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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Mark's version of the Transfiguration comes halfway through his Gospel. It is the turning point of Jesus' ministry. The progressive revelation of miracles, healings, and God's Kingdom now gives way to a journey into betrayal, rejection and death: towards Jerusalem and the Cross.

Jesus taught his disciples of the suffering the future held (Mk 8:31-3) but they could not reconcile his humiliation and crucifixion with the all-powerful Messiah the prophets had promised. The Transfiguration that follows, on the mountain in the company of Moses and Elijah, is the glorious unveiling of Christ's true identity - the identity he has had all along, from the dawn of Creation. The disciples finally realised that to see the face of Jesus is to see the face of God - no wonder they were terrified. God's plan was so different to their own ideas that they had not accepted it. Does this sound familiar? More often than not, God's plans are not our plans. We push against him and think we know best. But God knows our innermost needs - he knew us and loved us before we were born. He prioritised our personal salvation before the foundation of the world!

Many people await the second coming of Christ - they do not realise that he is already present here on earth, in every place and every person. Our lives are illuminated by glimpses of Christ if we will only "Listen to him". This Lent as we strive to detach ourselves from worldly distractions, let us be more open to Jesus' presence in our daily lives; listening more obediently to God's design for us. For the faithful, the light of the Transfiguration will never dim: even through Lent it shines ahead to the glory of the Resurrection.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

**Response to Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:31-34

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

#### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25(Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £458.44; Loose Plate: £399.14; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1560.66**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £246.50; Loose Plate: £197.52; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £620.98**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of January - **£2434.37**

**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

<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	8.45am 9.15am 11.30am 3.00pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch - Hall Annual Parish Meeting - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am for 10.15am 7.15pm - 8.45pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Confirmation Course - Hall Choir Practice Chorleywood PPC Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting Funeral - Michael Flaherty RIP First Communion Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.30pm	Lenten Holy Hour	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH</b>	11.00am 7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Stations of the Cross	St John Fisher St John Fisher
<b>SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Bingo Evening - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10am</b> Janet Ward RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Brian Feehely RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Sheila Sharp RIP <b>6pm</b> Anna Khurwal RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Stephen & Joss Dowds RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Ruth Sheehan (Ints).	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY		<b>9.30am</b> Peggy Malone RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b> <i>St DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Geoffrey Knights RIP	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Tom Byers RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Claude Hûret RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH	<b>10am</b> Seamus Gormley RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Michael Connell RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Peter Emmanuel RIP & Stanislaus Stephen RIP <b>11am</b> Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP <b>6pm</b> Richard Leslie Brown RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Viner RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### 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 and Joan 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

### COMBONI MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend at the Chorleywood 6.00pm Vigil Mass, the 8.30am and 6.00pm Masses at Rickmansworth, and the 10.30am Mass at Mill End, we will be joined by Sr Michela Pirra of the Comboni Sisters, who will be making an appeal on behalf of the work of their missions in the developing world. Sr Michela will return on the weekend of 17th/18th March to make the appeal at the other Masses.

### CAFOD – LENT FAST DAY APPEAL

Last Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day. There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses this weekend to support the work of CAFOD for the poorest peoples of the developing world.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Next weekend, from 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> March, the young people across our three parishes who are preparing for confirmation will be going on their residential retreat at the SPEC Centre in Pinner. To support them, we are holding a *Day of Prayer* at Our Lady's Church, Rickmansworth on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10.30am to 6pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar during this time, and there will be leaflets available with suggested prayers. Can you spare half an hour to come and pray for our young people? This is a simple but powerful way to show them our love and support.

If you can come, please sign up for a particular half hour slot on the rota in your church hall today or email Leona Roche, one of our confirmation catechists, at [leona\\_roche@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leona_roche@yahoo.co.uk). We wish to have at least two people in the church for each half hour slot to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. It would be incredibly helpful therefore to know in advance which half hour slot you are able to come for. Thank you!

### EASTER GREETING TO SEBEYA

We will be sending an Easter Greeting to our twin community in Sebeya in mid-March. We would love to be able to give them a broad picture of life in our parishes, and so if you work in any parish catchesis, youth group, choir, folk group, reading group or any other parish initiative, it would be great if you could send us a short update of what sort of things you're doing (a few sentences) and possibly even a picture or two if you've got them! Please email your parish co-ordinator on [stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk) (Rickmansworth), [geraldine.page21@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.page21@gmail.com) (Mill End), or [malcolmgolin@outlook.com](mailto:malcolmgolin@outlook.com) (Chorleywood), by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you! Steph

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF JESUS

As many of you will know, the Daughters of Jesus are sadly leaving the parish after over 100 years of service the Catholic community in this area. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for them at 7.00pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April** at Our Lady, Help of Christians. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

During Lent we are encouraged to give a renewed focus to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our lives. These traditional Lenten activities help us to form new and good spiritual habits that prepare us for our celebration of Holy Week and lead us to the everlasting reward of God's transforming grace. I hope too, that you will take the opportunity to participate in our programme of Lenten activities. Many of you have already signed-up for the Lenten Readings Groups, but I would also encourage you all to come along to the Lenten Holy Hour with Meditations from the Popes since Vatican II. This will take place on the Wednesdays of Lent at St John's, Mill End at 7.30pm. As usual, Stations of the Cross will rotate around the three parishes on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm. Details of the venue will be published in the newsletter each week. This year I have invited parishioners of the respective parishes to lead the Stations of the Cross. I do hope that you will join in these activities of our Lenten journey as fully as is possible for you. *Fr Shaun*

### FUNERALS

The funeral of Michael Flaherty RIP will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at **11.00am** followed by burial at Woodcock Hill. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

The funeral of Mike Townend RIP will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at **11.00am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

### CHESS VALLEY SVP

As there will be no 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we will have our SVP meeting at St John Fisher Chorleywood at 10am instead of at Our Lady's.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year we are celebrating the WWDP on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at **2.30pm** at the Methodist Church, Berry Lane, Rickmansworth. This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname, South America. Please do come and join us. Although it is called WWDP men and children are most definitely welcome.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk)

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Damian the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The parish AGM will take place at **3.00pm** on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** in Our Lady's Hall. There will be reports from the Parish Priest, the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Youth Worker, and the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, who will present the 2017 Financial Return. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

### RE-PAINTING OF THE CHURCH

The next phase of the redecoration of the church has begun with the re-painting of the church. This work is likely to take about four weeks to complete. During this time there will be no 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's Monday to Friday. The Masses on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be transferred to St John's, Mill End. The Friday evening Stations of the Cross (when scheduled for Our Lady's), the 10.00am Saturday morning Masses and the Sunday Masses will continue at Our Lady's as normal.

### BINGO EVENING

A social event aimed at families. We are holding a Bingo evening on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** starting at 6.30pm and ending by 9.30pm at the latest. Pizza will be served for supper. Great fun for kids from 5 to 95. We hope for a large turnout with tickets at just £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for children to include the Pizza. Tickets available after Masses or phone Adrian on 07503 898689.

### THE AFTERPARTY

The next Afterparty will be on **4<sup>th</sup> March** after 6pm Mass in the hall at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Starts 7.00pm-ish, finish 8.00pm. Ping pong, foosball, hot chocolate & tea. Everyone is warmly invited, especially families with teenagers.

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS - 4<sup>th</sup> March

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM)

At the APM last Sunday Jeanette Perry and Natalie Zammit were elected to the Parish Pastoral Council. I am very grateful to both of them for taking on this important role. The Minutes of the APM and the various reports given at the meeting can be downloaded from the *Annual Parish Meeting* page of the parish website. *Fr Shaun*

**MONEY MATTERS** - copies of the summary of the parish 2017 Annual Financial Return are available in the porch.

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at **8pm**. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should submit these to Malcolm Golin (PPC Secretary) [malcolmgolin@outlook.com](mailto:malcolmgolin@outlook.com). Alternatively, parishioners can approach an individual PPC member (the names of all PPC members are listed on the parish website).

**NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS** - copies for welcomers, readers and Ministers of Communion are in the lobby.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS AND THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 Meeting (APM) will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at **8.00pm**. We are now inviting nominations for **two** places on the pastoral council. Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner (please be sure to ask them before doing so). The new members elected at the APM in 2018 will serve on the existing pastoral council 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 the pastoral council will remain open until one week before the APM. Nominations should be submitted to the Chair, Peter Mackie - [chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk). Written nominations can also be submitted to the Chair c/o The Parish Office at Rickmansworth. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
24/25 Feb.	E O'Sullivan	S Hoy	C Johnson	M Mackie	M Golin	J Hale	Una & Vivian	S Tarrant
3/4 March	GF	J Stratton	P Goble	J Hale	K Cottingham	AM Farnsworth	Kate & Yasmin	V Terrill

### Young Adult Pub Socials

Pub socials for young adults every third Sunday of the month (Sunday **18<sup>th</sup> March** and Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> April**), 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*



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End** parish hall. We get together, share good news, have a chat, play some crazy games and eat delicious pizza & sausage rolls. For anyone in school year 7-9. You're so welcome to join us!