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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 15TH JULY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Last week we heard how Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth and was rejected by his own people, but moved on to the next town regardless. Now he sends his disciples forth, to preach repentance, cast out demons, and to anoint and heal the sick. The message of this first mission is preparatory, similar to that of St. John the Baptist: to prepare the people for someone greater, who is yet to come. It is also preparatory for the disciples, whose definitive mission will come after Pentecost - to take the gospel of the Risen Christ to the whole world.

The more we allow Jesus to transform our lives, the more we will feel the call to witness. The prophet Amos felt as we often can: he had never received any formal training as a prophet; he didn't know how to speak to others. He didn't know exactly what God might have to say to them. But there is no need for special training or an extensive knowledge of theology and scripture to make God's truth believable - it really is a simple matter of living the gospel, and being willing to speak to others about why we live this way - about what Christ has done for us, and how this has made all the difference to our lives.

Christ knew the Twelve would experience rejection when announcing the message of repentance: just as Amos was, and so will we be too. God gave mankind the gift of free will - he wants us to choose heaven as our eternal home, but he also wants us to choose it without coercion. So it's up to the individual to decide whether to accept the truth; and there will be those who don't welcome it, and who don't want to listen to it. But personal faith is complicated and can be a long journey - perhaps sometimes we expect too much of people, and forget that their struggles may make it hard to believe a lot of the gospel. People accept different pieces at different times, from different sources, and through the action of the Holy Spirit conversion is always possible.

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Response to Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £519.75; Loose Plate: £360.75; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1583.58**

Mill End: Envelopes: £297.65; Loose Plate: £170.11; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £644.72**

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 15TH JULY	10.00am 12.30pm 12.45pm	Coffee and Tea SVP Community Lunch - Hall Baptisms	St John Fisher St John's School Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 16TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 17TH JULY	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Saints (school year 7-9 youth group) - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 18TH JULY			
THU 19TH JULY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 20TH JULY	10.00am 10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Viktor Boehler RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 21ST JULY	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Baptism Preparation - Hall Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions 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 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 Anne & Edward Fagan RIP 6pm Victor Thian RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 16 TH JULY	9.30am Osmond Sequeira RIP	9.30am Geraldine Molloy RIP	
TUESDAY 17 TH JULY	9.30am Alf Loose RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 18 TH JULY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 19 TH JULY	9.30am Andrew Dumughn RIP		
FRIDAY 20 TH JULY	9.30am Viktor Boehler RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 21 ST 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 22 ND JULY <i>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Denise Waters RIP (Anniv.) 11am Francis Crowley RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Fr Patrick Miscampbell RIP

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, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Helen Forrest, Barbara Marke, Betty McGuinness and Anne Trenchard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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

A very big “thank you” to everyone who worked so hard to make last Sunday’s Three Parish BBQ such a great success. It was lovely to see so many young families enjoying the sunshine, food, fun and games. We express our thanks too to St John’s School for allowing us to use the school grounds.

OPEN PARISH MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER 2018

In September there will be an Open Meeting in each parish at which we will present the draft Terms of Reference for the new Joint Parish Pastoral Council, on which the pastoral councils of the three parishes have been working over the past year. Two other important items affecting the life of all three parishes will also be open for discussion at these meetings. The dates of the meetings will be:

Our Lady’s Rickmansworth – Sunday 23rd September at 3.30pm

St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Monday 24th September at 7.30pm

St John’s, Mill End – Sunday 30th September at 12 noon

If you are unable to attend the meeting in your usual parish, you are very welcome to attend one of the other two meetings. The draft Terms of Reference and details of the other two important matters to be discussed will be made available to parishioners in early September.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

In September we will be beginning the RCIA process for those adults who are considering becoming Roman Catholics and for those adult Catholics who, for one reason or another, never received the sacrament of Confirmation and now wish to complete their Christian initiation. Leaflets with information about the RCIA process are available at the back of the church. If you are interested in being a part of the RCIA process please complete the “About You” section on the leaflet and return it to Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION

Parents and their teenagers, who have received their first Holy Communion, are in year 9 or above, and who would like to be confirmed in the summer term of 2019, are invited to come to hear and discuss our new vision for youth and Confirmation on Friday 14th September, 7-8 pm, at Our Lady’s parish hall. Please, email Fr Damian if you’re planning to attend, or if you’re are interested in being confirmed but unable to attend that day and time.

YOUTH

Our three parishes are introducing an exciting new youth programme called Youth Alpha. Youth Alpha is for young people from any faith or non-faith background, who want to discuss the big questions about life and faith, in a relaxed, open, and non-judgemental way, with good food and fun games. It is a weekly programme starting Friday, September 28th, 7-8.45pm, and finishing Friday 7th December 7-8.45pm. We hope that all of the young people from years 7 to 11 will take this opportunity to engage in their faith, and bring all their friends, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. Please, email Anke Vos by Monday 17th September to confirm you're coming, as places may be limited. We believe you'll enjoy it and will want to come back for more!

STONOR PILGRIMAGE

The coach will be departing from Our Lady’s at 9.00am on Thursday 26th July. We will have the privilege of celebrating Mass in the family’s private chapel at 11.00am. There will be time during the day to visit the house, the gardens and the Wonder Woods (a fun playground for children). The coach will depart for Our Lady’s at 4.30pm - there will be a collection for the coach driver, if you would like to contribute, please bring in a small donation.

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 21st July at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Each week in the newsletter there is a list of parishioners who need our prayers. This list has not changed much for many years. If you know anyone whose name should be removed please let me know. If you would like to add someone on to this list, please make sure they are happy for their name to be publicised. Thank you, Kerry.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter during the month of August.

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.

MUM’S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 11.30AM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Boshoff on caitbos22@gmail.com or 07484 754843.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

WEEK DAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Thursday 26th July.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

WEEK DAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Monday 23rd July.

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

COFFEE AND TEA

Coffee and tea will be served after the Mass this Sunday. Please stay a while for a cuppa and chat if you are able.

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		
14 & 15 July	C Pierce	M Foggo	J McEwen	M Calvert	M Fields	L Turnbull	Kate & Vivian	C Steet
21 & 22 July	M Foggo	GF	J McEwen	U Lean	M Fields	J Hale	Francis & Patsy	T Price

GENERAL NOTICES

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 cematapo@hotmail.com. Everyone welcome.

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