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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 24TH JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

As we begin hearing from St. Luke's Gospel at Sunday Mass, we recognize that a gospel is not a collection of anecdotes about Jesus and his teaching. Every evangelist is a witness to the Son of God. He responds to the question posed by those who have met Jesus in the living word of the community, 'Who are you, Lord?' Each of these witnesses reports his faith in the Lord according to the history of his own community's experiences and reflections on Jesus. This explains why no two gospels are exactly the same.

Nevertheless, there is only one Gospel because there is only one Christ. Luke sets Jesus' first preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth. Jesus comments on a passage he has just read from Isaiah. His homily consists of a single affirmation, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' As we listen to the rest of Luke's Gospel over the coming year, we hear how Jesus' life bears out what he has proclaimed, that Jesus' presence among the people represents 'the Lord's year of favour'.

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Response to Psalm: Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (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: £435.09; Loose Plate: £337.45; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1282.54**

Mill End: Envelopes: £253.17; Loose Plate: £180.40; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £532.57**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of December amounted to **£1990.15**

White Flower Appeal: Rickmansworth £199.39; Mill End £130.48; Chorleywood £85.05

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 24TH JANUARY	12.45pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 25TH JANUARY	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 26TH JANUARY	10.15am 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 27TH JANUARY			
THU 28TH JANUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 29ND JANUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 30TH JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 23 RD JANUARY	10am Enid Covington (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Mary Murray RIP
SUNDAY 24 TH JANUARY <i>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Special Intention 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Neal Perry RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 25 TH JANUARY <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Bishops-Elect Paul McAleenan and John Wilson (Ints.)	9.30am Joe Furey & Family (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 26 TH JANUARY <i>SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS</i>	9.30am Grace Manansala (Ints.)		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 27 TH JANUARY		9.30am Mary Furey & Family (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 28 TH JANUARY <i>ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 29 TH JANUARY	9.30am Private Intention		9.30am Private Intention
SATURDAY 30 TH JANUARY	10am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) John Joseph Clancy RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 31 ST JANUARY <i>4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Joan O'Reilly RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Private Intention

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, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, 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

ORDINATION OF THE NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF WESTMINSTER

On Monday 25th January at 12pm, Canon Paul McAleenan and Mgr John Wilson will be ordained as bishops at Westminster Cathedral and will subsequently serve as auxiliary bishops in the Diocese of Westminster. Canon Paul, known to many because of his previous ministry as parish priest of Holy Rood, Watford, will have the pastoral care of the parishes of Hertfordshire, while Mgr John, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Leeds, will have the pastoral care of the parishes of western area of the diocese. Please pray for them as they are ordained and begin their new ministry in the life of the Church.

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 6th February at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS – NUSERY/RECEPTION AND SECONDARY TRANSFER PLACES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - SEPTEMBER 2017

Catholic families applying for September 2017 places at Catholic Primary or Secondary schools are required by the schools, as part of their Admissions policy, to seek a *Certificate of Catholic Practice* from their parish priest. This Certificate, which has been produced by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is a statement by the priest that he has sufficient evidence to state that he believes that the family of the child applying for a school place attends Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. In order to ensure that I have sufficient evidence of Sunday Mass attendance to be able to sign a certificate with a degree of certainty and in a way that is up-front, consistent and objective, I have decided to introduce a Mass attendance card system to be used by families who will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice from me. The Mass attendance card, together with an explanatory letter, can be collected from me or from Fr Mark as you leave Mass. *Fr Shaun*

PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA, VENICE, VERONA AND LAKE GARDA: 22nd to 28th MAY 2016

Our 2016 parish pilgrimage will be to the beautiful northern Italian cities of Padua, Venice and Verona. We will be based for the six nights in the hotel Casa del Pellegrino in Padua, which is right opposite the Basilica of St Anthony of Padua. During the pilgrimage we will also visit Venice, the Venetian Islands, Verona and the town of Limone on Lake Garda. The price of the pilgrimage is £898, which includes scheduled flights (British Airways) from Gatwick to Venice and return, 6 nights accommodation with private facilities (single room supplement £114 p.p. - limited availability), 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners, 3 guided tours). The itinerary and booking forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

PLEASE NOTE: There are now only seven places left at the advertised price. Once these are filled there may be a flight surcharge. Please book soon to avoid disappointment.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm.

The Archbishop 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 2016. 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 7th March 2016.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

The SVP will be meeting this Tuesday 26th January at 10.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians, on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist and Tuesday 23rd February at 10.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians. If you would like to consider becoming a member of the SVP you would be most welcome to join us.

Catholic Worker Farm - we are once again appealing for donations of Long-Life milk for the CWF who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes are in the Church porches. Thank you - SVP

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The 2016 Day of Recollection will take place at the Niland Centre on **Saturday 4th June**. Fr John Hemer, who gave such well-received talks last year, has kindly agreed to join us again. Unfortunately, 4th June 2016 does fall at the end of a half-term week, but this was the only date in the period that Fr John was able to make. Please make a note in your diary.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL - EXAMS INVIGILATORS VACANCIES

£8.75 per hour. Casual work-hours by agreement with the Exams Officer.

Efficient, organised individuals with good people skills are required to facilitate the administration of exams in the school. No previous experience required as training will be given. Invigilators are usually required for exams in December, January, May and June each year. Application forms available from the school on 01923 773387 or at www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Only applications submitted on the school's application form will be considered.

VINNIE PACKS

The SVP are distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3.25 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or go to virginmoneygiving.com and type "SVP" into the charity section. Vinnie Packs is in the **Campaign** drop down box. Thank you so much for your support.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

AGM AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – 21ST FEBRUARY 2016

Nearly 18 months ago, I established a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and appointed eight members for the initial 18 month period. That period is now coming to an end, and at the Parish AGM at **3.00pm on Sunday 21st February** four new members will be elected from and by the parishioners. In order to make way for the new members, Louise Leahy, Sharon Blayney, Richard Dumughn and Neil Hilary have volunteered to be the four existing members who will step down. I wish to express my sincere thanks to them all for the major contributions they have made in this initial period of the PPC. Samantha Benson, Dave Pione, Maud Cutting and Michael Curtin will continue to serve on the PPC for a further year as my appointees. I am very grateful to them too for all that they have contributed to the PPC in this past 18 months and for agreeing to continue for another year. Parishioners may now either nominate themselves or another parishioner for election to the PPC for a two year term of office. If you are nominating someone else, please check with them first that they are willing to stand. All nominations should be submitted in writing to Samantha Benson, the PPC Chair, at rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or in writing c/o the Parish Office.

The PPC is a consultative, not a decision-making, body. Its principal purpose is to be a sounding-board for the parish priest and a forum whereby ideas and suggestions from parishioners can be raised and discussed. The PPC is not responsible for the day-to day running of the parish. Those considering standing for election are encouraged to read the *Pastoral Council: Background and Basis* document and the *Terms of Reference*, both of which are available on the parish website on the *Parish Pastoral Council* tab. *Fr Shaun*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

AGM AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – 28th FEBRUARY 2016

Nearly 18 months ago, I established a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and appointed six members for the initial 18 month period. That period is now coming to an end, and at the Parish AGM at **11.45am on Sunday 28th February** three new members will be elected from and by the parishioners. In order to make way for the new members, Ewan Smith, Mary Fagan and Robert Gibson have volunteered to be the three existing members who will step down. I wish to express my sincere thanks to them, and especially to Ewan, who has chaired the PPC for the past 18 months, for the major contributions they have made in this initial period of the PPC. Geraldine Page, Elizabeth Townsend and Allyson O'Grady will continue to serve on the PPC for a further year as my appointees. I am very grateful to them too for all that they have contributed to the PPC in this past 18 months and for agreeing to continue for another year. Parishioners may now either nominate themselves or another parishioner for election to the PPC for a two year term of office. If you are nominating someone else, please check with them first that they are willing to stand. All nominations should be submitted in writing to Ewan Smith, the PPC Chair at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or in writing c/o the Parish Office.

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ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COUNTING THE WEEKLY OFFERING

We are a small team of eight Counters, which means that we each count once in each month. The counting takes place after the 9.00am Mass and usually takes about half an hour. If we were able to increase our number, even by just a few, it would help spread the load so if any Parishioner feels that they would like to offer their services please contact Don Williamson on don.williamson@btinternet.com or telephone 01923 286790.

HELP NEEDED

If there is any parishioners (ideally one who attends the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, but the 9.00am if not) who might be willing to give a lift to church to a person living in Sarratt, please speak to Fr Shaun.

	This week 23 / 24 January				Next week 30 / 31 January			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	R Ellis	T Hartney	E O'Sullivan	Don Williamson	J Ingham	S Hoy	M Latimer	Una Lean
9am Mass	D Treanor	M Calvert	J McEwen	Francis Holly	M Calvert	D Treanor	L Turnbull	Patsy Tyden
24 January Laundry: C Steet				29 January Church Cleaning: Volunteer				