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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

*"Who do you say that I am?"* We believe that Jesus is both God and the Son of God, that he is our Redeemer and Saviour. But how does this translate into our daily lives? *"Whoever wishes to be a follower of mine...."* is one of the most crucial statements in the whole of the Gospels. It forces us to ask ourselves how much it means to us to be disciples of Jesus. But are we prepared to give what it takes?

Jesus makes it clear that the cross and discipleship are inextricably connected. They always have been; they always will be, but Peter had not yet appreciated this connection. We hear him profess his faith in Jesus, calling him "the Christ". But as soon as Jesus starts explaining what his mission will entail - rejection, suffering and death - Peter objects. Like Peter, we profess Christianity, but often are in denial of the self-giving and acceptance of suffering that this requires.

The Letter of James is still just as powerfully relevant today. In these times of discrimination, poverty and addictions, let us not be Christians who go home from church to live secular lives: *"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?"* We can only follow Christ if and when we also practice genuine love and care of neighbour and stranger alike. Faith and good works are inextricably tied together, just as discipleship and the cross.

Like Peter, in the light of Jesus' truth we find that we are challenged to re-evaluate our assumptions. A simple prayer practice, an examination of conscience, can help us with this. At the end of the day (or any convenient time), we take 5 to 10 minutes of quiet reflection and silence to look deeper into our life. We examine our relationships, responsibilities and daily encounters, to see if we have met them with love and a true Christian purpose. Where did we fail? Where did we succeed? At the conclusion we thank God for our blessings of the day, ask pardon for our failures, and the grace and strength to follow Christ with a faith that is alive tomorrow.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9

**Response to Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 2:12.17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £433.66; Loose Plate: £415.00; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1551.74**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £357.90; Loose Plate: £202.08; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £736.94**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of August - **£2322.10**

**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

<b>SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	12.30pm 12.45pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall Baptisms	St John's School Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	7.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall 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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Michael Durand RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Eddie McLoughlin RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Pat Finucane (Ints.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Luciana Beardmore RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Myrtle Borthwick RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Reynolds Family RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Declena Keely (Ints.)	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Sheelagh Hannigan RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		<b>9.30am</b> Robert Gibson (Ints.)	
<b>THURS 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>SS ANDREW KIM TAE- GŎN, PRIEST, PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>St MATTHEW, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> In Thanksgiving		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Michael Durand RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Frank Truman RIP <b>11am</b> Sheelagh Hannigan RIP <b>6pm</b> Bridget & James O'Brien RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Jack Rock RIP	<b>9am</b> 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, Joan Townend and Clive Powell-Williams.

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Audrey Lewin, Mary Gardner and Robert Gibson.

**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, Barbara Marke, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard and Vicky Williams.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### THE LAUNCH OF ALPHA - UPDATE

We are delighted to let you know that we have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the launch of our first Alpha which **starts on 25<sup>th</sup> September** - over 60 people registered last weekend at our Masses! As explained, places are limited for our first Alpha due to constraints on space. We have 32 places which will be allocated to ensure a balance of male and female, a mix of ages, and a mix of people from across our three parishes. If you registered, a member of our Alpha team will contact you shortly to let you know if you have a place on this Alpha or whether you will be invited to join our next Alpha starting in January. Please don't be disappointed if you missed out on a place this autumn - there will be plenty of opportunities to try Alpha next year, and how exciting for our parishes to get off to such a promising start! *Fr Shaun & Fr Damian*

### ALF LOOSE RIP

The ashes of Alf Loose will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

### HELEN FORREST RIP

The funeral of Helen Forrest will take place at St John Fisher at **11.00am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**, followed by committal at Chorleywood Old Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

### ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This year the Mass count will take place on the last two weekends in September and on the first two weekends in October (each parish is required by the Diocese to count the number of people attending Mass). The details are forwarded to the Diocese along with other parish statistics at the end of the year. So, if you see someone "clicking you in" at Mass today you will know why!

### OPEN PARISH MEETINGS

Before the summer holidays I notified you of open parish meetings which will take place in each parish during September. The dates and venues are as follows:

**Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3.30pm – Our Lady's Hall**

**St. John Fisher, Chorleywood – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**

**St John's, Mill End – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon – St John's Parish Centre**

Parishioners from across the three parishes are welcome to attend whichever meeting is most convenient for them. The agenda for the three meetings is exactly the same and there are three major items for presentation and discussion:

**The Draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC)**

**The Future Provision of Masses for the Easter Triduum**

**A proposal for the adoption of a common identifying name for our three parishes**

The draft Terms of Reference for the JPPC and explanatory papers for items 2 and 3 are now available on each parish website under the **Open Parish Meetings** tab. Parishioners are invited to download these in advance of the meetings. A few 'hard' copies of all these papers are available in each parish for those who do not have access to the internet at home. I encourage all parishioners to attend one of these important meetings in September. *Fr Shaun*

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> September** 7-8.45pm, and finishing **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September** to let us know you're coming. We believe you'll enjoy it and will want to come back for more!

### QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady's Hall

This event is going to raise money for the SVP and their many good works. Please come from all three parishes to make this a great success. We are having a catered curry and a bar. Best of all ridiculously easy questions or are they! Put this in your diary. Tickets available soon.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – SECONDARY TRANSFER 2020

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Secondary transfer place in a Catholic School for **September 2020** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Damian after Mass this weekend. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains **very important** information regarding what is required of you in order for us to be able to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your family.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – SECONDARY TRANSFER SEPTEMBER 2019 FORM SIGNING

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer 2019 on the following days: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – 5.00pm to 6.00pm; **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – 2.00pm to 3.00pm and **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – 6.00pm to 7.00pm. All three sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you. **Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card.** If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

WWDP was cancelled in March 2018 due to snow. We are pleased to let you know another date has been arranged for the celebration. **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30pm.** Methodist Church, Berry Lane, Rickmansworth. Please do come along and celebrate this day of prayer followed by tea and cakes afterwards. Everyone is welcome - all you gentlemen as well. If you would like any more information please speak to Cristina MacGillivray or Geraldine Page.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September** 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club begins again in October and if anyone is interested in joining (or cancelling their membership) please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. The membership fee is due by mid September for those who pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

### 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

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September** 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!

### RED MISSIO BOXES

Could you please bring these to church soon to be emptied and collect your copy of Mission Today. Thank you, Geraldine.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS

The new rotas start weekend of 29/30 September. Would Welcomers, Readers and Ministers of Communion please take their copy from the lobby. Thank you. *Maureen*

**WEEK DAY MASS** - there will be no Mass here on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### RED APF/MISSIO BOXES

I hope you have all had a good Summer break and it is now time, once again, to bring your boxes to Church for the September collection. Thank you very much, Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
15 & 16 Sept.	GF	C Pierce	C Johnson	M Mackie	M Calvert	L Turnbull	Kate & Una	V Terrill
22 & 23 Sept.	J Ingham	A Penn	E O'Sullivan	J Hale	H McGrath	F Holly	Carolyn & Francis	C Steet

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be here on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September *before* Mass starts - the van will leave just before the start of Mass (by 9am at St John Fisher, 10.30am at St John the Evangelist and 11am at Our Lady's). Please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*) in tied sacks. Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

*Autumn Jumble Sale & Nearly New* will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.30am.

*Book Sale & Quality Items* will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7 to 9pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

### CHURCHES IN CROXLEY GREEN CIO...

Are looking to appoint a Parish Nurse to work for approximately 5 hours a week, alongside the local ministers and existing health professionals to bring holistic care to the people of Croxley Green. Please contact *Rev Miriam Mughan of All Saints Church* at [miriam.mughan@btopenworld.com](mailto:miriam.mughan@btopenworld.com) or *Rev Lisa Kerry of Croxley Green Baptist Church* at [lkerry@aol.com](mailto:lkerry@aol.com). Closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Find out more about us here [www.croxleyparishnurse.org](http://www.croxleyparishnurse.org)

### 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM RETREAT DAY

What does it mean to find happiness in today's world? Come join us to explore what is true, good and beautiful in our lives today and establish a solid foundation for life's next step. The Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry are hosting a retreat day for those in school years 11-13 to see where God fits within these new phase of life. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am-9pm £20 (including meals). HA5 3EP. Contact: [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) [www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)