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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's gospel complements the previous account of the beatitudes. 'Happy are you!' declared Jesus to those to whom he announced persecution. Today he reveals who they are. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The scriptures prescribed the use of salt, a covenant sign, on all the offerings made to God. Salt was also considered a fertilizer. For Israel, light was a symbol of messianic revelation triumphing over the darkness of paganism. We must live, then, as salt for the earth and light for the world. The prophet Isaiah points the way. If we pursue justice for the oppressed and care for those in need, we will be true to our mission to preserve, to nurture and to enlighten all humanity. Through our lives, Jesus Christ, the true light of the world, will shine on in the darkness, a darkness that will not overcome it.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10

**Response to Psalm:** The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

#### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £489.65; Loose Plate: £367.78; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: 1367.43**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £344.87; Loose Plate: £237.15; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £779.02**

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am 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 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Youth Group (Year 7-8) - Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall RCIA - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>THU 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	6.00pm - 8.00pm 7.45pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Youth Group (Year 9-11) - Hall SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Burial of Ashes - Lee Kearney RIP & Kathleen Birch RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral Service - Martina McLean RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<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</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <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
<b>MONDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>St PAUL MIKI &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> Colin Conroy RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY		<b>9.30am</b> Margaret Connor RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Hazel Reilly (Ints.)		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>St SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Lee Kearney RIP & Kathleen Birch RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Frank Rice RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> May Follett RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Patricia Colverson RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Wright RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### 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, Christina Thomas and Nalene Nixon.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderigg; 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

### 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**.

### LEE KEARNEY RIP & KATHLEEN BIRCH RIP

The ashes of Lee Kearney and Kathleen Birch will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### 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.

### SOUP LUNCH FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

A huge 'Thank you' to all the soup and bread makers, the helpers and especially to all who came to support the lunch. Not only was it a lovely community occasion but enough money was donated to fund more than 42 Vinnie cold weather packs. Many, many thanks.

### 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 this **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*

### BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If you were confirmed last year (or in 2015 or 2014) and would like your baptism certificate back, please contact Kerry at the parish office (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm).

### 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.

### 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.

## Youth Group

Hello! Thank you to all who came to youth last time, you are officially the best at silly games!

Our youth group meetings this month:

**Year 7-8 meet on 7 and 21 February in Mill End, 6—7.30 pm.** I think it's time for some drama...

**Year 9-11 meet on 9 and 23 February at Our Lady's, 6—8 pm.** Can't wait to have some more hot chocolate.

See you there! Anke

## 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.

To register, please contact

Anke before 1 March.



## 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. This 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 this Sunday.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### THANK YOU

Dear Friends, we were overwhelmed to receive your lovely card and then your incredibly generous gift of a bench for our new home. It was the perfect present for us as we are very busy enjoying our sea views and now we'll be able to sit down whilst doing so! We're so grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness and the plaque is there on the bench to remind us (not that it's needed!) of the community which nurtured and supported us in faith, family, friendship and song for so long. With our grateful thanks and best wishes. *Anna and Ewan Smith*

### 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.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Tea and coffee will be served after the 9 o'clock Mass next Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> February). If you can, please stay for a short while and have a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

### 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.

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### 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>4/5 Feb.</b>	GF	A Penn	C Johnson	U Lean	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Peter & Ann	J Whelan
<b>11/12 Feb.</b>	A Dennis	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	J Hale	J Whelan	AM Farnsworth	Una & Kate	S Tarrant

## GENERAL NOTICES

### CAFOD - Tackling Poverty and Injustice

All are welcome to join us for a first-hand account on CAFOD's long term development work in Zambia. The talk will take place next **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February** from 10am to 12 noon at the CAFOD volunteer centre, 1st Floor, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Coffee served from 9.30am.

For further information regarding our supporters day or to book a place contact us on 0208-449-6970 or email [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)