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## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's readings describe the creation of man and woman, and their union in marriage. The simple text from Genesis reveals the depth of what it is to be human: the loneliness of Adam, finding no contentment because there is nothing like him - made in the image of God - in the world. God provides for Adam the perfect companion, "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh". This Creation account is speaking to a spiritual ideal: that those united in marriage really are *one*, and "what God has joined together, no human being must separate". It is this ideal that Jesus references in today's Gospel.

It is important to point out what is *not* being said. Jesus did *not* say that it was okay to criticise or judge those who go through the painful experience of divorce. Jesus did *not* say that people should stay in abusive relationships. He asserts that marriage is more than just an arrangement entered into by two human persons: it is a sacramental gift from God, a celebration of his creation and of his love. He is not saying this to condemn people who find themselves in this situation through no fault of their own, but rather to proclaim that marriage is a reflection of the faithful love of God.

We reflect on the ideal, but we live in the reality. Sometimes, for many and varied reasons, divorce is the logical, reasonable, and necessary resolution to an unhealthy and destructive relationship. There are many good and holy people who are suffering in their marriages - separated, divorced, undergoing the annulment process. It's important to keep a special place in our hearts for them. Not one of us is perfect, not one of us lives up to God's ideals. We are all broken and wounded, and we all need a Saviour. Let us pray for the healing of their sufferings, and that we, and the Church, may we reflect the compassion and love of God.

*The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are asking for your views on the quality of care the Church offers to separated, divorced and remarried Catholics. The online survey is open until October 19th: [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SDRCATH](http://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SDRCATH)*

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

**Rickmansworth Parish**  
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**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24

**Response to Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £737.42; Loose Plate: £450.51; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1891.01**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £282.51; Loose Plate: £271.44; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £730.91**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of September - **£3024.81**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.30am 12.45pm 7.00pm	Coffee after Mass - Hall Baptisms Afterparty - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 6.00pm - 7.00pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall CCP Signing (Secondary Transfer) - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am for 10.15am 7.30pm	Lectio Divina - Upper Room Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>THU 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	2.15pm for 2.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 12<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 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Quiz Night - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians

## 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>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) For the People of the Parish
<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> Helen Forrest RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Thomas Burke RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		<b>9.30am</b> Jean Mulderrig RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Thomas Burke RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</i>	<b>10.00am</b> For the intentions of the Chess Valley SVP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Helen Forrest RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 14 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Jim Smythe RIP <b>11am</b> Cathy Purtill RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> John Griffins	<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, 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

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. For further information see [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### AUDREY LEWIN RIP

The funeral of Audrey Lewin will take place at St John the Evangelist at **11.00am** on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Two copies of the Annual Report and one copy of the Accounts for the Diocese are available at the back of the church for parishioners to review. We would ask that these please be **not** removed from the church. So that all those who wish to review them may do so with ease. Both the Annual Report and the Accounts and the shorter Annual Report are available on the Diocesan website at [www.rcdow.org.uk/publications](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/publications).

### CHESS VALLEY SVP

The **10.00am** Mass on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** will be offered for the work of Chess Valley SVP. All parishioners are invited to the Mass, Exposition and Benediction, for all, or any time that they are able to attend. SVP members will be giving a short report of their work after each of the Masses on the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a retiring collection to support their local work.

### 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 three 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 7.30pm**.

### 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. The walk has a few steepish climbs (and descents) so please bear this in mind! 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.

If anyone would like to car-share please email me and I will put you in touch with each other. Thanks, Sam Benson ([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 **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – 6.00pm to 7.00pm. **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.

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

### WATFORD, HEMEL AND ST. ALBANS NHS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know if you or a close relative are in hospital. To contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling **01923 217994** or **0777 659 8704** referrals can also be made via email: [spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk](mailto:spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk)

## 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 this 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).

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Charity Christmas Fair is just two months away and will be held on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Please accept a leaflet on your way out of church this weekend setting out various needs, consider all that you can do and please pray for a happy and successful Fair, for those who help and those who receive! Every penny we make is given away. This year one third each to the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Africa; the Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless in London and our newest venture, we are very happy to be supporting the people of Sebeya in Northern Ethiopia (see new Poster in lobby for info). Thank you so much, Mary.

### MISSIO RED BOX

The September APF/Missio Red Box collection amounted to £112.66. Thank you very much, Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>6 &amp; 7 October</b>	A Roberts	M Foggo	M Latimer	J Whelan	M Fields	AM Farnsworth	Francis & Carolyn	J Whelan
<b>13 &amp; 20 October</b>	GF	T Hartney	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	K Cottingham	E Price	Una & Marguerite	S Tarrant

## 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.

### 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.