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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 29TH JULY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Jesus's feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. Not only does a small amount of food completely satisfy the hunger of the people, but there are leftovers! The multiplication of the boy's loaves and fishes shows exactly what God always does if we trust in him. We may think that what we have to offer him is too small and insignificant, but when we put everything into the hands of Jesus Christ, there is no telling what he can do with us and through us. For this miracle a child gave what little he had, and in doing so made all the difference to his community. Whatever we offer God, he returns to us with great abundance, even beyond our expectations.

Today's gospel is so familiar that it is easy to take it for granted and not listen as carefully as the first time we heard it. There is much about this reading that foreshadows the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist, including Jesus's actions as he takes the bread, gives thanks and distributes it among those gathered. Sometimes it is easy to take the Eucharist for granted too, and to forget the heartbreaking sacrifice that Jesus made for us to be able to receive it. At every Mass the offerings we bring to the altar become the Body and Blood of Christ, which we receive as food - it is enough for ourselves, and yet the blessings we receive are more than we can consume alone. We are invited to share this abundance, to respond to God's generosity by imitating it... he gives more than we need for ourselves that we may "fill twelve baskets" to share with others.

The Eucharist is a far greater miracle even than the feeding of the five thousand - it is the feeding of the millions with the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, directly and indirectly, that continues today and every day.

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Response to Psalm: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15; Ephesians 4:17. 20-24; John 6:24-35 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £354.60; Loose Plate: £331.97; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1389.65**

Mill End: Envelopes: £223.00; Loose Plate: £135.53; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £535.49**

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

Peter's Pence: Rickmansworth £358.48; Mill End £233.86; Chorleywood £110.50

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 29TH JULY			
MON 30TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 31ST JULY			
WED 1ST AUGUST			
THU 2ND AUGUST	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 3RD AUGUST	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 4TH AUGUST	5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
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
MONDAY 30 TH JULY	9.30am Gloria Flynn RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
TUESDAY 31 ST JULY <i>St IGNATIUS LOYOLA, PRIEST</i>	NO MASS TODAY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WED. 1 ST AUGUST <i>St ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DR</i>		9.30am Rose Davies (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 2 ND AUGUST	9.30am Henry Kendrick RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 3 RD AUGUST	9.30am Alf Loose RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 4 TH AUGUST <i>St JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST</i>	10.00am Mark Gibbons (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 5 TH AUGUST <i>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Pat Byrne & Family 11am Declan Quinn RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Malcolm Stacey RIP	10.30am Luciano Broccardi 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: 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, Anne Trenchard and Vicky Williams.

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.

SATURDAY HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

There will be no Saturday Holy Hour or Confessions after the 10am Mass during August. Anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should speak to Fr Shaun or enquire at the presbytery.

JEAN MULDERRIG RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Jean Mulderrig who died recently. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time. Details of her funeral arrangements at St John the Evangelist will be announced in due course.

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 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

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 19th August** 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 published. Thank you, Kerry.

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

WEEK DAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Tuesday 31st July, Friday 10th August, Tuesday 14th August and Tuesday 21st August.

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.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

WEEK DAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Monday 30th July, Monday 6th August, Monday 13th August and Monday 20th August.

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

WEEK DAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Friday 3rd August, Tuesday 7th August, Friday 17th August and Friday 24th August.

DAMP TREATMENT WORK

Following repairs to the damp course and guttering, a treatment will be applied on 6-8 August to resolve the serious damp problem on the wall behind the organ. To prepare for the work, the electrical wiring and sound system will be removed from the wall on 3 August. A month later after the plaster has dried out, the wall will be repainted.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
28 & 29 July	J Ingham	T Hartney	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

WILL YOU CONNECT THE POOR WITH THE POWERFUL?

CAFOD is looking for Catholics in this area to share their faith with their MP. Write 3-4 times a year on a topical issue to support those living in poverty around the world. No experience needed as information will be provided. Online or by post. See www.cafod.org.uk/mpc or contact Tony on 0208 4496970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk for further information.

"Love is civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." – Pope Francis

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.