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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3RD MARCH 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today we hear the third main part of Jesus' instruction known as the Sermon on the Plain. Both the Gospel and our First Reading from Ecclesiasticus make the same point: if your heart is good and true, everything else will fall into place. Whilst we should never, and in fact can never, judge another person because we do not know his or her heart - "God alone knows every heart" (1 Kings 8:39) - we can make judgments about good or bad actions and words, and Jesus urges us to recognise one from the other. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart - to recognise the "plank" that may be there, inhibiting right vision and judgment. And yet we are still so confident that we can see and judge the failings of others!

The ability to speak allows us to communicate with each other in ways that can be nurturing, loving, and healing. Alternatively, it can be used to manipulate others, to undermine, to lie and flatter. Speech enables us to reprove and criticise the actions of others, even when what we say ourselves is often far removed from what we are or do. None of us are completely innocent when it comes to there being a gap between what we are and what we say. But as we endeavour to conform our lives to Christ's, the gap between the standards we uphold and our actions can at least be bridged by our humble acknowledgment of the fact. Humility is the antidote to hypocrisy. Humility is about truthfulness: not putting ourselves any higher, or lower, than we really are. It is about removing the plank from our own eye first.

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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector, He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Response to Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £618.59; Loose Plate: £443.24; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1764.91**

Mill End: Envelopes: £265.20; Loose Plate: £131.15; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £573.31**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 3RD MARCH	8.45am 9.15am 9.30am 7.00pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass - Hall Afterparty - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 4TH MARCH	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 5TH MARCH	11.00am 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm	Funeral - Jimmy Hughes RIP Alpha - Hall RCIA	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
WED 6TH MARCH			
THU 7TH MARCH	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 8TH 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 9TH MARCH	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 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>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Jacqueline Grove RIP (Anniv.) 11am Clive Powell-Williams RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Mary Viner RIP	9am Paula Rough RIP
MONDAY 4 TH MARCH	9.30am Sara (Ints.)	9.30am Nora Mary O'Sullivan RIP	
TUESDAY 5 TH MARCH	9.30am Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP		9.30am Fr Seamus Noctor RIP
WEDNESDAY 6 TH MARCH <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	9.30am For the People of the Parish 8pm For the People of the Parish	9.30am For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 7 TH MARCH	9.30am Peter O'Neill RIP		
FRIDAY 8 TH MARCH	9.30am Eddie Cowan		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 9 TH MARCH	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Jimmy Hughes RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 10 TH MARCH <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Fr Adrian Walker RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Fr Seamus Noctor RIP	10.30am John & Mary Gibson RIP	9am 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

RITE OF SIGNING

At the Chorleywood 6.00pm (Vigil), Mill End 10.30am and Rickmansworth 6.00pm Mass this Sunday, our catechumens, Lucy Insua, Robyn Sheeky, Lucy Smith, Leanne Willcox, Theresa Jackson, Alexandra Mallet-Collins, Steve Siu will sign the Book of the Elect in preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil; and Peter Baxter and Deborah Booth will be presented as candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation, to also be received at the Easter Vigil. Next Saturday afternoon our catechumens and candidates will go, together with Fr Shaun and their catechists, to Westminster Cathedral for the Rite of Election in the presence of the Cardinal and his assistant bishops. The Book of Elect will rest on Our Lady's Altar at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth through Lent.

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.

LENTEN WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are now available (£1 per booklet).

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*

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 9th March at 2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

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

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) of St John Fisher, Chorleywood will take place on **Monday 11th March at 8.00pm**. At the 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 council who will serve a further two years. Nominations are now open for two new places on the JPPC. 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 Chair, 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.

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.

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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Spring Jumble Sale & Nearly New will be held on Saturday 16th March at 10.30am. **Book Sale & Quality Items** will be held on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

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

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

At the Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday **Margaret Burke** and **Sharon Blayney** were elected as the two new Our Lady's, Rickmansworth parishioners to serve on the JPPC for a term of three years. I am deeply grateful to Margaret and Sharon for taking on this important role and I very much look forward to working with them. They will be joining Judy Gordon and Richard Booth, who will transition from the PPC to the JPPC for a two year term of office. *Fr Shaun*

MONEY MATTERS

Copies of the "Money Matters" summary of the 2018 Annual Financial Report to the Diocese are available at the back of church. Parishioners are invited to take a copy home with them.

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 this Sunday.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

At the Annual Parish Meeting **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*

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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

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.

RED APF/MISSIO BOXES

Please will you bring your boxes to church by Sunday 24th March for the March collection. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S STATUE

We have had a statue of Our Lady left in the sacristy, she needs a little bit of TLC. Would anybody like to give her a new home? If you would, please just tell Fr Shaun or Fr Damian and she is yours. Thank you.

SILVER FOIL AND CANS COLLECTION

I am now spreading my wings (call me Mrs Steptoe!) and will be happy to receive old cooking pots and oven pans, particularly aluminium. I would be happy to arrange collection of larger items e.g. broken aluminium ladders etc. Thank you, Mary 284975

CHRISTIAN AID IS COMING IN MAY.

I have just been offered an astronomical telescope as the first item in this year's Silent Auction. Watch this space. Mary.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our Social Committee for organising the West Herts Dinner last Thursday and to all those who came along to support it. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
2 & 3 March	M Foggo	GF	C Johnson	J Whelan	M Fields	E Price	Patsy & Marguerite	J Whelan
9 & 10 March	J Ingham	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	T D'Urso	F Holly	Francis & Don	S Tarrant

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).