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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Both Jeremiah and Jesus were prophets - people sent to help others to see things as God sees them: to understand life according to the will, word and wisdom of God. Each challenged their contemporaries to look at themselves and their societies in light of the message of God's truth - and to recover their unique identities as people loved by God. However, Jesus Christ is not just the greatest bearer of the Word of God - we believe that he is the Word of God, full of grace and truth. Always true to his mission, Jesus continually challenges mankind to open their hearts and minds to the surprising way in which God proposes to save humanity - ALL of humanity. Jesus' neighbours became angry when they realised God's salvation extended beyond their own country. His gracious words irritated them: a direct challenge to the exclusiveness of their religious convictions.

Often we think that only important people, very religious people, are called by God. Many people do not believe that God is going to speak to them at all. But today's readings remind us that we too are privileged to be called to be prophets, in a collaborative ministry between God and ourselves. We make ourselves available, while God provides the strength and protection. He is the owner of the message and the mission, and he will provide all that is needed to succeed.

St. Paul's very familiar letter to the Corinthians is a perfect complement to today's main theme. Having "the gift of prophecy" and an "understanding of all the mysteries" will achieve nothing if it is not inspired by love. Love is not about telling people only the things that they want to hear. Love is about seeking God's truth and wisdom and speaking about it with others, even when we find that hard to do. Despite all the difficulties associated with this call, love - for God, the Word, and the people of God - must motivate us to continue.

### Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

### Response to Psalm:

My lips will tell of your help.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

### Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

### Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £395.00; Loose Plate: £355.86; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1453.94**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £304.50; Loose Plate: £151.02; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £632.48**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£2550.94**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	9.30am 12.00pm 7.00pm	Coffee after Mass - Hall Baptisms Afterparty - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 11.00am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Funeral - Clive Powell-Williams RIP Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.30pm 11.00am 7.30pm - 9.30pm	RCIA Funeral - Elizabeth Lyons RIP Alpha - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>THU 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	11.30am 8.00pm	Funeral - Marjorie Hallett RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</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 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	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
<b>SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Michael Ferry & Family (Ints.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Bob Barry RIP
<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Margaret Crowley RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> George Roberts RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Val Thornton RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Fiona Lowry	
<b>TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>ST AGATHA, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Jeremy Ravi (Ints.)		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>WED 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>ST PAUL MIKI &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Sarah Meier RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Theresa Glynn RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Frank Rice RIP (Anniv.)		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Marisa Levi RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Fr Bob Barry RIP <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Malcolm Borthwick RIP	<b>9am</b> Mark Brew 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, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell and Joan Townend.

**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, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams and Paul Kennett.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### CAFOD - CONNECT2

Parish representatives of the CAFOD Connect2 project with the Holy Trinity Church in Sebeya, Ethiopia, will speak for a few minutes at the end of Mass this weekend about developments and changes. The parish representative for Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth, is Stephanie MacGillivray; St. John's, Mill End and Maple Cross, is Geraldine Page; St. John Fisher, Chorleywood, is Malcolm Golin. Please, do speak to your parish rep if you would like more information or would like to be involved in this exciting project. Alternatively go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising/Hands-On/Connect2-Ethiopia> and <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising/Hands-On/>

### VALENTINE'S DAY PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Please, join us on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, at 7.30pm, at Our Lady's church, for a Valentine's praise and worship evening. There will be contemporary Christian worship songs, scripture, reflection on a Valentine's Day theme, and prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction (special prayer of blessing). Everyone is most welcome.

### CLIVE POWELL-WILLIAMS RIP

The funeral of Clive Powell-Williams will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

### ELIZABETH LYONS RIP

The funeral of Elizabeth Lyons will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### MAJORIE HALLETT RIP

The funeral of Marjorie Hallett will take place at St John the Evangelist at 11.30am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### JIMMY HUGHES RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Jimmy Hughes. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time. Details of his funeral arrangements will be announced in due course

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS TO THE JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

The Annual Parish Meetings (APM) of the three parishes will take place as follows:

**Mill End – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon, Rickmansworth – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm and Chorleywood – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm**

At each APM respectively two parishioners will be elected to serve on the new JPPC. They will be joined by the two continuing members from the existing parish pastoral councils, who will serve a further two years. Nominations are now open for two new places on the JPPC in each parish. Parishioners may nominate themselves or another parishioner. Due to the specific nature of the role of the JPPC in strategically planning the development of our on-going parish renewal, it is essential that the nominees share the vision for the Divine Renovation model of parish renewal. The particular expectations on JPPC members are set out in the JPPC Terms of Reference, which can be found on the Pastoral Council page of each parish website. Please be sure to read these before nominating yourself or someone else. Nominations can be made either directly to me, or through the respective Chairs of the current three pastoral councils:

Rickmansworth – Paul Burke – [rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk)

Chorleywood – Peter Mackie – [chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk)

Mill End – Bob Livingston – [millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk)

Nominations may be made in person, by letter or by email. If you are nominating another parishioner please be sure that they are willing to stand before nominating them. Please pray for our parishes as we prepare enter this new and exciting phase of our parish renewal. *Fr Shaun*

### ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha Youth is a place to explore the big questions of life, faith, and meaning. In a series of 10 sessions you will be able to ask every question you want to ask, and say anything you want to say. Every evening starts with a hot meal (come hungry - free of charge, donations welcome), followed by a game, a good video and great conversation. No pressure, no judgment, no wrong answers. Practical details: every Friday from 7.00pm to 8.45pm until 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at Our Lady's parish hall. Please let Anke know if you're planning to attend ([ankevos@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ankevos@rcdow.org.uk)) so we can count you in for catering. The course includes an overnight in Pinner Friday evening 1<sup>st</sup> March until Saturday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### THREE PARISHES' PILGRIMAGE 2019 - LORETO, RAVENNA, BOLOGNA & FERRARA

The 2019 three parishes' pilgrimage will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October. We will spend two nights in the town of Loreto to visit the Basilica of the Holy House and five night in the historic town of Ravenna, where we will have the opportunity to visit several churches containing the finest examples of Byzantine mosaics in the western world. From Ravenna we will also have two day trips: to the city of Bologna (with a visit to the shrine of St Dominic) and to the beautiful Renaissance city of Ferrara. Itineraries and booking forms are available in each parish. There are only a limited number of single rooms available. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**SVP MEETING** - the next meeting will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm** at St John the Evangelist.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The origins of WWDP date back to 19<sup>th</sup> century in USA and Canada when Christian women from different denominations started organising days of prayer for missionary work. Gradually the movement spread throughout the world and to the UK as well, where the first service was held in Scotland in 1930. Now it is a truly international and ecumenical world day of prayer with about 170 countries participating. Every year the focus is on a different country and the service is written by the women of that country and then translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the Rickmansworth area the service rotates among the different participating churches and is a great opportunity for meeting and praying with fellow believers.

This year we are celebrating the WDP on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm** at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Rickmansworth. This years service has been written by the women of Slovenia. Please do come and join us - all men, women and children.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 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 a catch up and make new parish friends at 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 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 Henry Egbu at [hegbu3@gmail.com](mailto:hegbu3@gmail.com). Thank you.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### THANK YOU

Celia Beckley would like to thank all the parishioners for their prayers and good wishes after her recent 'OP'.

### 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

### MARK BREW RIP

We are sorry to announce the death of Anne Brew's husband, Mark, in Watford General Hospital after a lengthy illness. May he rest in peace.

### COFFEE AND TEA

Coffee and tea will be served after Mass next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> February). Please stay for a while if you are able.

### WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM THE LATEST LADIES' MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> February, next Ladies' Meeting; Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Women's Word Day of Prayer at St Andrew's (info on time later); Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am hospitality to worshippers from the Crossroads (can you help?); 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May, Christian Aid Week; Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Charity Christmas Fair.

### SOCIAL EVENT SJF Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Our first social event will be a 3-course dinner at West Herts College on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. The menu for this dinner and cost (payable on the evening), is displayed on the Church notice board in the entrance porch. If you would like to come along please sign up in order that we know numbers to inform the College. By signing, you are making a commitment to come. Please join us for this first event, an opportunity for you to get to know fellow parishioners, and enjoy excellent cooking at a very competitive price. There is also a very good wine list. Parking is free in the College car park. Should you need any further details of the evening, the phone numbers of your Social Committee Members are on the signing up sheet in the porch, or have a chat with a member after Mass.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>2 &amp; 3 February</b>	M Bychawski	A Roberts	P Goble	U Lean	L Munro	F Holly	Francis & Don	S Tarrant
<b>9 &amp; 10 February</b>	C Johnson	E Page	C Johnson	J Hale	J Donohoe	L Turnbull	Una & Marguerite	V Terrill

## NOTICES

### CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Damian the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

### SVP FUND-RAISING CONCERT

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Catholic Church in Farm Street, Mayfair** the SVP are holding a fund-raising concert to raise funds to cover the costs for the 12,000 Vinnie Packs sent out this winter and to support continuation of the project into next winter and beyond. The concert will feature **Alexander Armstrong** as compère and soloist, soprano **Miranda Heldt**, the **Choir With No Name** (members of which are currently homeless or recently affected by homelessness) and actor **Alex MacQueen**. Tickets cost £30 and must be pre-booked at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) (search for Vinnie Packs).

### WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare.