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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 14TH JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

In the 1st reading and the gospel we see people introducing others to God. The prophet Eli told Samuel to respond to the voice that called him personally by name, saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". John the Baptist told his own disciples to look at Jesus 'the lamb of God', not himself. Similarly, Andrew, a former disciple of John the Baptist, told his brother Peter that he had 'found the Messiah', and he took Peter to meet Jesus.

We needed people to introduce us to God. Similarly, Jesus commands us to introduce others to him. It's not easy introducing our family, friends, and loved ones, who may have fallen away from faith, or who have not been introduced to Jesus. Why? Many people have been introduced to, and rejected, a false idea of the Catholic Christian faith, as if it is just some sort of charitable NGO, a non-governmental organisation, as good as that work is.

People today need to know the truth that God loves them personally, and that they can have a relationship with Him. Like the prophet Eli, we need to create an invitational space to invite non-churchgoers to hear God calling them by name personally. Like John the Baptist, we need to ensure that Mass times, worship styles, music, notice boards, newsletters, church décor, the sacramental life, everything we say and do, focus exclusively on introducing non-church goers to Jesus, and not just because it suits us, or because 'we've always done it this way'. Like St. Andrew, we need to say with authentic courage, 'we have found the Messiah', and to introduce people to him.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Response to Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Sunday's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5. 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £740.95; Loose Plate: £395.13; Standing Orders: £747.79 **Total: £1883.87**

Mill End: Envelopes: £250.50; Loose Plate: £198.68; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £646.18**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£2779.57**

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 14TH JANUARY			
MON 15TH JANUARY	10.00am - 12 noon 7.15pm - 8.45pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Confirmation Course - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 16TH JANUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 17TH JANUARY			
THU 18TH JANUARY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 19TH JANUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH JANUARY	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 13 TH JANUARY	10.00am Agnes McAleenan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Michael James Denning RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 14 TH JANUARY <i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Xenia Murray RIP (Anniv.) 11am Jack Crowley RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Reg Viner RIP (Anniv.)	9am Una Maguire RIP
MONDAY 15 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Jimmy & Margaret Smith RIP	
TUESDAY 16 TH JANUARY	9.30am Agnes McAleenan RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WED 17TH JANUARY <i>St ANTHONY, ABBOT</i>		9.30am Private Intention	
THURSDAY 18 TH JANUARY	9.30am John & Kathleen Andrews & Family (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 19 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 20 TH JANUARY	10.00am Agnes McAleenan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21 ST JANUARY <i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Joe & Jacqueline Grove RIP 11am Benjamin Roy (Ints.) 6pm Joan Marioni RIP	10.30am Tom & Una Bugler RIP	9am William Foley (Senior) RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Mike Townend.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Pat Beaton, Audrey and Paddy Lewin

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS AND THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PASTORAL COUNCILS

In November I wrote to explain that in 2018 we will begin the transition from three pastoral councils to one joint pastoral council to serve the three parishes. The Annual Parish Meetings (APMs) of the three parishes will take place as follows:

St John's, Mill End – Sunday 18th February 2018 at 12 noon

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – Sunday 25th February at 3.00pm

St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Tuesday 20th March at 8.00pm

We are now inviting nominations for **two** places on each of the pastoral councils. Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner (please be sure to ask them before doing so). The new members elected at the APMs in 2018 will serve on the existing pastoral councils for one year, and then a further two years on the new joint pastoral council from February/March 2019. During 2018 the three pastoral councils will work with me to determine how the joint pastoral council will be constituted, function and ensure that the “everyday” business of the three parishes can be discussed in appropriate forums. As the new members to be elected in 2018 will serve a further two years on the joint pastoral council, I particularly encourage nominations from those who feel a passion for helping us to build parishes of missionary disciples. This will be the principle task of the joint pastoral council. Our focus will be on ‘mission’ not ‘maintenance’ and I ask you to please keep this in mind when nominating yourself or another parishioner. Nominations for each pastoral council will remain open until one week before the respective APMs. Nominations should be submitted to the respective Chairs as follows:

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – Angela Steele – rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Peter Mackie – chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

St John's, Mill End – Bob Livingston – millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

Written nominations can also be submitted to the respective Chairs c/o The Parish Office at Rickmansworth.

Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

CAFOD CONNECT 2 PROJECT

Parish representatives of the CAFOD Connect 2 project with the Holy Trinity Church in Sebeya, Ethiopia, will speak for a few minutes at the end of Mass today. The parish representative for Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth, is Stephanie MacGillivray; St. John's, Mill End and Maple Cross, is Geraldine Page; St. John Fisher, Chorleywood, is Malcolm Golin. Please, do speak to your parish rep about how you might like to be involved in this exciting project.

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THE THREE PARISHES

At the end of 2017, Fr. Shaun and Fr. Damian spoke to the parishes of their vision to be and make missionary disciples, becoming more invitational and joyful in bringing others to Jesus Christ. The starting point, mid-point and end-point of this process is prayer! So as we prepare to make this vision a reality, we will gather in prayer as a community at **St. John's, Mill End on Thursday 25th January 7.30-8.30pm** for a powerful evening of Scripture, Adoration, hymns and reflection. Please do join us if at all possible for this short but important occasion.

LENTEN READING GROUPS

During Lent we are offering parishioners the opportunity to enjoy exploring their faith together, within small *informal* weekly sessions. These will be lay-led groups, drawing from themes of personal and shared faith / missionary discipleship as discussed in “Divine Renovation”. Sessions will also invite discussion of the processes Fr. Mallon has used to create a joyful invitational culture in his own parish. Please do sign up using the sheets at the back of each church by **Sunday 28th January**. Once we have an idea of numbers we will be able to discuss dates, times and venues for each group.

CONFIRMATION COURSE

We would like to remind our young confirmation candidates that the first session for you and your parents will take place on **Monday 15th January** from **7.15pm to 8.45pm** in Our Lady's parish hall. Please bring some food to share.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21st January** 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.

SVP CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The lunch was a great success. We catered for 35 people including volunteers. A very big thank you to everyone who donated. A great time was had by all of us. We sang carols, played pass the parcel, ate too much and rounded off the day with the Queens speech. Everyone who attended said what a great time they had.

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. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for additional people to join our team of adult leaders working with children in any of our three sections Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. ***This could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.*** New leaders will have plenty of support from the other leaders within the Group.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in a leadership role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736.

For places in Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, please register your interest via our website: www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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 10th February 2018** 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. If you are bringing a wheelchair, please let Fr Damian or Kerry know before Sunday 28th January so that the appropriate space can be reserved in the Cathedral.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The note of the recent Pastoral Council meeting is now available on the porch notice board and on the parish website. A few hard copies are available at the back of church for those without access to the internet.

THE AFTERPARTY

After 6.00pm Mass every first Sunday of the month in the parish hall at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. This term we'll have another Afterparty on **4th February** and **4th March**. Starts 7pm-ish, finish 8pm. Ping pong, foosball, hot chocolate & tea. Everyone is warmly invited, especially families with teenagers. For those wondering why The Afterparty now has a mascot flamingo: we met with some of the leaders, were thinking about advertising, and decided we needed a flamingo.

REDECORATION OF THE CHURCH

The first phase of the work on the installation of the new lighting system has now been completed. The work will recommence on 15th January but we hope to be able to keep the church open for Masses at that time. There will be further periods in the early part of this year when we will have to cancel weekday Masses as the work of redecoration of the church continues.

CRECHE AT 11AM MASS

There is a crèche with toys and books for pre-school children (walking age upwards, as long as they're happy to be left) which runs throughout the year, usually alongside the Children's Liturgy, for the first half of the 11am Mass. This is not for school-aged children who can join the Children's Liturgy group in the small hall (during term time). We organise a rota on a two monthly basis and we are always looking for new volunteers (who will need to undergo a DBS check) so if you'd like to join us, please pop into the hall or contact Liz Purtil on lizpurtil@yahoo.co.uk or 07967 213963.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Maureen Palmer £39, Maureen Douglas £29.25, Angela Steele £19.50 and Mary Thomson £9.75

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 28th January** 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!

READERS, WELCOMER'S AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ROTA for January to March 2018 are available now at the back of the church.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Minutes of the recent Pastoral Council meeting are now available on the lobby notice board and on the parish website. A few hard copies are available in the lobby for those without access to the internet.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOHN FISHER IN THE NEW YEAR

There will be **no** 9.30am weekday Masses on the following dates: Tuesdays: 16th and 30th January. Fridays: 26th January and 9th February. Masses on other Tuesdays and Fridays of January and February will be as normal.

MISSIO/APF/RED BOX HOLDERS

Thank you so much, once again for your hugely generous response through out the year for our Missionary Priests and Nuns, who give up everything, family and friends, in Our Lord's service. Our final figures: December quarter £270.59; full year £665.65 plus Gift Aid £80 a brilliant total figure of £745.75. Thank you all.

If you would like a red box for your spare change please contact Mary 284975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
13/14 Jan.	A Dennis	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	M Mackie	H McGrath	L Turnbull	Marguerite & Ann	S Tarrant
20/21 Jan.	M Foggo	A Penn	C Johnson	A Opie	D Treanor	J Hale	Patsy & Peter	V Terrill

Trampolining

3rd February 2018. For young people from the parish + friends, in school year 7 to sixth form. We'll meet at Gravity Force St Albans at 1.30 pm and finish at 3 pm. Forms to sign up are available in the porch/back of church. **Deadline for signing up: Sunday 21st January.**

Parish Youth Ministry Dates for Spring Term

Saints (youth group) school year 7-9 on Tuesdays 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall, £1.50 per evening: 23 Jan, 6 Feb, 20 Feb, 6 March, 20 March.

B-Attitude (putting faith into action) on Mondays 5 pm—6 pm @ Our Lady's parish hall (up the staircase): 22 Jan, 5 Feb, 19 Feb, 5 March, 19 March.

Pub Social for young adults age 18-35ish from 7.15 pm to 9 pm at the Coach & Horses in Ricky: 21 Jan, 18 Feb and 18 March.

You're welcome to join for any of the activities anytime, no need to sign up, just come along on the evening. If you have any questions or concerns, we'd love to hear from you: please contact Anke (ankevos@rcdow.org.uk).