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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 31ST JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When do words motivate us to act? Sometimes when the speaker is a beloved figure whom we trust. At others times when the words align with our own dreams and expectations. Or when the words are new and promising. When do the words of Jesus motivate us to act?

The people's response to Jesus' initial words in the synagogue (last Sunday's gospel) was positive – we are told in today's gospel that his gracious words won the approval of all. Their reaction to his subsequent words (in today's Gospel) about "a widow at Zarephath" and "the Syrian, Naaman", however, was rage and vengeance. What triggered this change?

Jesus' prophetic words are not just nice sayings. They are challenges that get to the core of who and how we are. What motivates us to hear Jesus' prophetic words and internalize them is that he is the beloved One whom we can trust, who fulfils our truest dreams, who promises newness of life. What do we hear Jesus saying to us today? What is our response?

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.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

Response to Psalm: My lips will tell of your help.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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 6:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 (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: £713.20; Loose Plate: £381.24; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1604.44**

Mill End: Envelopes: £301.00; Loose Plate: £178.06; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £578.06**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 31ST JANUARY	11.30am	Sunday Brunch (proceeds donated to Aid to the Church in Need)	St John the Evangelist
MON 1ST FEBRUARY	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 2ND FEBRUARY	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues Course - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 3RD FEBRUARY			
THU 4TH FEBRUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 5TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 6TH FEBRUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 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
MONDAY 1 ST FEBRUARY	9.30am John & Doreen Mes RIP	9.30am Margaret Connor RIP	
TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30am Daniel Barry RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY <i>SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY</i>		9.30am Jeanette Perry's Family (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 4 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY <i>ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>	9.30am For Persecuted Christians		9.30am Private Intention
SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY <i>ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	10am For Missionaries	6pm (Vigil) Lenny Slevin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 7 TH FEBRUARY <i>5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Valerie Foster RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Susie Maguire RIP

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

1st COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING WITH FR SHAUN - TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

1st Communion parents are reminded that there is a meeting with Fr Shaun from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Our Lady's Hall.

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.

JOAN MARIONI RIP

The Reception of the Body of Joan Marioni RIP will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 8th February** at **6.00pm**. Her funeral will be at **11.00am** on **Tuesday 9th February**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE

The Diocese has now made it possible for parishes to make available a new way to 'top up' your offerings or to make special gifts. By using your mobile telephone, you can now text £5 as an offering to help support the running costs, ministries and programmes, or the cost of maintenance and repairs to our buildings. Simply text '**Parish RICKM**' [for Rickmansworth], '**Parish CHORL**' [for Chorleywood] or '**Parish MILLE**' [for Mill End] to **70800**. This is authorised by the parish and the diocese; it's totally safe and convenient. You will not receive unsolicited calls or spam texts. The Diocese of Westminster is sponsoring this programme in all 215 parishes across the Diocese, so there is no cost to the parishes. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Shaun or contact the Diocese at 020 7798 9375.

LENT PROGRAMME – SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

As part of our Lent 2016 programme, we will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues*. After a general introduction to sin and virtue, Bishop Barron discusses each of the traditional seven deadly sins and sets them against their opposing virtues, e.g. pride vs humility, envy vs admiration. The programme will be held on Tuesday evenings at **7.30pm** as part of the Faith Matters Discussion Group at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End, commencing on **2nd February** (two weeks before the beginning of Lent due to the length of the programme). We hope that many parishioners will take advantage of this Lenten opportunity to look in a fresh way at the nature of sin and virtue.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the solemn season of Lent, is on 10th February. Masses (with the imposition of ashes) across the three parishes will be as follows: 9.30am at St John the Evangelist, Mill End; 9.30am and 8.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth; 8.00pm at St John Fisher, Chorleywood.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 4 MARCH 2016 AT 2.00PM

Our Lady Help of Christians is hosting this annual interdenominational service this year, prepared by the Christian women of Cuba, with the theme 'Receive children. Receive me'. Please put the date in your diary. It would be wonderful to have our three Parishes well represented, and of course both men and women would be most welcome. Contact person: Cristina MacGillivray 01923 774840.

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.

Parents are reminded that the Mass attendance cards come into operation next weekend. Fr Shaun

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)

Will be meeting 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 become 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.

GENERAL NOTICES

QUIET SPACE – WAITING ON GOD IN SILENCE

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, at St Thomas' Church West Hyde/Maple Cross. Gathering from 9.15 am for 9.30am start. For more details contact Dianne on 07887 387222 or Kathy on 07712 626169.

A LENT JOURNEY – 12th, 19th FEBRUARY, 4th, 11th & 18th MARCH – 12 NOON - 3.00PM or 6.30PM to 9.30PM

Come and share some quiet reflection, a simple vegetarian meal and fellowship. Reflections will be on themes taken from *Wondrous Encounters* by Richard Rohr. Penlar, North Way, Pinner, HA5 3NY. Bookings - contactsuewilson@gmail.com

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

AGM & 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*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A summary note of the PPC Meeting on 11th January is now available on the PPC Tab on the parish website. A few hard copies are available at the back of church.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (7TH 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

AGM & 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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SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S (31ST JANUARY)

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place this Sunday 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!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COFFEE AND TEA THIS SATURDAY

All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass this Saturday.

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 30 / 31 January				Next week 6 / 7 February			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	J Ingham	S Hoy	P Goble	Una Lean	M Foggo	M Foggo	C Johnson	Marguerite Watkins
9am Mass	M Calvert	D Treanor	L Turnbull	Patsy Tyden	U Lean	P Byrne	J Hale	Don Williamson
31 January Laundry: T Price		5 February Church Cleaning: A Dennis						