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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 21ST OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

James and John came to Jesus to request positions at his right hand and his left hand in his Kingdom. Having both witnessed his Transfiguration on Mount Sinai, who could blame them! All the apostles seem to imagine that when Jesus rules the world, since they are his associates, he will select them as his ministers for various important positions. The desire for "greatness" is a central force in humanity. History is marked by struggles for power, influence, position and supremacy. But Jesus came, "not to be served but to serve"; "the slave of all". We who follow him are challenged to give of ourselves, our talents and our time, out of love and for the service of others without seeking reward.

Jesus also reminds his disciples that to follow him means accepting suffering. The reading from Isaiah tells us that the will of God is that his servant be bruised; to experience grief and suffering as the due process that will lead to the salvation of many. This is an image which the first Christians quickly adapted to refer to Jesus - the "suffering servant" of God who gives up his life to atone for the sins of others. The Letter to the Hebrews emphasises that Jesus understands us because he took on our human condition and its sufferings, and has been "tested in every way". None of us want to suffer, but it teaches us about the heart of Christ, who consistently choose the path of suffering, detachment and service. A disciple of Jesus has the inner strength that makes it possible to serve and to suffer.

Today people want to get rich without working for it. People want to rise to great heights without the drudgery of climbing a ladder; to get to the promised land without passing through the desert; to wear the crown without carrying the cross. But Christ teaches that this is the due process to true happiness - there can be no Easter without Good Friday.

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Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Response to Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £588.87; Loose Plate: £387.02; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1678.97**

Mill End: Envelopes: £186.95; Loose Plate: £121.75; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £485.66**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 21ST OCTOBER	8.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School
MON 22ND OCTOBER	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space – Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 23RD OCTOBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 24TH OCTOBER			
THU 25TH OCTOBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH OCTOBER	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
SAT 27TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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
SATURDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Fr Thomas Burke RIP	6pm (Vigil) Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21 ST OCTOBER <i>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mary Casey (Ints.) 11am Frazer Bradshaw RIP 6pm W H Osgood RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Battie O'Connor RIP	9am Helen Forrest RIP
MONDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	9.30am Maud Tracy RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am McGlaughlin Family (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 23 RD OCTOBER	9.30am Gerry Byrne RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 24 TH OCTOBER		9.30am Audrey Lewin RIP	
THURSDAY 25 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Brian Robinson RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Colin Lawrence RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am Fr George Dangerfield RIP
SATURDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Jenny Taafe (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Audrey Lewin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28 TH OCTOBER <i>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Pat & Hughie Sweeney RIP 6pm Ann Breen RIP	10.30am Audrey Lewin RIP	9am 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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation, one of the few days outside of a Sunday when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Please take note of the extra Masses being celebrated across the three parishes:

St John Fisher - Vigil (Wednesday) 8.00pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 8pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Friday 2nd November is All Soul's day. Masses across the three parishes will be as follows:

Our Lady Help of Christians – 9.30am; St John Fisher – 9.30am; St John the Evangelist – 7.30pm

RICKMANSWORTH ARMISTICE DAY AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Rickmansworth Town Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 11th November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (C of E), Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

1.45pm Remembrance Sunday Parade musters at Our Lady, Help of Christians

2.00pm Remembrance Sunday Parade moves off, to walk along the High Street

2.30pm Remembrance Sunday Service begins in St Mary's

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice. Parishioners are invited to join us to mark this solemn and historic occasion.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The annual Deanery Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased priests of the Deanery will take place at Our Lady's on Tuesday 13th November at 11.00am. This Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Deanery. Parishioners of the three parishes are invited join us for this Mass. There will be no 9.30am Masses at Our Lady's or St John Fisher, Chorleywood that day.

DEANERY LUNCH – HELP NEEDED

On Tuesday 13th November, our parishes will be hosting the November Deanery meeting and lunch for the clergy of the Deanery. We would be most grateful for some help with the following:

someone who could make a soup starter

someone (or more than one) who could make some lasagne

someone who could make a dessert (apple pie?)

Some people willing to prepare and serve the lunch and wash-up

There are likely to be between 10 and 12 clergy sitting down for the meal. If you would be willing to help with any of the above, please contact Fr Shaun as soon as possible. Thank you.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries:

Saturday 3rd November - Woodcock Hill Cemetery at 2.00pm and Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery at 2.00pm

Saturday 10th November - Chorleywood Old Cemetery at 11.00am and Our Lady's Garden of Rest at 11.30am

MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

Regrettably, it has now become impossible for the two memorial stones to be fitted in time for this November's memorial season as had been our original intention. This has been due to unforeseen problems experienced by the stonemasons/engravers, for which they have expressed their sincere apologies. A new date has now been agreed for the stones' installation at the beginning of February. Following this, the intention is then for Fr Shaun to bless the stones in a short ceremony in the Garden of Rest on a convenient date after the installation. We are *provisionally* looking at **Saturday 23rd February 2019** but we will confirm a date as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continuing patience in this matter. *Michael Curtin*

CHESS VALLEY SVP

We would like to thank all parishioners for their generous contribution to the SVP collections at all Masses last weekend. Your continued support enables us to help those in need in our local area, and our twinned Conference in India. Thank you also to Our Lady's Social Committee for the very successful Quiz evening last Saturday, the proceeds of which they donated to Chess Valley SVP.

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.

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 8th December 2018**, and close **January 21st 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 4th June 2019**. Details of the sacramental preparation will be agreed after registration. If you have any questions, please contact Anke, the youth co-coordinator.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21st 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 this weekend. Thankyou, SVP.

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 Purtil at lizpurtil@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 9th December**. If you are interested in helping with the fair, setting up, running a stall, clearing away or simply have something to donate please join us for a meeting in the Church hall after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4th November. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 4th November, but would be interested in helping, please email liztownsenduk@gmail.com

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 28th 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

Two big THANK-YOUS!! Firstly to three absolute stalwarts of our Fair: Sue Treanor of the Raffle and Rosemary Ellis and Valerie Terrill of Bric-Brac. They are all standing down after years of valiant effort for which we are very grateful. CONSEQUENTLY we are in urgent need of a couple or two friends to run the b-a-b. Help will be given in the week before to set up. (The raffle is sorted). The second Thank-you is to YOU, our lovely parishioners. As usual you are turning out your cupboards and are already bringing in your unwanted gifts and items lurking in your cupboards (no spiders please!) Please keep and refer to the sheets we handed out and keep bringing all your goods to the kitchen. Remember every penny profit is given to our three charities: London Homeless, African Missionary Sisters and our newest project, Sebeya, the Ethiopian village.

For any queries, offers or transporting gifts, please contact Mary on 01923 284 975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
20 & 21 October	M Foggo	S Hoy	C Johnson	A Opie	M Golin	F Holly	Peter & Kate	V Terrill
27 & 28 October	V & A Cray	J Stratton	J McEwen	U Lean	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Patsy	C Steet

THREE PARISH NOTICES

TRADCRAFT SALE

There will be a Fairtrade sale of Traidcraft food, craft & Christmas cards at the home of Eleri Davies, 99 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green on **Thursday 25th October** (10.00am to 10.00pm) and **Sunday 28th October** (2.00pm - 8.00pm). These events coincide with One World Week which in its 40th year focuses on the changes we need to make to daily life to ensure everyone on the planet can prosper.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 16th 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 25TH 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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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 6th 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.