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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 12TH FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The fulfilment of traffic laws, tax laws, financial laws, for example, lies in simply doing what they mandate. The fulfilment of God's law, however, lies in far more than the doing. Keeping God's law arises from an encounter with Jesus who is the fulfilment of all law. Encounter with Jesus makes possible right relationship with God and others which is, indeed, the foundation of all law.

At its core, the law calls us to relate to one another with respect, righteousness and integrity. How we relate to one another reveals our relationship with Jesus and where we stand in "the kingdom of heaven." The "kingdom of heaven" is not ethereal but very earthly, embedded in the concrete ways we treat one another in ordinary circumstances of human living. Jesus came to fulfil in his very way of interacting with us this deepest meaning of God's law and this clarifying truth about the kingdom.

We treat others with respect when, for example, we listen to what they have to say. We are in right relationship with others when, for example, we honour their inherent dignity. These ways of relating are Jesus' ways of relating. They bring us to him. They bring us to others. They bring us to fulfilment of the law. They bring us to the "kingdom of heaven."

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Response to Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Sunday's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £953.50; Loose Plate: £410.56; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1874.06**

Mill End: Envelopes: £250.50; Loose Plate: £202.69; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £650.19**

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

SUN 12TH FEBRUARY	10.00am 12.45pm 3.00pm	Coffee and tea after Mass for all Baptisms Rickmansworth Parish AGM - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 13TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall NO Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 14TH FEBRUARY	7.30pm	Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 15TH FEBRUARY			
THU 16TH FEBRUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 17TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 18TH FEBRUARY	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 11 TH FEBRUARY	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Frank Rice RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY <i>6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am May Follett RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Patricia Colverson RIP	10.30am Mary Wright RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 13 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Shirley McCarthy RIP	
TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY <i>SS CYRIL, MONK, & METHODIUS, BISHOP</i>	9.30am For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY		9.30am Tom Bugler RIP	
THURSDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Ron Scahill RIP		
FRIDAY 17 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 18 TH FEBRUARY	10.00am Anna Khurwal	6pm (Vigil) Kathleen & Percy Mathews RIP	6pm (Vigil) Joyce Dowling RIP & Irene Foggo RIP
SUNDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY <i>7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family Ints. 11am Sheila Sharp RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Margaret Connor RIP	9am 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, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson, Christina Thomas and Nalene Nixon.

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

GROWING IN FAITH – PARISH BULLETINS

The latest Parish Bulletins showing the progress of the Growing in Faith campaign are now on display on the noticeboards of the relevant parishes.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the solemn season of Lent, is on **1st March**. 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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 19th February** at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE –MAY/JUNE 2017

There will be a pilgrimage from **Tuesday 30th May to Sunday 4th 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).

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE (RICKMANSWORTH)

This year's service has been put together by the women of the Philippines and it will be held at **1.30pm** on Friday **3rd March** at Rickmansworth Baptist Church, High Street. Everyone is most welcome.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches - thank you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

The Mass for bereaved parents will take place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm**. It's a time to remember, to pray, to give thanks, and to entrust deceased children to the Lord. All are welcome to attend.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm.

The Cardinal 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 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 **24th March 2017**.

FAITH MATTERS: LENT 2017 - 'FACES OF MERCY'

7th March - 'When I was in prison...' by Mgr. Roger Reader, Prison Adviser, Catholic Bishop's Conference

14th March - 'When I was a sick...' by Fr Peter-Michael Scott, The Cardinal's Advisor for Healthcare Chaplaincy

21th March - 'When I was a stranger...' by Sarah Teather, Director, Jesuit Refugee Service UK

28th March - 'Seeing Mercy' by Fr Geoffrey Wheaton, SJ, Jesuit Priest

Where: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. **When:** 7-8.30pm

Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4 per talk.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The parish AGM will take place at **3pm on Sunday 12th 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 9th 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.

200 CLUB - congratulations to D. Edwards (£40), C. Williamson (£30), J. Westthrop (£20) and M. Bridge-Madden (£10)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUMMARY NOTE OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

A Summary Note of the PPC meeting held on 11th January 2017 is now on display on the noticeboard. It can also be downloaded from the parish website and a few "hard" copies are available in the porch for those without access to the internet.

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 **19th 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 26th 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 this Sunday (12th 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.

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 **3rd March** at Christ Church. Everyone is most welcome to attend and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
11/12 Feb.	A Dennis	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	J Hale	J Whelan	AM Farnsworth	Ann & Kate	S Tarrant
18/19 Feb.	M Foggo	GF	P Goble	A Opie	C Holly	J Hale	Carolyn & Francis	S Treanor

Youth Group

Dates for youth group until Easter:

Year 7-8 (Mill End, 6—7.30 pm)

21 February

7 March

21 March

Year 9-11 (Our Lady's, 6—8 pm)

23 February

9 March

23 March

Flame

We're going to FLAME!!

10,000 young people, live music by Matt Redman, drama & guest talks!
Saturday 11 March @ Wembley

Age 13-25; £15. If you would like to join us, please pick up one of the forms in the back of the church and return it to Anke before 1 March.

Young Adults

Pub Social

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 26 February** for a drink and a chat.