank you.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

LADIES MEETING

The next meeting is at 10.15am next **TUESDAY (24th January)** at Number 2 Stag Court. (Edith Moid's flat). All are most welcome.

COFFEE AND TEA

All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass next Saturday (**28th January**).

SILVER FOIL PLUS CANS

Thank you so much for all the silver foil you continue to bring for the support of the Christchurch Kenyan orphanage. We have now found an outlet for aluminium cans (washed, please). Again, many thanks for your support, Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
21/22 Jan.	E O'Sullivan	S Hoy	M Latimer	M Calvert	D Treanor	F Holly	Patsy & Francis	C Steet
28/29 Jan.	M Fields	C Pierce	P Goble	A Opie	J Donohoe	J McEwen	Carolyn & Patsy	T Price

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Mark the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the **24th March 2017**.