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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our readings present a scene of chaos at the end of time - the sun will be darkened, the stars will fall from the heavens, "it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began". The world is falling apart. But Jesus is not absent. The Son of Man "will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds" - the elect being those who have continued his works of love and charity on earth.

Yet many of us spend an immense amount of time and energy on things that are truly insignificant. We give hours and sometimes days of our lives to trivia that ultimately does not make any difference one way or the other. We lick our wounds and nurse grudges; wrapped up in our own agendas, staring into screens and phones. When we take our last breath, will those be the things that mattered? Our God is a Father of pure and merciful love - his Son has promised to come again, and he has given us plenty of warning and daily opportunities to amend our lives in preparation. God's desire is that we will all be saved; he walks with us always to lead us in the path of salvation.

The Gospel makes it clear that the final stage of history will be one in which God is victorious; in which all will be well. Believing that, we can place the pains and tragedies of life into a larger perspective. We can carry our crosses of suffering and bereavement, rejection or loneliness, in the knowledge that they are neither where we are heading, nor where we will end up. Despite all that is happening in the world - painful though it may be - we remain in the hands of the Almighty God, who will never let evil and oppression triumph forever.

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Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading:

Daniel 12:1-13

Response to Psalm:

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Gospel:

Mark 13:24-32

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £464.00; Loose Plate: £351.46; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1518.54**

Mill End: Envelopes: £275.60; Loose Plate: £135.61; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £588.17**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2366.85**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 18TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 12 noon 12.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Baptisms SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist St John's School
MON 19TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Mary Latimer's Home Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 20TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 21ST NOVEMBER	7.45pm	1 st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 22ND NOVEMBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 23RD NOVEMBER	10.00am 10.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm	Burial of Ashes - Vincent Doyle RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Alpha Youth - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 24TH NOVEMBER	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 17 TH NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Bernard Loughlin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER <i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Frank & Mary Leary RIP	10.30am Angela O'Callaghan RIP	9am Fr George Dangerfield RIP
MONDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Holy Souls	
TUESDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WED 21ST NOVEMBER <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURS 22ND NOVEMBER <i>ST CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Vincent Doyle RIP		9.30am Holy Souls
SAT 24TH NOVEMBER <i>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Fr Charles Michael Reddan RIP
SUNDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am Private Intention 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Bill O'Regan RIP	9am 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 and Clive Powell-Williams.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Mary Gardner, Robert Gibson & Jimmy Hughes.

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

MARY HARRIS RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Kate Cottingham's mother, Mary Harris. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

VINCENT DOYLE RIP

The ashes of Vincent Doyle will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 23rd November.

ADVENT PRAISE AND WORSHIP

On **Monday 3rd December** at 7.30pm at Our Lady's, there will be an evening of Advent Praise and Worship with contemporary Christian worship songs, scripture, reflection on an Advent theme, silence, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We hope that many parishioners from across the three parishes will come and join us in giving praise the Lord at the beginning of the Advent season.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2019

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice on **Monday 10th December** – 5.00pm to 6.00pm and **Wednesday 12th December** – 5.30pm to 6.30pm. These sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment or to bring with you the child for whom you are applying for a place; 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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2020

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception place in a Catholic School for **September 2020** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or 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. *Please note that St John the Evangelist Primary School and St Anthony's Primary School no longer require a CCP for the 2020 school admissions.*

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.

SVP – URGENT MESSAGE: VINNIE PACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

We now have details of dates and location for assembling Vinnie Packs for distribution to the homeless. Please come and join us if you can. **Packing dates:** 17th, 20th, 22nd, 26th November and 1st December, all from **10.00am to 4.00pm.** **Location:** SEIDs, Empire Way, Wembley HA9 0RJ. Free parking is available - but please ask for a Vinnie Pack cover sheet to put on your dashboard on arrival. Nearest underground station: **Wembley Park.** Thank you.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 18th November** 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.

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 or 07484 754843.

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 is a collection box in the church porch of each of the three parishes. 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.

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.

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

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents currently collecting Mass attendance stickers for primary or secondary places in catholic schools are reminded to 1.) Put cello-tape over each row once it is completed, so that stickers will not peel off over time and 2.) Take regular photographs of the Mass attendance card (making sure the child's name is visible). This will ensure that you have evidence of Sunday Mass attendance should your card become lost. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice are issued.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

This weekend Scott Albrecht from the Catholic Worker Farm in Maple Cross will be with us at all Masses to speak about the work done at the farm with female asylum seekers. We look forward to welcoming Scott and to hearing about how we can support their work. There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Worker Farm at all Masses next weekend.

ADVENT FAIR, SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 9.00AM – 1.00PM

Please hold the date in your diaries and invite your family, friends and neighbours. We need your help make it a success! Please continue to bring in donations for the tombola and raffle e.g. wine, spirits, unwanted gifts. Boxes are in the porch. Can you help by baking for the cake stall? Cakes to be dropped off on the day from 8.00am onwards. All proceeds to Michael Sobell. Please contact laura.sharp@live.co.uk with any queries.

GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN – PARISH PROJECT

In October we received the sum of £2,705 as the third tranche of *Growing in Faith* parish project funds for our Youth Worker Project. I am very grateful to all those parishioners who have and continue to so generously support the campaign. *Fr Shaun*

INVITATION TO COME JOIN THE FOLK GROUP

With Christmas approaching, we would love to welcome new singers and instrumentalists (woodwind and string) to the Folk Group. We meet every Sunday at 5.30pm to rehearse before Mass at 6pm. There is no need to audition, but we do ask that instrumentalists be at Grade 4 standard. So, why not come and give us a try? We would love to have you. For any more information, you can email Katy Pione (cepione@hotmail.co.uk).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no 9.30am Mass on Monday 26th November and Wednesday 28th November as the church parquet flooring is going to be sanded and re-polished. There will be a 9.30am Mass on Monday at Our Lady's and the Wednesday 9.30am Mass will be transferred to Our Lady's.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for Donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates and Homemade cakes to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola's; all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the Saturday 8th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (9th December). If you are interested in, running a stall, or simply have something to donate please speak to Liz Townsend or Geraldine Page. If you would like to help set up the fair, we will meet in the Church hall at 10.00am on Saturday 8th December.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 25th November** 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!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale after the 6.00pm Saturday vigil and before and after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. First prize is £100 and second prize is £50. Other prizes to be announced. The draw will take place at the end of the Christmas Fair.

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

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

LADIES' MEETING

Will be this coming **Monday, 19th November**, at Mary's home, 18 Turneys Orchard at 10.00am. All very welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES - please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 27th November and Friday 30th November.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR IS VERY NEAR NOW

Thank you all for your great generosity. Today we start our raffle. please buy tickets if you can't get to the Fair, and also you get a look at the first items appearing on the Silent Auction table in the lounge. Don't miss it! When you get this far, at the door we will be handing out posters for you to use in your house window or car door. Then: PLEASE COME TO THE FAIR! Thank you so much, *Mary and co.*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
10 & 11 November	M Bychawski	A Roberts	J McEwen	J Hale	J Donohoe	AM Farnsworth	Una & Marguerite	J Whelan
17 & 18 November	J Ingham	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	J Whelan	J Hale	E Price	Peter & Don	S Tarrant

THREE PARISH NOTICES

CONFIRMATION 2019: CHANGE OF DATE: FRIDAY 24TH MAY, 7.30PM, MILL END

Due to the original date on being in the middle of many schools' exam week (Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm), we asked, and have just received approval from, Bishop Paul McAleenan to celebrate Confirmation on Friday 24th May, 7.30pm, Mill End, instead. If this revised date causes any problems, please, email Fr Damian to discuss other options. We hope this new date will help to enhance the celebratory nature of the sacrament for as many people as possible.

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, Friday 24th May 2019**. Details of the sacramental preparation will be agreed after registration. If you have any questions, please contact Anke, the youth co-coordinator.