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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 28TH OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

"I want to see." The blind beggar Bartimaeus knew that he was missing so much, cut off from the visual beauty of life, and socially outcast. He cries out to Jesus for help, no longer bearing to remain in his state of life. Jesus asks him, *"What do you want me to do for you?"* The answer appears obvious, but Jesus does not presume to know: because he respects Bartimaeus' free will, he waits to be told. This is God's way with us too - despite knowing our needs, he never forces himself into our lives but waits to be invited. He is always asking us the same question, *"What do you want me to do for you?"*

It might seem extraordinary that the crowd of followers try to hinder Bartimaeus' attempts to go to Christ, try to stop him from meeting and following the Lord. Yet do we, by words or actions, prevent others from meeting Jesus, or have we experienced this ourselves? Do we suppose that some person or situation is beyond help, so we don't bother to pray for them? When we have the chance to help someone to spiritually grow, do we hold back because of disinterest or laziness? Do we jealously guard our plans so that small needs or kindnesses seem an inconvenience? Are we reluctant to make space for people in our parishes? Are we eager to bring people to Jesus, or do we have to be pushed into doing so? Are we disciples or just one of the crowd?

Bartimaeus represents humanity's constant yearning for healing, and freedom from the spiritual blindness that limits our relationship with God and fellow men. Just as Jesus asked others to relay his invitation to Bartimaeus, so he continues to use people to pass on his invitation today. These mediators represent the true followers of Christ: sensitive to the cries of those who seek to see, always pointing the blind towards the path that leads to light. The modern disciple radiates the same message of joy and hope: *"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!"*

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Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Response to Psalm:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £626.00; Loose Plate: £410.49; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1739.57**

Mill End: Envelopes: £239.35; Loose Plate: £151.51; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £567.82**

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

CAFOD: Rickmansworth £590.00, Mill End £403.34, Chorleywood £358.55

Chess Valley SVP: Rickmansworth £658.10, Mill End £150.81, Chorleywood £212.40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 28TH OCTOBER	11.30am 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 29TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 30TH OCTOBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 31ST OCTOBER			
THU 1ST NOVEMBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 2ND NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 3RD NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Blessing of Graves Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Woodcock Hill Cemetery Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
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 Jose Martini Filho 11am Pat & Hughie Sweeney RIP 6pm Ann Breen RIP	10.30am Audrey Lewin RIP	9am Helen Forrest RIP
MONDAY 29 TH OCTOBER <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</i>	9.30am Elizabeth Kendrick RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Jean Mulderrig RIP	
TUESDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Genova D'Cruz RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER		9.30am Audrey Lewin RIP	8.00pm Holy Souls
THURS 1 ST NOVEMBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls 8.00pm Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
FRIDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY)</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	7.30pm Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Audrey Lewin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER <i>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Special Intention 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Patsy Rees (Ints.)	10.30am Anthony McAleavy RIP	9am Fr George Dangerfield 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.

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*

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.

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.

SVP CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Do you know anyone who is on their own this Christmas? The SVP are hosting a Christmas Day Lunch at St John's RC Primary School. Doors open at 11.30am and a traditional Christmas dinner will be served at 1pm. The suggested donation is £5 and it will be a day of festive fun and laughter. To find out more information, or to book your place, please ring Geraldine or Emily Page on 01923 776100. We can offer lifts within Rickmansworth and the surrounding areas.

THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP – Saturday 17 November

The next walk will be about 7 miles level walking in and around Chipperfield Common starting 9.30am at the Cart and Horses PH, Commonwood WD4 9BA and finishing there. Please bring your family and friends and join this very friendly group. We aim to take refreshment at the end of the walk at about 12.30pm. Enquiries please to

billgraham1888@gmail.com

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty will be on **Sunday 4th November** 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 11.00am 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

As we come towards Christmas, please don't forget to save the stamps received on cards and parcels, for the Missions. Just cut about an inch or so around the sides, and leave them in the box in the church porch. As well as this, a little reminder, Please ask for Nativity stamps at the post Office when buying your own! *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 284975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
27 & 28 October	V & A Cray	J Stratton	J McEwen	U Lean	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Patsy	C Steet
3 & 4 November	C Pierce	M Williamson	P Goble	M Mackie	L Munro	J Hale	Carolyn &	A McReynolds

THREE PARISH NOTICES

TRADICRAFT 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 **Sunday 28th October** (2.00pm - 8.00pm). This event coincides 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

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

You are warmly invited to the CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at 11.00am on Wednesday 7 November. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.