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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 21ST JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

“Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men.”

The reason we are baptised is to follow Jesus and catch people for him. However, clericalism prevents us from catching people. Clericalism can be defined as ‘the appropriation of the priest of what is proper to the baptised’. In other words, the priest does everything that the baptised are supposed to do, and baptised Catholics let him.

It can work the other way: ‘the appropriation of the baptised of what is proper to the priest’. This is when the priest allows baptised lay people to preach at Mass, administer the sacraments, and lead the community.

The middle way is when the priest commits to ‘equip the saints for the work of ministry’ (Ephesians 4:12). The priest doesn’t try to catch people all by himself. Rather, he equips baptised Catholics to catch people for Jesus.

St. Peter did not think himself worthy to catch people (“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” – Luke 5:8). However, Jesus saw something in Peter. Like St. Peter, if you feel unworthy, Jesus may see something in you that others and even you do not.

We will be having relaxed and informal Lenten faith groups to socialise, grow spiritually, and to discuss how we might better ‘fish’ for Jesus in the world. Please, sign up, come along, and prepare to go fishing!

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Response to Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £633.28; Loose Plate: £384.11; Standing Orders: £747.79 **Total: £1765.18**

Mill End: Envelopes: £317.10; Loose Plate: £208.61; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £722.71**

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 21ST JANUARY	12.30pm 7.15pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John's School Coach & Horses
MON 22ND JANUARY	10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am for 10.15am 5.00pm - 6.00pm 7.15pm - 8.45pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Quiet Space - Upper Room B-Attitude (year 9-13) - Upper Room Confirmation Course - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 23RD JANUARY	10.00am 6.00pm - 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting Saints (school year 7-9 youth group) - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 24TH JANUARY			
THU 25TH JANUARY	7.30pm - 8.30pm 8.00pm	Evening of Prayer Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH JANUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 27TH JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Presbytery Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 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
MONDAY 22 ND JANUARY	9.30am Paddy Kelly (Ints.)	9.30am Alan Thompson RIP	
TUESDAY 23 RD JANUARY	9.30am Mervyn Mascarenhas RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WED 24TH JANUARY <i>ST FRANCES DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>		9.30am Agnes Kenny RIP	
THURS 25TH JANUARY <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Fr Henry Hardy RIP		
FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY <i>SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS</i>	9.30am David James Allen RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 27 TH JANUARY	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28 TH JANUARY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Ina Murphy RIP 6pm Graham Wetherall RIP	10.30am Jack Farrell RIP	9am William Foley (Junior) 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

RCIA CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 20th January, our friend Paul Matarewicz received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Nicholas Hudson at Westminster Cathedral. Please pray for Paul: that the Holy Spirit will keep him strong and dwell in his heart always; and also for his dedicated sponsor, Richard Booth.

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*

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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Damian or Fr Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 27 January at 2.00pm** in the Presbytery.

CONFIRMATION

At all Masses this weekend our confirmandi will be publically enrolled. Please keep them in your prayers.

We would like to remind our young confirmation candidates that the next session will take place on **Monday 22nd January** from 7.15pm to 8.45pm in Our Lady's parish hall. Food will be provided.

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.

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.

QUIET SPACE – ECUMENICAL GATHERING FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION IN STILLNESS

There is a twice-monthly gathering for silent prayer and reflection on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St Peter's, Mill End and on the 4th Monday of each month Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth. All are welcome. For further details please contact Anne on 07810 805900 or Kathy on 07712 626169. Information leaflets are available at each parish.

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 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.

VINNIE PACKS

The SVP are distributing **12,000 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, two pairs of socks, gloves, toothbrush, toothpaste, information card and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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 7.00pm-ish, finish 8.00pm. Ping pong, foosball, hot chocolate & tea. Everyone is warmly invited, especially families with teenagers. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday 4th February!

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.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOHN FISHER IN THE NEW YEAR

There will be **no** 9.30am weekday Masses on the following dates: Tuesday 30th January and Friday 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		
20/21 Jan.	M Foggo	A Penn	C Johnson	A Opie	D Treanor	J Hale	Patsy & Peter	V Terrill
27/28 Jan.	M Fields	GF	P Goble	D Treanor	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Alan & Francis	C Steet

Young Adults Pub Social

Pub social **this Sunday 21st of January!** For young adults (age 18-35ish) from 7.15 pm to 9 pm at the Coach & Horses in Ricky. Looking forward to seeing you there for a drink & a chat!

Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection



Anyone in school year 7-9 is very welcome to join our Saints group. We start with a chat, play a game and have some pizza or sausage rolls. **Tuesday 23rd January, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall.**

Trampolining

Just two more weeks and then we go trampolining! **Saturday 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 with more information are available in the porch/back of church. If you want to come along, please let us know no later than Tuesday 23rd January: send a quick email to ankevos@rcdow.org.uk so we know to book you on even if you haven't been able to submit the forms yet.



B-Attitude (year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

Meeting **Monday 22nd January @** Our Lady's parish hall (up the staircase) **from 5 pm to 6 pm.** We'll be planning projects to help our community and learning how to improve our listening skills. Interested? Come along and give it a try.