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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 28TH JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The New Testament repeatedly tells of Christ's victory over evil: over demons, over Satan, over sin and death. Today we hear of Jesus's power over unclean spirits, and how he "taught with authority". At that time, people were enslaved by their fear of evil. Mental or physical conditions were believed to be signs of evil and sinfulness, and sufferers were abandoned. Today people are enslaved by many things: consumerism, lust, individualism, addictions, envy, false gods, discrimination, and marginalisation. Too many are deceived by Satan's mechanisms into believing they are not "good enough" if they don't look or behave a certain way.

Was there a time when you were held in bondage? Perhaps you could not forgive, were self-obsessed, driven by ambition? But then someone began to speak, with authority - your child, a friend, or even a stranger - and you were freed to see the truth. God's will is that, like Jesus, we should go even further than leading holy lives. We too are called to cast out the demons of our societies. Living in a culture of relativism, we appreciate more than ever the value of a good teacher. We thank God that from time to time he sends us someone like Jesus, someone who speaks from their heart with authority - who makes a deep, lasting impression on us. Lord, give *us* the courage and conviction to speak your truth with authority, at all times.

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Response to Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Next Sunday's Readings

Job 7:1-4. 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £347.93; Loose Plate: £338.43; Standing Orders: £747.79 **Total: £1434.15**

Mill End: Envelopes: £270.14; Loose Plate: £252.14; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £719.28**

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 28TH JANUARY	11.30am 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 29TH JANUARY	10.00am - 12 noon 4.00pm 7.15pm - 8.45pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Reception of the body of Brian Feehely Confirmation Course - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 30TH JANUARY	11.00am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral Mass - Brian Feehely RIP RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 31ST JANUARY	5.00pm	Reception of the body of Carol Keogh	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 1ST FEBRUARY	11.00am 8.00pm	Funeral - Carol Keogh RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 2ND FEBRUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 3RD FEBRUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 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
MONDAY 29 TH JANUARY	9.30am Clare Loose (Ints.)	9.30am Agnes Kenny RIP	
TUESDAY 30 TH JANUARY	9.30am Mary O'Connell RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WED. 31ST JANUARY <i>St JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST</i>		9.30am Alan Thomson RIP	
THURSDAY 1 ST FEBRUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30am Fr Tom Hewitt RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY <i>SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN AND THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY</i>	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 4 TH FEBRUARY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.) 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Kathleen Barclay RIP	10.30am Agnes Kenny RIP	9am Francis William Byrne 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, 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

FUNERALS

The body of Brian Feehely will be received at Our Lady Help of Christians at **4.00pm** on **Monday 29th January** and his funeral will take place at **11.00am** on **Tuesday 30th January**, followed by burial at Chorleywood Road Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

The body of Carol Keogh will be received at Our Lady Help of Christians at **5.00pm** on **Wednesday 31st January** and her funeral will take place at **11.00am** on **Thursday 1st February**, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

The funeral service of Maureen Carroll RIP will take place at Breakspear Crematorium on **Tuesday 6th February** at **12.30pm**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

The funeral of Catherine Giles will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 7th February** at **11.00am** followed by burial at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

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*

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

We would like to remind our young confirmation candidates that the next session will take place on **Monday 29th January** from 7.15pm to 8.45pm in Our Lady's parish hall. Food will be provided.

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 Damian 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 (2017/18 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 – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents currently collecting Mass attendance stickers for primary or secondary places in catholic schools are reminded to 1.) Put cello-tape over each row once it is completed, so that stickers will not peel off over time and 2.) Take regular photographs of the Mass attendance card (making sure the child's name is visible). This will ensure that you have evidence of Sunday Mass attendance should your card become lost. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice are issued.

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!

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

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 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.

DISTRESS ALARM

A distress alarm has been fitted in the church toilet. It is activated by pulling the emergency cord, which sets off the alarm and a flashing light in the corridor. The alarm is reset by pressing either the panel on the toilet wall or the panel in the corridor.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
27/28 Jan.	M Fields	M Foggo	P Goble	D Treanor	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Alan & Francis	C Steet
3/4 Feb.	J Ingham	M Fields	D Gibney	M Calvert	T D'Urso	E Price	Ann & Patsy	T Price

Young Adults Pub Social

Pub socials for young adults on Sunday **18th February** and Sunday **18th March**, from 7.30 pm to 9 pm at the Coach & Horses in Ricky. Everyone age 18-35ish is very welcome to come along for a drink & a chat.

Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

MOVIE NIGHT! For anyone in school year 7-9. **Tuesday 6th February, 6 pm—8 pm @ Mill End** parish hall. You're so welcome to join us!



B-ATTITUDE

B-Attitude (year 9-13)

Put your faith into action

Meeting **Monday 5th February @ Our Lady's** parish hall (up the staircase) **from 5 pm to 6 pm**. Interested in visiting the local care home on Wednesdays? Come along to one of our meetings on Monday to find out more about the various ways in which you can live out your faith.