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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 17TH JUNE 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Why *did* Jesus teach in parables? Since he teaches absolute truth, why not simply state the facts? The answer has little to do with dogma and everything to do with meeting people where there are. The Kingdom of God is a mysterious and complex subject, so Jesus taught his audiences through memorable stories grounded in their culture and identity, enabling their search for God to begin on familiar ground. Through open-ended parables, a person is allowed to come to their own realisation of faith, in their own time. In this way Jesus showed that God is not a remote, unattainable ideal to be grappled with, but that he is patient, present, and discoverable in the ordinary, commonplace things of everyday life.

Today's Gospel demonstrates how personal faith develops under God's care. In the first parable, the farmer sows his seed - and then waits confidently for it to grow until ready to harvest. "He knows not how" the sun, rain, soil and seed combine forces to grow the plant, all he needs to know is that God in his wisdom and goodness has created it this way. The farmer just has to trust and wait.

In the second parable, Jesus teaches of the tremendous possibilities contained in just one tiny mustard seed that grows under God's care. Our role in the growing of his Kingdom is missionary - to sow the tiny seeds of faith for Christ. Every word we speak, every choice we make, every gesture we offer is one more seed, one more way of spreading the gospel. Then, like the farmer, we allow God himself to take over. The Spirit gently leads those with an open heart to Christ and his Church, where the seed is watered in Baptism, fed by the Eucharist, and nurtured by Reconciliation, compassion and healing. Love keeps it warm. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the beginnings of faith grow and develop to become well-rooted and strong. Never doubt the power or methods of God! One little, tiny, miniscule bit of faith is all he asks - our "yes" - and he will do the rest.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, Oh God, my Saviour!

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Response to Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next Sunday's Readings (during the day)

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66. 80 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £430.92; Loose Plate: £286.58; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1420.58**

Mill End: Envelopes: £263.70; Loose Plate: £206.19; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £646.85**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2556.74**

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 17TH JUNE	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
MON 18TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mom's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 19TH JUNE	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Saints (school year 7-9 youth group) - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 20TH JUNE			
THU 21ST JUNE	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 22ND JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 23RD JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Kieran Tyler & Katherine Breen 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 16 TH JUNE	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 17 TH JUNE <i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Jean Walsh RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Una & Tom Bugler RIP	9am Elena McBride & all who helped with First Communions
MONDAY 18 TH JUNE	9.30am Viktor Boehler RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
TUESDAY 19 TH JUNE	9.30am Frank & Denise Waters RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 20 TH JUNE <i>St ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR</i>		9.30am Sean Morrisey (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 21 ST JUNE <i>St ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS</i>	9.30am Carmen Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 22 ND JUNE <i>SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE</i>	NO MASS TODAY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 23 RD JUNE	10.00am Joseph Netto RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) John & Mary Gibson RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 24 TH JUNE <i>THE NATIVITY OF St JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	8.30am Monica Scudder RIP 11am Declan Finn RIP 6pm John P Tighe RIP	10.30am Kathleen Farrell RIP (Anniv.)	9am 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, Brenda Reynolds, 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 Lewin and Mary Gardner.

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

DAY FOR LIFE 2018

This Sunday is the Day for Life. This year's Day of Life focuses on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage. Many people do not have life to the full because they are traded as objects and not recognised as persons. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity. Copies of a postcard with information about the 2018 Day for Life are available in each parish this weekend. If you wish to make a donation for the Day for Life, you can do this online at www.dayforlife.org/donate

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On **Friday 29th June** the Church celebrates the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. Being one of the major feasts in the Church's year, Friday is therefore a holy day of obligation, meaning that Catholics should attend Mass that day. Please take note of the extra Masses being celebrated across the three parishes:

St John Fisher - Vigil (Thursday) 8.00pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 8.00pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am (to be joined by St John's School).

GDPR COMPLIANCE

As you know, the General Data Protection Regulation came into force on 25th May and this parish, like all other organisations, will be affected. There are a number of procedures we will need to follow. If you are a parish volunteer (eg a member of a parish committee, a catechist, a reader, a Minister of Holy Communion, a helper with teas and coffees, a member of the choir, welcomer, cleaner, etc) please collect from the back of the church a Confidentiality Agreement which we ask you to sign and hand to Fr Shaun or Fr Damian as soon as possible.

GDPR - PARISH CENSUS

In the past, the parish has carried out a census, gathering a register of information about our current, past and former parishioners. The information we hold comprises: name, address, family members, religious affiliation, marital status etc. This information helps the parish in its work in the community, to provide a better service to its parishioners and to realise its objectives. The information is held securely in locked filing cabinets, and where it is held on computer it is password protected. Access to the information will be restricted to the parish priest and lay people authorised by him. It is intended to renew this information every five years, but should you wish to have your data removed from the register, please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Damian.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is this Sunday 17th June 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.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

In July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2019. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2018 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Monday 9th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 14th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 10.00am to 11.00am

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP

It has been suggested that a three parish walking group be formed. To establish the measure of support, a trial walk of 8/10 miles is planned for Saturday 14th July starting at 9.30am. If there is sufficient interest it is envisaged that monthly walks of 8/12 miles will be planned for August, September and October. The July walk will start and finish at the car park by the tennis courts at Chorleywood House (Grid Ref TQ 03315 96823). Enquiries to billgraham1888@gmail.com

THREE PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR PARK – THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018

There are now only three places left on this pilgrimage.

SAVE THE DATE - Three Parish BBQ on 8th July.

GENERAL NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A volunteer is requested to assist with some administrative duties for a support group for parents of those with special needs that meets monthly at Rickmansworth. This includes booking the church hall, putting in newsletter adverts, sending emails to the group and arranging speakers to attend. Please contact Caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Reception Class – September 2018

Due to a family relocation, an allocated place for our new reception class (September 2018) has become available. If you would like further details or to arrange a tour of the school and a meeting with the Head teacher, please contact the school office on 01923 774004.

SPANISH MASS - Sunday 19th August at 12.20pm

There will be a Mass in Spanish / Latino-American at St. Columba's church in Chesham. For further information please contact Teresa 01494 862960 or cematepo@hotmail.com. Everyone welcome.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

HELP NEEDED – FIRE WARDENS FOR 11.00AM MASS

We need some more volunteers to act as Fire Wardens at the 11.00am Sunday Masses. It is not an onerous duty and some training would be given. If you would be willing to help with this please contact Fr Shaun.

WEEK DAY MASS

There will be no 9.30am Mass here on Friday 22nd June. We encourage you to join the parishioners of St John Fisher, Chorleywood, as they celebrate their patronal feast that day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - HELP NEEDED

Are you involved in Health and Safety in your workplace? If so, would you be willing to help Paul Forrest, our designated Health and Safety Rep in the parish, with Health & Safety issues in the parish? If so, please speak to Fr Shaun.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are now guiding the children to return to their parents after the liturgy class via the centre aisle. When the liturgy group is very busy there is not enough room along the side aisles and the children are getting too close to the prayer candles. Going forward the offertory will go in front of the children allowing the children to return to their seats via the centre aisle.

WEEK DAY MASS - there will be no 9.30am Mass here on Monday 18th June.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Siobhan Corcoran (£35); David McLoughlin (£25) and James McLoughlin (£15).

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on Sunday 24th June 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 BBQ – 1ST JULY - MORE HELP NEEDED!!

Many thanks to the parishioners who have made offers of help for the parish BBQ on 1st July. As a result this event can now go ahead. However, more help is still needed. We especially need help with the following: setting up of tables, chairs etc. after the 9.00am Mass on the day, help with clearing of rubbish and washing up and the clearing away of tables and more offers of salads. There is a sign-up list in the porch for these tasks, please do sign up if you can help.

PARISH BBQ – 1ST JULY AT 1.00PM – SIGN UP

Now that the BBQ is definitely going ahead would you please sign-up on the list on the lobby noticeboard if would like to attend. Tickets will be £8.00 per adult, £4.00 for children 5 to 13 and free for children under 5. We hope that many parishioners, especially young families, will come along and join us for this lovely occasion. Monies will be collected at the BBQ on the day. We would be grateful for a little more help on the day. Please contact Juliet on 283602 or e-mail juliethale@talktalk.net

PATRONAL FEAST – ST JOHN FISHER – 22ND JUNE

On Friday 22nd June we celebrate our patronal feast of St John Fisher (with St Thomas More). We invite all parishioners who are free to come and join us for the 9.30am Mass that morning.

SOCIAL EVENTS IN THE PARISH

We are interested to hear from you about the kind of social events that you would like to see happening in the parish. We would be grateful if you could please complete the form today and place it in the white box in the lobby. We would like to establish a small social events committee to plan and coordinate social events in the parish. We are, therefore, inviting parishioners to sign-up for a two year commitment to be part of this committee. If you would be willing to do this, please write your name and email address on the bottom section of the leaflet. The reality is that without a group of parishioners willing to take responsibility for planning and coordinating social events in the parish nothing is likely to happen!

WEEK DAY MASS - there will be no 9.30am Mass here on Tuesday 19th June.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
16/17 June	J Ingham	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	J Hale	J Donohoe	AM Farnsworth	Peter & Marguerite	A McReynolds
23/24 June	E O'Sullivan	J. Stratton	E O'Sullivan	J Whelan	H McGrath	J Hale	Yasmin & Francis	J Whelan

Saints—Parish Youth Group School Year 7-9

Year 6's are now invited to come along to our parishes' youth group! We meet fortnightly and meet next on Tuesday 19th June, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall. We start the evening with a chat about life and then pour all our energy into some games; continue to chat and share as we eat pizza & sausage rolls; and we wrap up the evening with a song. You're so welcome to join us!

For teenagers who enjoy drama and acting...

RISE Theatre are running a residential course for 13-18 year olds, 13th to 16th August at Kintbury. RISE Theatre is a Christian theatre company with lots of experience teaching drama to young people and they're exceptionally good at it. On the final day, participants will present a drama piece to friends and family. Very warmly recommended for our young parishioners who enjoy doing drama.

Info & sign up: www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth