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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C) 20TH NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When people belittle or ridicule us, our natural reaction is to become defensive, lash out, and put them in their place. On the cross, Jesus is sneered at, jeered, and reviled. Yet he does not respond in like manner; either to the criminals hanging next to him or to the soldiers executing him. Jesus has shown us another way.

Even on the cross, suffering and dying, Jesus does not act to save himself, but does act to save the Good Thief and declares that he will “come into his kingdom.” In the kingdom of Christ we are lovingly embraced by the beloved Son who wills for us salvation – fullness of life. In this very embrace is the kingdom of God present.

Christ is King not over a geographical realm. He reigns over the hearts of all those who open themselves to his invitation to be with him always. We are with him now – and are cooperating with him in furthering his kingdom – when we forgive those who have hurt us, reach out to those who are trying to change and grow, expand our hearts to welcome those who are marginalized. This is the way Jesus has shown us; this is what Jesus has saved us for; this is the way we live into Paradise.

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Response to Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44 (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: £453.00; Loose Plate: £470.71; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1433.71**

Mill End: Envelopes: £360.01; Loose Plate: £202.13; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £661.14**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2321.93**

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. It’s Easy! Thank You!

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 20TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 10.00am 12.30pm 1.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass for all SVP Community Lunch Coach - visit to Our Lady of the Holy Souls	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher St John's School Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 21ST NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 22ND NOVEMBER	10.10am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 23RD NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Annual Flower Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 24TH NOVEMBER	11.00am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral Mass - Mario Cocomazzi RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 25TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12.30pm 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Christmas Fair Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John Fisher 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 19 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mary Parker
SUNDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Graham Baldwin RIP 6pm Frank & Mary Leary RIP	10.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
TUESDAY 22 ND NOVEMBER <i>St CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		No Mass today
WEDNESDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER <i>St ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		No Mass today
SATURDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER <i>1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	9am Gregory McEwen 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, Eric Selley and Oliver Watson.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor and Mary Hornsby

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, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard, Don Williamson and Aidan Mahony.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the Sick and Retired Priests collection last weekend. The response of love and concern was heart-warming. If you forgot to make your donation, there's still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can even donate online through the Diocese's website. The care of priests in their old age, especially the infirm and chronically ill ones, is a priority of the Diocese, and I think it's a way to say 'Thank you' to the priests who've been there for us. May God bless you greatly for your generosity. *Fr Shaun*

VISIT TO OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS, KENSAL NEW TOWN

Those parishioners who have booked a place on the coach to Kensal New Town this Sunday are reminded that the coach leaves from Our Lady's at 1.30pm. We would be grateful if you could please remember to bring with you £6 per person as a donation towards the cost of the hire of the coach.

WELCOME TO ANKE VOS, OUR PARISH YOUTH WORKER

Anke has now taken up here appointment as Parish Youth Worker and will be introducing herself at the 6.00pm Mass at St John's, Mill End on Saturday evening, at the 8.30am, 11.00am and 6.00pm Masses at Our Lady's. Next weekend, Anke will introduce herself at the 10.30am Mass at St John's, Mill End. I know that you will all give Anke a warm welcome and every encouragement as she begins her ministry with the young people of our parishes. *Fr Shaun*

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2016

The leaflet giving the times and locations of the Advent Programme, Advent Reconciliation Services and Christmas Masses across the three parishes is now available. Please take a copy home with you this weekend.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A copy of the Annual Review and the Annual Report and Accounts for the Diocese are available at the back of the church for parishioners to review. We would ask that these please be not removed from the church, so that all those who wish to review them may do so with ease. Both the Annual Report and the Accounts and the shorter Annual Report are available on the Diocesan website at www.rcdow.org.uk/publications.

VINNY SPITERI RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Vinny Spiteri who died on Friday morning at the age of 104. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time. Details of her funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

GREGORY McEWEN RIP

The funeral of Gregory McEwen will take place at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont on **Monday 21st November at 2.30pm**. We commend his soul to the Lord and we keep in our prayers his wife Jennifer and all their family at this very tragic and difficult time for them.

MARIO COCOMAZZI RIP

The funeral Mass of **Mario Cocomazzi** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 24th November at 11.00am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

PENELOPE ARMSTRONG RIP

The body of Penelope Armstrong will be received at St. Michael's, Garston on **Thursday 24th November at 5.00pm** and her Funeral Mass will take place there at **11.00am on Friday 25th November**. Penny's funeral will be followed by a reception/wake at Pheasant Court, 10 Holstmere Close, Watford WD25 9AF. The committal of Penny's body will take place at 4.00pm on Friday 25th November at West Herts Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Garston. Donations in lieu of flowers to CAFOD. We commend Penny to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 20th November 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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2017 - now available priced £4.50 each.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE- NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2017

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Nursery/Reception 2017 as follows:

Monday 5th December 4.30-5.30pm; Tuesday 13th December 4.30-5.30pm and Friday 16th December 5pm to 6pm.

All three sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment or to bring with you the child for whom you are applying for a place; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you.

Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card. If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

This Christmas we would like once again to make up gift bags for the ladies currently living at the Catholic Worker Farm and Mary House. It was a great success last year and much appreciated. There are twelve ladies and we are asking for: jewellery, scarves, gloves (in good condition) shower gel, body butter and lotion. These items can be left in the collection boxes in the three church porches. Thank you, SVP

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2017/18 & Secondary Transfer 2018

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception transfer place in a Catholic School for **September 2018** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or Fr Mark after Mass this weekend. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains **very important** information regarding what is required of you in order for us to be able to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your family.

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 2017** 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.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (BERRY LANE, RICKMANSWORTH)

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 26th November from 1.00pm - 4.00pm**. All most welcome - please come along and support our school.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

BAKE SALE IN SUPPORT OF HCPT GROUP 183

The Rhodes family are running a bake sale after the 8.30am and 11.00am Masses this weekend in support of Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) Group 183. HCPT is a charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK. Do come to the hall lobby after Mass to today and buy some delicious baked good in support of this worthy cause.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If any parishioner feels that he or she can help with the church flowers, we are in need of some new volunteers. We are having our annual meeting on **Wednesday, 23rd November** at **7.30pm** in the small church hall and you would be very welcome to join us. Alternatively, please contact Annie 01923 448663.

ADVENT FAIR NEXT WEEKEND! SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 9AM - 1PM.

Please can cake bakers take their donations to the hall on Saturday afternoon 3-4.30pm or from 8am on Sunday morning. Last call for tombola and raffle donations. Please call Laura to arrange collection (07939 224664). A big thank you for all the contributions so far. Please please spread the word and **come and support the fair next weekend**. We have some fantastic boutique stalls selling festive cards, gifts and local produce and of course, bacon and sausage sandwiches will be available. We are raising money for a very worthy cause, the children's charity HCPT which has connections with our parish. All 3 parishes and their friends are most welcome!

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates, Homemade cakes and any unwanted gifts to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates and unwanted gifts for the Tombola's, all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the 10th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (11th December).

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale in the porch after Saturday evening Mass and both before and after Sunday Morning Mass this weekend up to 4th December. First Prize will be £100, 2nd Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 27th November** 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!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW – THANKSGIVING BOOK

We are now ready to proceed to the next stage of preparation of the Thanksgiving Book for the new stained glass window. Would donors check the wording of their thanksgivings for accuracy before we produce the final versions for the Thanksgiving Book. There is a folder in the porch containing the remaining pages that still need to be collected. Please **print clearly** onto your sheet any changes or corrections that you wish to be made and then tick the appropriate box at the bottom of your thanksgiving page to show that either a.) the text is correct as it stands, or b.) that it should be amended as per the changes you have provided. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS are now on sale in the repository.

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL - THANK YOU

Thank you for taking part in our recent appeal. If you missed signing a promise card, and would like donation envelopes/standing order form (bankers order) or wish to **Gift Aid**, please complete a promise card available at the back of the Church.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASS - please note there will be no weekday Masses at St John Fisher, Chorleywood this week.

NEW PRIEST'S LECTERN

Thanks to very generous donations from two parishioners, we have been able to commission a new wooden priest's lectern to match the wooden Ambo lectern. The new lectern will be in use from this weekend. We are very grateful for the generosity of so many parishioners, which has made it possible for us to provide dignified and beautiful furnishings for the reordered church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available for sale in the lounge.

CHOIR

There is a rehearsal on **30th November**. We are inviting people to 'join for Christmas' and come along to the rehearsals. We're particularly in need of men to join us. It doesn't matter if you don't read music, or don't read it well - willingness to sing is what we want more than anything else.

OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR IS NEXT SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER FROM 10.00AM TO 12.30PM

Please continue to bring all your excellent gifts for all of the stalls, bottles, gifts, jewellery, books, toys, bric-a-brac, plants, cakes and groceries and leave them in the kitchen. On Sunday after Mass we will be setting up for the Fair. Please could all fit and able parishioners help with moving the chairs and bringing in the tables and books, and also after the Fair 12.30, to reconstruct the Chapel. We will be open all day on Friday, 25th, 10 to 5, for your last minute offerings or phone Mary, 284975, for any other time. We will be selling raffle tickets after both Masses this weekend, please buy some if you cannot get there, but, most importantly, please do come and bring your children to enjoy our Fair and help to support some of the World's neediest people. Thank you so much, from Mary and the Sub-com.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
19/20 Nov.	J Ingham	GF	M Latimer	U Lean	A Opie	AM Farnsworth	Marguerite & Kate	S Treanor
26/27 Nov.	E O'Sullivan	R Ellis	P Goble	J Hale	T D'Urso	E Price	Peter & Una	V Terrill