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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 22ND JULY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The apostles had been busy preaching, healing and driving out “demons” as Jesus had instructed them. Today they return with accounts of their activities, and seeing their fatigue Jesus invites them to take time to rest. But their plans for recuperation are interrupted by the crowds who follow them, eager to see Jesus - to be near him and to hear his words.

Jesus knew that the people were not purposely trying to impose themselves. Looking through the eyes of Jesus, we see them - scattered and leaderless. We sense his own desire for rest being overwhelmed by the stronger force of compassion. “His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd” - he saw the needs of those who were in front of him, and placed their needs above his own. In fact, “he began to teach them many things” - he wasn’t planning to quickly dismiss the crowds, but had resolved to care for them thoroughly.

Loving our neighbour is often inconvenient and bothersome. Like other aspects of Christian behaviour, it can be difficult. Jesus’s response shows us how one that truly loves his neighbour behaves. The ministry of the Church is an extension of this compassion of Jesus’s - the willingness to walk in the shoes of another person, to understand the joys and sorrows of their life.

Christ is the good shepherd promised by Jeremiah: the same yesterday, today and forever. Vast crowds of people still wander around like sheep without a shepherd, but he has the same compassion for us that he had for the Galileans: he sees our helplessness and all our human weaknesses, and will not rest until we are gathered and restored. Today let us ask Jesus to give us his spirit of compassion so that we can be as sensitive and responsive to the needs of people around us as he was.

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Next Sunday’s Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £502.00; Loose Plate: £302.80; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1507.88**

Mill End: Envelopes: £276.45; Loose Plate: £122.62; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £576.03**

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 22ND JULY			
MON 23RD JULY	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH JULY	10.00am	SVP Meeting	St John Fisher
WED 25TH JULY			
THU 26TH JULY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH JULY	10.00am 1.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 28TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 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
MONDAY 23RD JULY <i>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</i>	9.30am John Finnegan RIP (Anniv.)	NO MASS TODAY	
TUESDAY 24 TH JULY	9.30am Rose Coxon RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WED. 25TH JULY <i>ST JAMES, APOSTLE</i>		9.30am Donal Donoghue RIP	
THURSDAY 26TH JULY <i>SS JOACHIM & ANNE</i>	NO MASS TODAY		
FRIDAY 27 TH JULY	9.30am In Thanksgiving		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 28 TH JULY	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Patrick Miscampbell RIP
SUNDAY 29 TH JULY <i>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Maurice Breen RIP 11am Jack Crowley RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Michelle Cronin RIP	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, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Helen Forrest, Barbara Marke, Betty McGuinness and Anne Trenchard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On **Wednesday 15th August** the Church celebrates **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Being one of the major feasts in the Church's year, Wednesday 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 (Tuesday) 8pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am & 8pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am.

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**, 7-8pm, 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 series for young people called Alpha Youth. Alpha Youth is an opportunity for every young person to explore life's big questions. Whether they go to church or are of no faith background whatsoever, all are welcome to explore life and faith in a relaxed, open, and non-judgemental way, with good food and fun games. It is a weekly series starting **Friday 28th September** 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 explore life, faith, and meaning and bring their friends, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. Please, email Anke Vos by **Monday 17th September** to let us know you're coming. We believe you'll enjoy it and will want to come back for more!

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress in Liverpool (entitled "Adoremus"), from 7 - 9 September 2018. The aim of the Congress is to promote awareness of Eucharistic adoration, and of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Every diocese in England and Wales is taking part, and we have representatives attending in Liverpool from our parishes. To enable more parishioners to mark this historic occasion, and to give thanks for the precious gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, there will be a full day of Adoration held at Our Lady's on **Saturday September 8th** from **7am - 10pm**. All parishioners are warmly invited to rest awhile in the Lord's presence that day, for however long or short a time you are able.

To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will be accompanied at all times, please indicate on the sign-up sheet (available from this weekend) if you know which times you will be able to attend.

THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP

For our next walk (8 miles 'circular') please meet at the Green Dragon, Flaunden HP3 0PP at 9.30am **Saturday 11th August**. If the hot weather persists, some may want to take the short cut back to the Green Dragon reducing their walk to about 5 miles. Next walk will be on **8th September** at 9.30am - details later. Enquiries to billgraham1888@gmail.com

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.

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 published. Thank you, Kerry.

PARISH NEWSLETTER - there will be no newsletter during the month of August.

GDPR COMPLIANCE

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers, kind words, beautiful cards and donations to Watford Mencap in memory of Alf. He would be surprised and honoured to know how many people care! Your support has been so much appreciated by me during his illness and the last few weeks. I am truly thankful that I am part of such a caring community. God bless you all, *Clare Loose*

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 13th October

We're going all out on our next quiz night. Please save Saturday 13th October in your diaries now.

WEEK DAY MASS

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

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS

The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 2nd September.

MISSIO

Would promoters please collect the Summer Magazines from the church porch. Thank you.

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.

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

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

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
21 & 22 July	M Foggo	GF	J McEwen	U Lean	M Fields	J Hale	Francis & Patsy	T Price
28 & 29 July	J Ingham	M Foggo	M Latimer	A Opie	K Cottingham	AM Farnsworth	Yasmin & Vivian	A McReynolds
4 & 5 Aug.	A Roberts	A Roberts	C Johnson	J Hale	A Opie	E Price	Kate & Don	J Whelan
11 & 12 Aug.		J Stratton	E O'Sullivan	M Fields	C Holly	F Holly	Patsy & Marguerite	S Tarrant
18 & 19 Aug.	E O'Sullivan	M Williamson	P Goble	A Opie	J Hale	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Una	V Terrill
25 & 26 Aug.	GF	E O'Sullivan	J McEwen	M Calvert	L Munro	J Hale	Vivian & Peter	C Steet
1 & 2 Sept.	V & A Cray	A Roberts	P Goble	J Whelan	J Donohoe	AM Farnsworth	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.