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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 8TH JULY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today, Jesus returns to his hometown and preaches in the synagogue where he had grown up - only to be rejected by his own people. He was one of their own - they had watched Jesus as a child, knew his family, shared meals and worship - so how had he become so knowledgeable? Why should they respect him? They were taken aback at the power of his presence and his teaching, but couldn't get past Jesus "the carpenter, the Son of Mary" to see his holiness and authority. The Saviour of the world was in their midst, but their closed minds made it impossible for him to help them. He "was amazed at their unbelief".

The people of Nazareth couldn't explain Jesus, so they refused to listen to him. This is still true today. Most people have little trouble with the nativity scene, but won't believe that the baby was God in the flesh, born of a virgin. They are aware of his crucifixion, but won't accept that Jesus rose again from death and still lives today, for our salvation. When people's understanding of Jesus begins and ends with a baby and a crucifixion, they are seriously missing the point. They need to know how and why the Son of God came to earth to live amongst us; how and why God has forgiven all our sins and liberated us from death - and they need their hearts and minds opened to feel how deeply and unconditionally he loves them.

Alpha is an ecumenical venture which discusses these big topics of life over a number of weeks, in a way that is gentle and accessible to all. It is difficult to be a prophet in one's hometown. So to make it easier, from this Autumn we will be offering everyone - in our churches and in our local communities - the opportunity to try Alpha here in our parishes. The Nazarenes had "known" Jesus for 30 years, yet had no real relationship with him. How long have you known Jesus? If you would like to know him better, or aren't sure how to explain him to others, what's stopping you from finding out?!

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Response to Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Next Sunday's Readings
Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £538.95; Loose Plate: £360.95; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1602.03**

Mill End: Envelopes: £281.50; Loose Plate: £165.63; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £624.09**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of June - **£2402.17**

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 8TH JULY	9.30am 12.30pm 4.30pm	Coffee after Mass - Hall Three Parish BBQ New Altar Server Training	Our Lady Help of Christians St John's School Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 9TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Registration for First Holy Communion - Hall Meeting of the Three Pastoral Councils Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 10TH JULY	11.00am	Funeral - Geraldine Molloy RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 11TH JULY	11.00am	Funeral - Alf Loose RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 12TH JULY	2.15pm for 2.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St Peter's, Mill End St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 13TH JULY	10.00am 2.00pm for 2.15pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Lectio Divina - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 14TH JULY	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm	Registration for First Holy Communion - Hall Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions New Altar Server Training Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 7 TH JULY	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 8 TH JULY <i>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Jacquie Chandler 11am Coral Draper RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Giorgio & Marcella Mazurkiewicz RIP	10.30am Mary Noe RIP	9am Desmond Jenkins RIP
MONDAY 9 TH JULY	9.30am Al Barnett RIP	9.30am Michael Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 10 TH JULY	9.30am Fr Patrick Miscampbell RIP		9.30am Susan Sweeney RIP
WEDNESDAY 11 TH JULY <i>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT</i>		9.30am Joan O'Flynn (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 12 TH JULY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 13 TH JULY	9.30am Giovanni Pinna RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 14 TH JULY	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Joss & Stephen Dowds RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr Patrick Miscampbell RIP
SUNDAY 15 TH JULY <i>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Victor Thian RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	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, Helen Forrest and Barbara Marke

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

SEA SUNDAY - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It supports more than one million seafarers arriving in our ports every year. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people, many of whom are Catholic. If you would like to support the work of AoS please use one of the special envelopes available in each parish this weekend. Special prayer cards with a prayer to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, are also available. We encourage you to take one and use it in your homes.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone in the parish who has received their first Holy Communion - including those who have just received their first Holy Communion - who would like to become altar servers, are invited to attend a training session in their respective parish. Servers for Our Lady's and St. John the Evangelist should, where possible, come to both sessions. Please, email Fr Damian to confirm your attendance. Anyone unable to attend the session, but who would still like to become an altar server, should email or speak to Fr Damian. Training dates are as follows:

Our Lady Help of Christians - Sunday 8th July, 4.30pm

St. John Fisher - Saturday 14th July, 4.30pm

GERALDINE MOLLOY RIP

The funeral of Geraldine Molloy will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Wednesday 11th July, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

ALF LOOSE RIP

The funeral of Alf Loose will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Thursday 12th July, 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.

VIKTOR BOEHLER RIP

The ashes of Viktor Boehler will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 20th July.

THREE PARISH BBQ

Family fun and food starting at 12.30pm on **SUNDAY 8th JULY** at St John's primary school in Mill End. Enjoy a Burger and or a Sausage BBQed to near perfection, at just £5 for adults and £2 for under 13s. Enjoy a few very silly but highly competitive games. Are you over 4 and under 99 then come and socialise with your fellow parishioners for an hour or 2 in the July sunshine.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on Sunday 15th July 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 2019

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 and **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

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.

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

The presidential chair has now returned, accompanied by two new supporting chairs, which have been specially designed to match it. These complete the redecoration of the church.

200 CLUB - congratulations to Teresa Dinsey £42, Maureen Palmer £31.50, Pat Breen £21 and Tom McAteer £10.50.

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.

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.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS - please join us in the hall at our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday.

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

200 CLUB - congratulations to Graham Wilson £35, Mary Madden £25, Lynne Soames £15

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS

A reminder that tea and coffee is available in the parish hall after the 10.30am Mass each Sunday. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – FIRE PROCEDURES

As a parish we are constantly reviewing safety including the risk of fire at our church. As with any public building we are developing a fire plan and will in some point in the future have a fire drill. Please take the time over the next few weeks to familiarise yourself with the fire precautions already in place. There are 3 green marked designated fire exits in the main church area, through the front door and through the sacristy and into the hall. Once in the hall area, there is an exit from the hallway, and in the hall itself exits on both sides of the hall. The designated meeting point is at the top of the hill up towards the entrance to the church, this is where for children in the liturgy group and any altar servers will be taken for parents to collect. All other parishioners, head away a safe distance from the church or leave the site to allow quick access for firefighters, do not return to the church or car park until the all clear is given. We are also setting up roles of fire wardens to help if the situation ever occurs, they are aware of all exits, and where extinguishers and fire blankets are placed around the buildings. There will be a fire warden at each Mass, they will be distinguished by an armband and an extra fire blanket, they are there to guide, check only if safe that the church is empty and liaise with the fire fighters. A designated parish member on the Sunday Mass will have the role to solely alert the children's liturgy. There is a possibility that you are familiar with this scenario through your workplace. We are in need for more volunteers to share the load, so please speak to Father Shaun if you can assist. Full fire safety details will be available on the outside noticeboard and in the hallway and also designated meeting points displayed around the buildings.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH BBQ – THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make last Sunday's parish BBQ such a great success. Particular thanks are due to Juliet Hale for coordinating the whole event, to John Smith for barbecuing the meats so perfectly as always, to those who looked after the bar, brought delicious salads, set up, washed up and cleared up. Thank you too to everyone who came along and supported this lovely parish event.

A NEW PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Thanks to a very generous legacy from the later Theresa (Terry) Messer, we have been able to commission a new external notice board for the parish, which has now been installed. Terry was a long time parishioner here at St John Fisher. She loved this place and would surely be delighted to know that her legacy has been used to give a greater focus to the Catholic community that worships here on Shire Lane.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
7 & 8 July	GF	A Penn	P Goble	M Mackie	M Golin	F Holly	Peter & Don	V Terrill
14 & 15 July	C Pierce	M Foggo	J McEwen	M Calvert	M Fields	L Turnbull	Kate & Vivian	C Steet

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 17th July, 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!

REAL summer

For young people who will be in school year 7 to 9 in September, Christ Church Chorleywood are organising REAL summer. Takes place in the afternoon and evening from 28th to 31st August. Main events include a water tournament with slip 'n slides and bouncy castle, go-kart track and colour chaos. There will be live music, leaders sharing about some of the challenges of being teenagers today, and optional Christian worship.

Info & sign up: www.realsummer.co.uk