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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 19TH FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Human excesses are always difficult to overcome: overeating, over-drinking, overspending, overworking, over medicating. Divine excesses are always life-giving: forgiveness without counting, mercy without limit, love without bounds, care without recompense, Life beyond death.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us we must give more and go further than we would normally choose in our relationships with one another. We are to do so because we are children of our heavenly Father who wish to be perfect like this Father. In the person of Jesus we see the Father's perfection. What do others see in us?

Others see in us the perfection of God when we personify the excesses of God. For example, when we stop for the hundredth time to answer a child's question, when we continue to smile at a co-worker who never smiles back, when we give to someone in need without being asked. In these ways others see in us the perfection of God. They see in us the personification of God's excesses toward us.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

Response to Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £434.71; Loose Plate: £384.60; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1329.31**

Mill End: Envelopes: £270.07; Loose Plate: £150.93; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £618.00**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of January - **£2180.41**

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 19TH FEBRUARY	8.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School
MON 20TH FEBRUARY	10.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 21ST FEBRUARY	10.15am 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Youth Group (Year 7-8) - Hall 1 st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall RCIA - Hall	Mary Latimer's Flat St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 22ND FEBRUARY	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 23RD FEBRUARY	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
FRI 24TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 25TH FEBRUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tea and Coffee after Mass	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
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
MONDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Caroline Kirwan RIP	9.30am Catherine O'Donoghue (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 21 ST FEBRUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY <i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE</i>		9.30am John O'Connell RIP	
THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY <i>ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Desiree Addison (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 24 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Eric Selley RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 25 TH FEBRUARY	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Natalie Zammit (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY <i>8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Frank Garvey RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Nora Connor RIP (Anniv.)	9am Frank Garvey 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, 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, Mary Harris and Michael Dixon.

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

SOME SAD NEWS

It is with sadness that I share with you the news that the Daughters of Jesus have decided, due to diminishing numbers and increasing frailty, to close their convent at Blakenhall in Nightingale Road. They are very sad to be leaving and we will certainly be very sad to see them go. However, the Congregation of the Daughters of Jesus needs to be sensible and practical in making the right decision for the sisters and for the Congregation as a whole. The Daughters of Jesus have been here since Our Lady's parish was founded and have been actively involved in the local community since that time, not least in their service at both St Joan of Arc's and St John's schools. It is likely that the sisters will be leaving towards the end of the year and we will obviously have a special Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell for them before they depart. *Fr Shaun*

LENT 2017

Our Lenten programme for 2017 will consist of the following:

- Robert Barron's DVD Course **Conversion** in which he showcases six stories of conversion from the Bible. Mondays and Wednesdays of Lent. Mondays at 1.30pm at St John's, Mill End and Wednesdays at 7.45pm in Our Lady's hall.
- A Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament with reflections from the writings of St Thomas Aquinas on the Mondays of Lent at 7.30pm at Our Lady's.
- Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm: Chorleywood: 10th and 31st March; Mill End 17th March and 7th April; Rickmansworth 24th March and 14th April.

HELPING OUR WELCOMERS

In all three parishes we are blessed with wonderful teams of Welcomers at Mass. They do a fantastic job in welcoming parishioners to church and providing them with all they need for the Mass. As you will appreciate, in order to fulfil their role Welcomers need to arrive quite early before the Mass and often stay after everyone else has left to tidy up the church. In this regard, it would greatly help our Welcomers if parishioners could please return hymnbooks (Rickmansworth and Mill End) and, if they are not taking them home, missalettes (Mill End and Chorleywood) and the newsletter to where they were picked up. We really do need more Welcomers in all three parishes. If you would be willing to get involved please let me know. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

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 this **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.

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.

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.

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**.

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

An encounter with God, an encounter with yourself, an encounter with others. Sharing together in God's love and mercy.

Venue: Our Lady & St Michael's, Garston, Watford.

Saturday 11th March 10am - 4.30pm (Mass at 3.30pm). Soup and sandwich lunch 12-1pm. For further information please contact Fr Dave 01923 673239 or Chris 07587 046985.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

At the Parish AGM on Sunday 12th February I announced that I have appointed Jane Riddleston, Teresa Dinsey, Steph MacGillivray and Paul Burke as members of the PPC to serve a two year term of office. I am very grateful to them for accepting my invitation to join the PPC. I am very grateful to Samantha Benson, Maud Cutting, Dave Pione and Michael Curtin, whose term of office has now come to a conclusion, for the support and commitment they have given over the past two and half years. I also express my thanks to Christina Calderato, elected to the PPC last February, who is stepping down at this time due to other commitments. In accordance with the Terms of Reference four new members will be elected to the PPC at the next AGM in February 2018. *Fr Shaun*

MONEY MATTERS

Copies of the Summary of the 2016 Parish Annual Financial Return are available at the back of the church.

SERRA CLUB OF SOUTH-WEST HERTFORDSHIRE

Serra would like to thank all those who agreed to offer one of their Masses each month for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are delighted by your generous response to our appeal two weeks' ago. There is a list of names in the porch and a prayer card at the back of the Church for anyone who would like one

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 12 noon on Sunday 5th March. There will be reports from the Parish Priest, the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee (who will present the 2016 Financial Return), our Parish Youth Worker and our SVP Conference. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 26th February** 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!

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.

200 CLUB RELAUNCH

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 closing date is this Sunday (**19th February**). 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

LADIES MEETING

The next meeting is this coming Tuesday, 21st February, 10.15am, at Mary Latimer's flat (18 Turney's Orchard). All are most welcome.

COFFEE AND TEA - all are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass next Saturday (25th February).

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		
18/19 Feb.	M Foggo	GF	P Goble	A Opie	C Holly	J Hale	Carolyn & Francis	S Treanor
25/26 Feb.	J Ingham	M Foggo	M Latimer	D Treanor	L Munro	E Price	Marguerite & Patsy	V Terrill

Youth Group

Youth groups are meeting this week!

Year 7-8 (Mill End, 6—7.30 pm) meet on Tuesday **21 February**.

Year 9-11 (Our Lady's, 6—8 pm) meet on Thursday **23 February**.

We look forward to having you join us for some crazy games, food, more games and reflection!

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.