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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our Gospel reading from Luke is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain - similar to his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. Jesus begins by pronouncing blessings - blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping; hated, excluded and insulted on his account. But in Luke, Jesus also pronounces woes: woe to those who are rich, full, laughing. Does this mean that anyone who has plenty of money, or sufficient food, or laughter, cannot enter the kingdom? No - Jesus is referring to our interior attitude. Nowhere in this passage is he commanding "Thou shalt be poor & hungry," or "Thou shalt NOT be rich & happy" - but he is telling us something important about how God sees the world. Jesus knows that those who have little, who are powerless and disheartened, are more likely to turn to God for help. When he speaks of the "poor", he means those who recognise their need for God; who reach out and place their trust in him. This dependence on God keeps them connected to him, and it is in this connection that they are truly blessed. Conversely, those who have everything they want or need don't always make room for God. By the "rich", Jesus means those people who attempt to find meaning in life from, and replace God with, their own personal resources and possessions.

Ultimately the things of this world never last - we cannot put our trust in them. The only one we can trust is God, and we can trust him because of the promises He has made to us: and ultimately, the promise of heaven. The most solid sign of that promise is Jesus's resurrection from the dead. In today's world, few people explicitly believe in life after death, yet this is the most fundamental of all our Christian beliefs. If we really believe this, then all worldly values are turned upside down - what matters ceases to be whether or not I possess something, or whether I am financially secure, but only whether my actions and inner convictions are pleasing to God. Everything else is secondary.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

**Rickmansworth Parish**  
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**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Response to Psalm:** Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17. 20-26

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £439.94; Loose Plate: £418.36; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1561.38**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £246.50; Loose Plate: £165.86; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £589.32**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of January - **£2886.19**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	12 noon 12.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John the Evangelist St John's School
<b>MON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>THU 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 22<sup>ND</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 23<sup>RD</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

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Patricia Collins RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Joyce Dowling RIP & Irene Foggo RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Michael Townend RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> Naas & Katinka Steenkamp RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Ron Scahill RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> Margaret & Mike Tighe	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Adrian Walker RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY		<b>9.30am</b> Phyllis & Derek Humphries RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Jose Maria Hurtado RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Seamus Noctor RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>ST POLYCARP, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Julia Raunelt (Ints.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Sheila Sharp RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Paddy Lewin RIP	<b>9am</b> Fr Adrian Walker 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

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION – DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

At the end of last year I announced here that in 2019 we would be launching a regular programme of small group faith formation. Called **Discipleship Groups**, these groups will revolve around short, discussion-based courses with a focus on a variety of faith formation. Our first season of Discipleship Groups will take place during Lent 2019 and we are encouraging parishioners this weekend to sign-up to take part in it. We are also looking for parishioners who would be willing to host a Discipleship Group in their home or to lead a Discipleship Group. In our homilies this weekend Fr Damian and I will be preaching about Discipleship Groups within the context of our broader vision for parish renewal. *Fr Shaun*

### MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

Arrangements have now been made for the stonemasons to begin work on the installation of the two memorial stones this weekend. Regrettably however, due to unforeseen problems in their supply chain, they can no longer guarantee that the work will be completed before 23<sup>rd</sup> February. As a result the ceremony of blessing, provisionally suggested for that date, will necessarily have to be postponed until a suitable weekend in March (details to follow nearer the time). I can only once again apologise for the delays and thank you for your continuing patience in this matter. *Michael Curtin*

### SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE

SVP members will be selling tickets for the SVP National Raffle at all Masses on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> February. The National Raffle is the biggest annual fundraising event held by the SVP, and 60% of the proceeds will go to your local Chess Valley SVP Group. Books are just £5 each; please support us in helping the people who need it most.

### JOHN BARNETT RIP

The funeral of John Barnett will take place at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont at 11.00am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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*

### DONATIONS NEEDED

Alpha Youth need the following items - are you able to help? Two 15 litre catering pots, a normal set of pots, two frying pans, a potato masher, colanders and a couple of baking sheets. Items should be in good condition. Please contact Kerry at the parish office for further details. Thank you.

### 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.

### 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.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 3<sup>th</sup> 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.

**200 CLUB** - congratulations to John Reid £37, Judy Gordon £27.75, Josie Westhrop £18.50, Annie Kent £9.25

### 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

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

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

### 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

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11.00am, World Day of Prayer service at St Andrew's; Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 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.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) SERVICE - 11AM ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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		
<b>16 &amp; 17 February</b>	M Foggo	C Pierce	P Goble	M Mackie	H McGrath	J Hale	Peter & Kate	C Steet
<b>23 &amp; 24 February</b>	C Pierce	A Penn	M Latimer	M Fields	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Carolyn & Yasmin	A McReynolds

## 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).

### OBERRAMMERGAU 2020 (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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.