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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Both today's Old and New Testament readings attest to the fact that God is working everywhere in the whole of creation, and at all times. We must learn to accept and trust that he works in mysterious ways; and that it is God, not man, who decides who he will choose and how he will use them for his mission.

One who did not belong to the community used Jesus' name to drive out devils. John saw this and forbade it: "*we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.*" The disciples still had the closed minds and behaviour of the "chosen people". But Jesus, filled with wisdom and generosity, replies: "*Do not prevent him.... For whoever is not against us is for us.*" He reminds us that his Kingdom is not about territories, it is not about institutions, and it is not about the church and the unchurched: it is about hearts of people. Jesus was able to recognise and encourage goodness wherever he found it, and recognised the presence of the Spirit in anyone.

*"Since Christ died for all men, and since the ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to every man the possibility of being associated with this paschal mystery."* (Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

We must be careful never to make judgments that may obstruct God's purposes, but always be welcoming and non-judgemental to others, within our church walls and outside of them - our duty as disciples is to help our fellow men to grow by being examples of justice, love, mercy and compassion. The Lord is at work in many diverse ways in every human heart. We must let God be God!

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

**Rickmansworth Parish**  
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**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Response to Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord, gladden the heart.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £438.70; Loose Plate: £369.42; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1516.20**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £228.50; Loose Plate: £134.90; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £540.36**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	11.30am 12 noon 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Open Parish Meeting - Hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>	5.00pm - 6.00pm 7.30pm	CCP Signing (Secondary Transfer) - Hall Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>THU 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	11.00am 8.00pm	Funeral - Helen Forrest RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Alpha Youth - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm - 3.00pm 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions CCP Signing (Secondary Transfer) - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Thomas Patrick RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER <i>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> In Thanksgiving <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Seamus Fagan RIP	<b>9am</b> Helen Forrest RIP
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>St THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Power RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Wickam Mattie RIP	
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Peter Price RIP (Anniv.)		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER		<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention	
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>St FRANCIS OF ASSISI</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Thomas Burke RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Robinson RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Marie Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Thomas Burke RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Alistair Cammidge RIP <b>11am</b> Dan & Anne O'Sullivan RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> In Thanksgiving (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	<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, Clive Powell-Williams and Rhiann Alton.

**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

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, that people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can.

### 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 Lawn Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time. *Please note that the parking restriction on Shire Lane (single yellow line) has been lifted for the day.*

### CONFIRMATION

For all young disciples in year 9 and above who would like to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation this academic year: registration will open on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018**, and close **January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019**. Prospective candidates are expected to be building up their relationship with Jesus, especially through a regular habit of prayer, the sacraments, and/or the parishes' youth programme. The celebration of confirmation will be at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, **7.30pm, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. Details of the sacramental preparation will be agreed after registration. If you have any questions, please contact Anke, the youth co-coordinator.

### QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Folks from all three parish communities are warmly welcomed to attend a super fun quiz at Our Lady's hall. Any funds raised will be going to help the SVP in their good works. We have an excellent caterer coming to provide a Curry dinner. Tickets will be on sale this weekend across the 3 parishes at £12.50 per person. For further info or to book your place call Adrian 07503 898689 or email [adrian@justparkers.co.uk](mailto:adrian@justparkers.co.uk)

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION 2019 – PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents who have registered their children for the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion programme, are reminded that there will be a Parents Information Meeting in October. For those who have registered at St John's, Mill End – **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00pm**. For those who have registered at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm** and for those who have registered at St John Fisher, Chorleywood **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm**.

### 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 MEETING

The third and final open parish meeting will take place at St John's, Mill End on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Parishioners from across the three parishes are welcome to attend. The agenda for meeting 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 meeting. 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 parishioners to attend this important meeting. *Fr Shaun*

### THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP - Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>

Our next walk will be the beautiful Ivinghoe Beacon Ridgeway 10 mile circular walk, which passes through the Ashridge Estate. The Ridgeway National Trail is described as Britain's oldest road, following a route used for at least 5,000 years by travellers, herdsman and soldiers. We will meet in Aldbury car park in Stocks Road, HP23 5RU (Grid Ref. SP965127), at the slightly later time of 10am to allow for travel. Everyone is welcome - bring your friends and family! It is always lovely to see new faces. Enquiries to [bensonsamantha@hotmail.com](mailto:bensonsamantha@hotmail.com)

### 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.

### 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](mailto:caitbos22@gmail.com) or 07484 754843.

### 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October** after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall just behind Our Lady's church. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS** - please join us in the hall for our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

### CRECHE

There is a creche for small children under the age of 5 during the first half of the 11am Mass. Everyone is welcome! We would be very grateful for any parents willing to volunteer to join the rota. The Sunday School liturgy group runs at the same time for children of Reception age upwards. Both groups are a brilliant way for your children to make friends and enjoy church! If you would like to volunteer (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please contact Liz Purtil at [lizpurtil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizpurtil@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you.

### 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 soon for those who pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### 200 CLUB

**August:** Congratulations to Winnie Connor (£35), Mick Toland (£25) and Chris Briggs (£15).

**September:** Congratulations to Sharon Bordley (£35), Paul McLoughlin (£25) and Phillip Gibbs (£15).

### ROTAS

Ministries of Welcome, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. For those of you who haven't received the new rota's by email please collect a copy from the back of the church. Thank you

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place this **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!

## 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*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>29 &amp; 30 Sept.</b>	E O'Sullivan	GF	J McEwen	M Fields	T D'Urso	J Hale	Vivian & Peter	A McReynolds
<b>6 &amp; 7 October</b>	A Roberts	M Foggo	M Latimer	J Whelan	M Fields	AM Farnsworth		J Whelan

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### PASTORAL CARE OF SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS

The Marriage and Family Life Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has initiated a national research project to audit the range and quality of care currently offered to separated, divorced and remarried Catholics in parishes across England & Wales. Our goal is to better understand the experience of individuals and couples in these situations and that of the priests, deacons, religious, lay counsellors and parishioners accompanying them. If you have experiences you'd like to share, please fill in the survey online by **19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SDRCATH>.

### ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St John's Catholic Primary School has a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The hours are from 12.00 - 1.30pm. The role involves supervising the children whilst eating their lunch and on the playground during the lunch break. If you are looking for part time work which fits in with the school day and school holidays, this could be the ideal opportunity for you. Please contact the school office on 01923 774004 for further details

### FORMATION FOR PARISH MINISTRY - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Ministers of the Word

Ongoing formation is essential to the continued exercise of every Lay Ministry. Ministers already commissioned or appointed in their parishes are invited to take part in two days' training and the Day of Prayer and Reflection. The two initial 'Taster' sessions are offered for those who feel called or have been invited to exercise one of the Ministries, and/or who want to learn more about Lay Ministry. The Day of Prayer and Reflection is open to everyone. Speakers: Sister Anne Walsh OP and Sister Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP are Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena of Newcastle, Natal based at Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire. Training starts in October. This programme will be run in 2 central locations. Registration is required at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Information leaflets available at all three parishes.

### A RETREAT BASED ON THE BOOK OF RUTH: "YOUR GOD WILL BE MY GOD."

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018. 10.30am arrivals for 11am - 4pm. The Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Road, Iver Heath, SL0 0NR. Cost £30 per person includes lunch. Please book 01582 723312 or email [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

### THE PASSAGE

Please support the excellent work of The Passage by considering attending its annual concert Night Under The Stars at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This year's concert is entitled Northern Lights and features music by Grieg and Sibelius. For details and booking visit <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/118993-night-under-stars-northern-lights-2018> or telephone 020 3879 9555.