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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Who doesn't want to be blessed? Being blessed conjures up images of peace, prosperity, perfection. For Jesus, being blessed is more than here-and-now, tangible happiness. Being blessed comes from the joy of being of, in and with him – now and forever.

Jesus began to teach the Beatitudes to his disciples. He is saying that discipleship must be rooted in, shaped by, arise from his own blessedness. His blessedness is marked by giving of self, emptying of self, letting go of self. Jesus taught us that being blessed is being of, in, and with him. We arrive at the promise of the Beatitudes – “*they shall*” – after a lifetime of faithful discipleship.

Who doesn't want to be blessed? All those who choose to be greedy, proud, unjust, callous, self-righteous, self-promoting, egotistical, sowers of discord, persecutors, maligners, dishonest. Who is blessed? Jesus has told us. The challenge is for us to be, do, and live as Jesus.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

**Response to Psalm:** How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

#### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £428.40; Loose Plate: £496.12; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1434.52**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £347.20; Loose Plate: £149.14; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £693.34**

**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

<b>SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	11.30am 12.00pm 7.15pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms Young Adults Pub Social	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Coach & Horses
<b>MON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	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
<b>TUE 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall RCIA - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
<b>THU 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.45am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral Service - Mary Hornsby RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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
<b>SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b> <i>St THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Canon Charles Acton RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Phyllis Ryan RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Canon Charles Acton RIP
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b> <i>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Denise Waters RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Nan O'Driscoll RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Tony & Ann Clark RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Canon John McDonald RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Diane O'Brien & Family (Ints.)	
<b>TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY</b> <i>St JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Eric Selley RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Padraig & Marguerite Horan (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Desiree Addison (Ints.)		
<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN &amp; THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Eric Selley RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) McAleavy Family RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.) & Jacqueline Grove RIP <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Den D'Cruze RIP	<b>9am</b> 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 Westhrop, 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 **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** at **10.45am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

### MARTINA McLEAN RIP

The funeral service of Martina McLean will take place at Our Lady's at **11.00am** on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### THANK YOU

Beryl and the Selley family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the wonderful cards, the beautiful flowers, the donations and also for the many Masses that have been offered for the repose of Eric's soul. Thank you also for the kind words and good wishes, these have meant so much to us.

### 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*

### CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the concert. Once a date has been agreed, we will advertise this in the newsletter.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING WITH FR SHAUN

Parents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children are reminded that they will be a meeting with Fr Shaun on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Our Lady's Hall.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE –MAY/JUNE 2017

There will be a pilgrimage from **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016** The itinerary and booking forms are available in the parishes this weekend and are also downloadable from the parish websites. *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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There is the opportunity for 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 parishioner would like to make the change at this time they are free to do so. Please contact Kerry, 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.

### 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.

Pub Social

## Young Adults

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.



## Flame

We're going to FLAME!!

What? **10,000 young people**

Live music by Matt Redman

Drama, guest talks and adoration

When? **Saturday 11 March**

Where? **Wembley Arena**

Age 14-25, £15. Please contact Anke to register.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The parish AGM will take place at **3.00pm** on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SUMMARY NOTE OF PPC MEETING

A Summary Note of the PPC Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 is now available for download from the parish website. A copy is also posted on the porch noticeboard, and a few "hard" copies are available at the back of church for those without access to the internet.

### SERRA CLUB OF SOUTH-WEST HERTFORDSHIRE

Serra is a worldwide organisation fostering through prayer vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Next Sunday, **5<sup>th</sup> February**, a member of the local Serra Group will be appealing to parishioners of Our Lady's to commit to a monthly Mass on a day of their choice when they offer up their Mass for vocations. Please do respond to the appeal.

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (5<sup>th</sup> February)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### 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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 this **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### NEW ROTAS FOR WELCOMERS, READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Please pick up your copy from the lobby. We very much welcome new volunteers for any of the three ministries and we are always particularly in need of more welcomers and Ministers of Communion for both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please don't be shy about volunteering as we'd love you to join us! If you'd like to help, please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark, Maureen Foggo or Alan Opie. As always, grateful thanks to everyone who currently helps with these roles.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE IN CHORLEYWOOD

This year's service has been put together by the women of the Philippines and it will be held at 10.30am on Friday 3 March at Christ Church. Everyone is most welcome to attend and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

### COFFEE AND TEA

All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass this Saturday (**28<sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>28/29 Jan.</b>	M Fields	C Pierce	P Goble	A Opie	J Donohoe	J McEwen	Carolyn & Una	T Price
<b>4/5 Feb.</b>	GF	A Penn	E O'Sullivan	U Lean	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Peter & Ann	J Whelan

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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 **24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.