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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 8TH MARCH 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Constructing a new building is always challenging. Design details, funding concerns, building permits and codes, inspections, are all time consuming and worrisome. Building up the community of the Church as the living temple of God's presence is even more challenging. Much more is at stake.

In today's Gospel Jesus overturns the money tables. He overturns the Jewish understanding of the temple from a building "under construction" to his own body. He overturns our understanding of death from the end of life to the beginning of new, risen Life. He overturns our very selves from an empty lot of unbelief to a beautiful edifice of believers. We are God's new construction and God overturns all challenges while building us into living signs of divine presence and saving works.

By overturning those aspects of our human nature given to pride, self-centredness, anger, envy, jealousy, greed, God builds us into living signs of divine presence and saving work. We become the new temple, the Body of Christ, given over to humility, compassion, forgiveness, healing, service, love. What is at stake is bringing to beautiful completion the construction of God's new temple.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Response to Psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10; **Gospel:** John 3:14-21

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £869.13; Loose Plate: £441.52; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1809.65**

Mill End: Envelopes: £304.00; Loose Plate: £162.71; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £560.46**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 8TH MARCH	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 10.00am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Coffee and Tea after 9.00am Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 9TH MARCH	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Holy Hour with Benediction Confirmation Session - Hall St John Fisher Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
TUE 10TH MARCH	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 11TH MARCH	7.30pm	Lent with SS Francis and Clare	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 12TH MARCH	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 13TH MARCH	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 14TH MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am 3.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Our Lady's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 7 TH MARCH	10am Stanislaus Stephen RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) The Moran Family RIP
SUNDAY 8 TH MARCH	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Gerry Armstrong RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Ann Glesson RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 9 TH MARCH	9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish	9.30am Malcolm Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 10 TH MARCH	9.30am Sally McGee RIP		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 11 TH MARCH		9.30am Karen Cunningham (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 12 TH MARCH	9.30am Jack Dominion RIP		
FRIDAY 13 TH MARCH	9.30am Reginald & Norah Pavey RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish
SATURDAY 14 TH MARCH	10am Ranjit & Kiril Gursahani (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Joe Moloney	6pm (Vigil) Joe McGuinness RIP (Anniv.)
SUNDAY 15 TH MARCH	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Aldo & Mary De Michiel RIP 6pm Paul Rayner RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish

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, Peter Czarniecki, Tony Infante, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles and Maureen Douglas.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderigg; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin and Margaret (Meg) Cunningham.

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, Barbara Marke and Paddy Holly.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

RCIA – THE SCRUTINIES

Beginning this Sunday and on the following two Sundays (at the 8.30am Mass at Our Lady's) we celebrate the Scrutinies with our elect, Colin Dodson. This is the final stage of his preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We pray for Colin and for our eight adult Candidates who are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

1st COMMUNION – PARENTS' MEETING

Parents of this year's 1st Communion children are reminded that their next meeting with Fr Shaun is on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall.

CONFIRMATION - please note the Confirmation Session will be on Monday this week (not Tuesday).

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

This Good Friday we are going to run a Good Friday Workshop for the children of the three parishes. This will replace the Children's Stations of the Cross. The workshop will be open to children in school years 1 to 6. We hope that the Good Friday Workshop will become an annual event. The Workshop will be hosted in alternate years by St John's, Mill End and Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Another event at St John Fisher on Good Friday morning (together with a lack of suitable indoor space) means unfortunately that the event can't be hosted there, but the children of St John Fisher parish are invited and warmly encouraged to come and take part in the workshop. In order to run the workshop we do need the help of a good number of adult volunteers. There will be a meeting at 2.30pm on Saturday 21st March at St John the Evangelist, Mill End (in the church) for any adults who would be willing to help with the running of the workshop.

GENERAL ELECTION 2015

The Bishops have written a joint letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies are available this weekend and can be obtained with other information from the Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the Letter and encourage others to do the same.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 9th March – Holy Hour with Benediction – St John the Evangelist, Mill End – 7.15pm

Wednesday 11th March – Lent with SS Francis and Clare – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm

Friday 13th March – Stations of the Cross – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth – 8.00pm

We hope that these Lenten devotions will be well supported by the parishioners of all three parishes.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Lenten Penitential services across the three parishes this year will be as follows:

Tuesday 17th March – 7.30pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

Thursday 19th March – 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Thursday 26th March – 7.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions as well as the parish clergy. Fr Shaun or Fr Mark are also available each Saturday for hearing confessions between 10.30am and 11.30am during the Holy Hour at Our Lady's.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in the month of Our Lady, 26-29th May. Why not escape for a few days of spiritual refreshment in the foothills of the Pyrenees? There will be opportunities to experience the famous Lourdes torchlight procession, international Mass and baths and see the sites associated with St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady, as well as time for relaxation and personal devotions. If interested, do help yourself to an itinerary and booking form from the back of the church, or speak to Fr. Mark for more details.

PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES

Since the new Mass schedule was introduced last March a number of parishioners have been regularly attending Mass in one of the other two parishes. Planned-giving envelopes are always returned to the originating parish for counting and banking. However, with the time for the issue of new planned-giving envelopes for 2015/16 approaching, there is now the opportunity for those parishioners who might wish to financially support the parish which they now most regularly attend to do so by switching to the planned-giving envelopes for that parish. For those who gift aid their offering, and wish to continue to do so, there would also be the need to sign a new Gift Aid form. **There is no obligation at all for anyone to switch their envelopes if they prefer to continue with their present arrangement, and the envelopes of such parishioners will continue to be returned to the originating parish.** However, if any parishioners would like to make the change at this time they are free to do so. Please contact Mrs Kerry Van Rensburg, our Parish Administrator, who will work with the Gift Aid promoters of each parish to provide the appropriate planned-giving boxes and Gift Aid forms as appropriate.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Spring Jumble Sale & Nearly New will be held on Saturday 14th March at 10.30am. **Book Sale & Quality Items** will be held on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March from 7 to 9pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2015 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 2015. 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).

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - YOUTH WORKER PROJECT

The parish project for *Growing in Faith* is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee of St John's, Mill End have agreed that they will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone interested in helping us to develop the vision and the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this important project forward. *Fr Shaun*

REPOSITORY - Easter cards and 1st Communion items now available in the repository.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AFTER 10.30AM MASS

Following on from the success of previous picnics we are happy to announce we will be organising one this year. Please make a note in your diaries. More details will follow. If you attend the Saturday Mass please do come along to the picnic. It is a great opportunity for us all to get together as a parish.

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The *Growing in Faith* parish project at Our Lady Help of Christians is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. I have recently agreed with the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee here at St John's, Mill End that we will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone (from either parish) interested in helping us to develop the vision and to work through the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker in the two parishes. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this important project forward. *Fr Shaun*

CHARITY FUNDRAISING QUIZ - 21ST MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

This summer I am volunteering in Uganda for six weeks in a primary school. The school operates solely due to the volunteers and the money raised by them. So please come along and have some fun whilst supporting a worthwhile charity. Quiz tables are to be a maximum of 8 adults with a cost of £10 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and I will provide the questions. If you are interested please phone or email me before Monday 9th March. Thank you in advance, Nikki Tew. Mobile 07939068211, email nikki_tew@hotmail.com

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL - MONDAY 9TH MARCH AT 8.00PM

At 8.00pm on Monday 9th March in the parish lounge there will be an extraordinary meeting of the PPC to discuss the responses received from St John Fisher parishioners concerning the review of the Mass times. As is the long-standing tradition at St John Fisher any parishioner is welcome to attend.

The **AGM** of the PPC will be held on Monday 18 May at 8.00pm; all parishioners are welcome.

The PPC represents the Parish community as a whole in promoting the mission of Christ and his Church in the Parish and in the local community. To refresh the membership of the Council, four new members join the Council each year at the AGM. If you think you may be able to help the PPC, please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Mark by 30 April.

APF/MISSIO RED BOXES - please will you bring your red boxes to church by next weekend (14th/15th March) at the latest for Mary Latimer to complete the March collection. Thank you.

COFFEE AND TEA - please stay for a while after Mass this Sunday morning, when coffee and tea will be served.

PARISH MUSIC

As our Music Coordinator will be leaving this summer, the Parish is looking for more people to support in any of three musical roles: Playing the organ; Leading, organising and coordinating the choir; Selecting appropriate hymns and music to complement the liturgy. If you think you may be able to help in any way, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Patricia O'Sullivan.

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish is looking for someone to maintain its website. It is not an onerous task and no previous experience is necessary as the current website administrator will provide instruction. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Alan Opie.

CAFOD VOLUNTEER

The Parish is looking for a CAFOD volunteer who would be responsible for promoting the Lent and Harvest Fast days. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Alan Opie.

PARISH GARDEN

Peter Mackie has kindly taken on responsibility for the Parish garden. If you are able to help with grass cutting, leaf collection and tidying up the garden, please contact Peter or Alan Opie.

ST PATRICK'S DAY AND EASTER CARDS - a good selection of cards are available in the lounge.

	This Week 7 March / 8 March				Next Week 14 March / 15 March			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	T Leslie	B McMahon	E Harris	Peter Mackie	R Ellis	M Herbert	E O'Sullivan	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	D Gibney	M Williamson	L Turnbull	Francis Holly	J Hale	T Hartney	F Holly	Mark Gibson
8 March	Laundry: V Terrill			13 March Church Cleaning: J. McEwen				