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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When St. Paul talks of the “gospel” he is talking about a message, something to be preached and taught. Today we hear what he first taught the Corinthians - “Christ died for our sins”, but was then raised to life again. The message, the belief, that Paul wants us to hold onto is that goodness will always overcome. This message relates to our readings today, which describe the call of Isaiah to prophecy, and Paul and Simon (Peter) to apostleship. We are reminded that reluctance to be missionary disciples is not a new thing! Within seconds of telling Jesus, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man”, Simon is on his feet and has abandoned everything to follow him. What has changed? The change is that Simon has met Jesus. Not just a “bumped into each other” type of meeting, but rather, Simon has truly met Jesus, and recognised him to be who he is: the promised one, sent from God.

Simon is busily going about his daily routine when Jesus arrive, so more accurately, it is Simon who has been met by Jesus: it is Jesus who seeks out Simon and who reveals his own identity. On Simon’s part, it is through recognising his personal inadequacy that he allows himself to be set free from the sins of his past, and so receive the new life that Christ gives him.

Today’s readings are about the vocation of a great prophet and of the leader of the apostles. But Jesus calls each one of us to follow him and to work for him. The task can seem daunting and impossible - if we think only of our limitations. For us, leaving everything means abandoning our self-sufficiency and, like Isaiah and Simon, trusting instead in God’s power, not our own.

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Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Response to Psalm: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20; Luke 6:17. 20-26 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £414.46; Loose Plate: £461.71; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1579.25**

Mill End: Envelopes: £288.31; Loose Plate: £143.00; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £608.27**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 10TH FEBRUARY	10.00am	Tea and coffee after Mass	St John Fisher
MON 11TH FEBRUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice Chorleywood PPC Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
TUE 12TH FEBRUARY	10.00am for 10.15am 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Lectio Divina - Upper Room RCIA Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 13TH FEBRUARY			
THU 14TH FEBRUARY	12.30pm 2.15pm for 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Funeral - Maria Mazur RIP Quiet Space Valentine's Day Praise and Worship SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 15TH FEBRUARY	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 16TH FEBRUARY	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

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 9 TH FEBRUARY	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Marisa Levi RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 10 TH FEBRUARY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Fr Bob Barry RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Malcolm Borthwick RIP	9am Mark Brew RIP
MONDAY 11 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Kathleen & John Andrews & Family (Ints.)	9.30am Frances Murphy RIP	
TUESDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Fr Adrian Walker RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 13 TH FEBRUARY		9.30am Fr Seamus Noctor RIP	
THURS 14TH FEBRUARY <i>SS CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Fr Seamus Noctor RIP		
FRIDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Enid Covington RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Patricia Collins RIP	6pm (Vigil) Joyce Dowling RIP & Irene Foggo RIP
SUNDAY 17 TH FEBRUARY <i>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Michael Townend RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Ron Seahill 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, 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

VALENTINE'S DAY PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Please, join us on **Thursday 14th 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.

JOHN BARNETT RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of John Barnett. 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

MARIA MAZUR RIP

The funeral of Maria Mazur will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 12.30pm on Thursday 14th 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.

JIMMY HUGHES RIP

The funeral of Jimmy Hughes will take place at St John the Evangelist at 11.00am on Tuesday 5th March, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his 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 16th February** at **2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

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 17th February at 12 noon, Rickmansworth – Sunday 24th February at 3.00pm and Chorleywood – Monday 11th 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
Chorleywood – Peter Mackie – chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk
Mill End – Bob Livingston – 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 29th March 2019, at Our Lady's parish hall. Please let Anke know if you're planning to attend (ankevos@rcdow.org.uk) so we can count you in for catering. The course includes an overnight in Pinner Friday evening 1st March until Saturday evening 2nd March.

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

The 2019 three parishes' pilgrimage will take place from 28th September to 5th 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 14th February** at **7.45pm** at St John the Evangelist.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The origins of WWDP date back to 19th 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 1st 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.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Kerry. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer. ***Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2018/19 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.*** We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 17th February** 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 3th March** 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.

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

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 24th February** 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!

THANK YOU

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

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The next meeting will take at **8.00pm** on **Monday 11th February**. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should submit these to Malcolm Golin (PPC Secretary) malcolmgolin@outlook.com. Alternatively, parishioners can approach an individual PPC member (the names of all PPC members are listed on the parish website).

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 will be served after Mass this Sunday (10th February). Please stay for a while if you are able.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM THE LATEST LADIES' MEETING

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

SOCIAL EVENT SJF Thursday 28th February

Our first social event will be a 3-course dinner at West Herts College on Thursday 28th 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) SERVICE - 11AM ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, QUICKLEY LANE, CHORLEYWOOD

Everyone from our three parish family is warmly invited to this year's service at St Andrew's. There is plenty of parking and please stay for refreshments afterwards! The day was previously known as "Women's World Day of Prayer", but the change of name reflects the fact that although WDP is led by women, it doesn't belong to them: rather, it is their gift to the whole Church family. Above all, WDP is a prayer movement so please join us, if you can, to participate in the great wave of prayer encircling the globe that day.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
9 & 10 February	C Johnson	A Roberts	C Johnson	J Hale	J Donohoe	L Turnbull	Una & Marguerite	V Terrill
16 & 17 February	M Foggo	C Pierce	P Goble	M Mackie	H McGrath	J Hale	Peter & Kate	C Steet

NOTICES

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June 2019 at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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).

OBERRAMMERGAU 2020 (Wednesday 16th - 23rd September)

The Passion Play takes place every 10 years, and seeing it is a truly unique experience. For many, it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This holiday-pilgrimage will be located in the Tyrol and, as well as seeing the Passion Play – the highlight of the holiday – there will be opportunities for exploring the local area including: coach excursions through the Oetztal and Inn Valleys, exploring the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck and Stams Abbey. If weather permits, we will also take a walk along part of the Jacobsweg which goes through the Inn Valley en route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Brochures are available in St Mary's Church – with Booking Forms too. In addition, you can download the information from St Mary's website: www.stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk. Flying from Heathrow to Munich. The Passion Play falls towards the beginning of the holiday, with time afterwards to reflect before returning home. Cost £1,545 to include travel to Munich, accommodation on a breakfast and dinner basis, transfers and a ticket to the Passion Play itself. Many of the excursions will also be included in the price.