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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

This Sunday we hear some of Jesus' most difficult, yet most important teachings. He tells us "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" - teachings which would completely change the world if we all lived them. Beware the knee-jerk reaction that says no-one could live this way, because in fact many "ordinary" people can, and do. We should instead reflect on how we can live this way ourselves: the way that Christ lived, in his image, as the Father intended us to.

As Jesus observes, it's very easy to be kind and loving towards those whom we like, and those who are good to us. Jesus doesn't expect us to like everyone - he knows that there will be some people who annoy us, and that we may have enemies who wish us harm. But deep down we all long for peace, and bitter, angry, thoughts and actions destroy any chance of it. The only way to obtain peace of mind is through forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation. This is the heart of the gospel: Christ forgives in order to restore relationships, to create just order, and ultimately to restore humanity to God. He died on the Cross to redeem all men and women: and therefore every single person has the potential to belong to God, and assume a place in heaven. We believe that God can and does convert hearts, just as he has converted ours. Therefore, if we have faith we should pray for the conversion of our enemies.

Let us pray that our hearts might truly be open to forgiveness and to the acceptance of being treated badly. Let us love all of our enemies: those of our country, of our families, our personal enemies, the enemies of our Church and whatever enemy there is. Let us bless them and pray for them. Let us learn to do good for all of them.

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Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Response to Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £372.26; Loose Plate: £396.46; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1471.80**

Mill End: Envelopes: £340.50; Loose Plate: £163.26; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £680.72**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 24TH FEBRUARY	10.30am 3.00pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Annual Parish Meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 25TH FEBRUARY	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 26TH FEBRUARY	7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm	Alpha - Hall RCIA	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
WED 27TH FEBRUARY			
THU 28TH FEBRUARY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 1ST MARCH	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 2ND MARCH	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
SAT 23RD FEBRUARY <i>ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Julia Raunelt (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 24 TH FEBRUARY <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Sheila Sharp RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Paddy Lewin RIP	9am Fr Adrian Walker RIP
MONDAY 25 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Christine O'Mahoney (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Fr Adrian Walker RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY		9.30am Anne Vetrovsky RIP	
THURSDAY 28 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Fr Seamus Noctor RIP		
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH <i>ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES</i>	9.30am Jim Casey RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 2 ND MARCH	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Frances O'Rielly	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 3 RD MARCH <i>EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Jacqueline Grove RIP (Anniv.) 11am Sheila Sharp RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Mary Viner RIP	9am Paula Rough 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

Thank you to everyone who signed up last weekend for the Lenten Discipleship Groups. We are particularly grateful to all those who offered to host and/or lead a group. In fact, we have more leaders and hosts than we are likely to need for this season. Our Discipleship Groups Team are currently matching guests with hosts and leaders, taking into account preferred days and times. Later this week, members of the team will be in touch with everyone who has signed up, to let them know more details of the arrangements. If you were away last weekend and would like to join a Discipleship Group as a guest, please write your name and details on the sheet on the clipboard in each parish, specifying your preferred days of the week and times.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the solemn season of Lent, is on 6th March. Masses (with the imposition of ashes) across the three parishes will be as follows: 9.30am at St John the Evangelist; 9.30am and 8.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, 8.00pm at St John Fisher.

MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

One of the memorial stones is now in place and it is hoped that the second stone will be installed within the next couple of weeks. We hope that the ceremony of blessing of the stones will be able to take place on a suitable weekend in March (details to follow nearer the time). *Michael Curtin*

SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE

SVP members will be selling tickets for the SVP National Raffle at all Masses this weekend (23rd/24th 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 27th 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 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.

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

The Annual Parish Meetings (APM) will take place as follows:

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

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

At the Parish Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday **Maria Crossland** and **David Scott** were elected as the two new St John's, Mill End parishioners to serve on the JPPC for a term of three years. I am deeply grateful to Maria and David for taking on this important role and I very much look forward to working with them. They will be joining Natalie Zammit and Ann Casey, who will transition from the PPC to the JPPC for a two year term of office. Ann has very kindly agreed to continue on in place of Jeanette Perry who has withdrawn from the PPC due to other commitments. I express my thanks to Jeanette for her contribution to the work of the PPC and I look forward to continuing to work with Natalie and Anne in the JPPC. *Fr Shaun*

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!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM THE LATEST LADIES' MEETING

Friday 1st March at 11.00am, World Day of Prayer service at St Andrew's; Good Friday, 19th April at 11.00am, hospitality to worshippers from the Crossroads (**can you help?**); 12th-18th May, Christian Aid Week; Saturday 30th November, Charity Christmas Fair.

WEST HERTS DINNER 28TH FEBRUARY

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the dinner at West Herts College on Thursday 28th February. There is ample parking in the College car park located off Hempstead Road.

Once parked you can access the college from the main back entrance. There is a reception desk on the right as you enter. Members of your Social Committee will be waiting at this entrance to welcome you and to direct you to the restaurant. Please can we ask that you arrive promptly for 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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		
23 & 24 February	C Pierce	A Penn	M Latimer	M Fields	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Carolyn & Yasmin	A McReynolds
2 & 3 March	M Foggo	GF	C Johnson	J Whelan	T D'Urso	E Price	Patsy & Marguerite	J Whelan

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.