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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's first reading recounts the prayer of someone seeking wisdom. With wisdom, our values change - this can be seen in the lives of many of the saints, who move from the temporary rewards of this world to seeking only what God wants. The rich young man in Mark's Gospel knew that he was missing something. Even though he had kept the law all his life, it still didn't seem right, or enough. Despite enjoying his riches, he was looking to the future - he sought beyond that which was temporary. So he came to Jesus for wisdom. Christ knew that something was lacking in the otherwise faultless young man, and that "one thing" was his attachment to wealth. Jesus advises him to break the attachment by giving everything to the poor, and following him. But the man, who "had many possessions", knew sadly that he was too attached to them to do so. Not everyone is asked to embrace such absolute poverty - that is a rare and special vocation. Most people need to earn a living and have family responsibilities. Nevertheless, in different ways, we are all called to follow Christ with total commitment.

Jesus' repeated message is very clear - we must *seek first the kingdom of God*. When God is our priority and the centre of our lives, when we acknowledge our complete dependence on him, he is able to work in us to bring the unparalleled peace and wisdom he longs for us to know. What is it that occupies the core of our hearts? Is it wealth and possessions? Career and achievements? Popularity or looks? We can come to think that our earthly attachments provide us with happiness, security and peace - but only God can give this. Let us pray to God for the wisdom to see what is getting in the way.

### SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Response to Psalm:** Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £409.88; Loose Plate: £331.07; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1444.03**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £276.34; Loose Plate: £120.49; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £573.79**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	12.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents Meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>MON 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 7.45pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Mum's Connect - Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Choir Practice	Edith Moid's Home Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents Meeting Alpha - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	11.00am	Funeral - Audrey Lewin RIP	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 19<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 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</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

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<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 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <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
<b>MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>St TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr George Dangerfield RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Jim Smythe RIP	
<b>TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<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>WED 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>St IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Rose Green RIP	
<b>THURS 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>St LUKE, EVANGELIST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Cecy Netto RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> Fr George Dangerfield RIP
<b>SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Thomas Burke RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Frazer Bradshaw RIP <b>6pm</b> W H Osgood RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Battie O'Connor RIP	<b>9am</b> Helen Forrest RIP

### 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

### **CHESS VALLEY SVP**

SVP members will be giving a short report of their work after each of the Masses this weekend. There will be a retiring collection to support their local work.

### **PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER**

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available from this weekend. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

### **PACT - PRISONERS' SUNDAY**

Today we mark Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents. Prisoners' Sunday provides an important opportunity to reflect on how we as a community can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. Pact is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, their children and families. Pact works to reduce the harmful impact of imprisonment and give people the opportunity of a fresh start. If you would like to find out about how you might support the work of Pact, please check out their website [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.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.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

### **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).

### **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.

### **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**.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. St John's Church Hall, Mill End. 11.30am - 1.30pm. Children from all three parishes, who are primary school age or younger, are most welcome. Children cannot be left unattended and must be accompanied by an adult. There is no pre-booking required and there is no charge. Details about what food to bring will be in the newsletter nearer the time. The children have a great time and it's a chance for parents to get together.

### **FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - A THREE PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE POET ROBBIE BURNS**

There will be Pipes and Dancing girls and Scottish Fayre in the neutral surroundings of the Chorleywood Memorial Hall. A chance for the men to show off their knees and for the ladies to bring decorum to the occasion. **PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY**. More info to follow.

### **SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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.

### **CATHOLIC WORKER FARM - CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

This year we will again be making up Christmas gifts for the ladies currently being given shelter at CWF. We have done this for a few years with great success and we are appealing again to your generosity. We are asking for toiletries, either in box sets or individually: shower gels, soaps, body lotions/creams etc. There will be a collection box in the church porch of each of the three parishes as from next weekend. Thankyou, SVP.

### **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.

### **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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### 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 Purtill at [lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you.

**200 CLUB** - congratulations to Annie Kent £41, Josie Westhrop £30.75, Mary Thomson £20.50 and Peggie Moss £10.25.

### 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

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October** 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!

### 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.

## 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.

### LADIES' MEETING - 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The next meeting will be this coming Monday at 10.00am at Edith Moid's home, 2 Grenville Court (located at the corner of Blackett Wood Drive and New Parade). All very welcome to come for a coffee and chat. Thank you.

**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>13 &amp; 14 October</b>	GF	T Hartney	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	K Cottingham	E Price	Una & Marguerite	S Tarrant
<b>20 &amp; 21 October</b>	M Foggo	S Hoy	C Johnson	A Opie	M Golin	F Holly	Peter & Kate	V Terrill

## 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.