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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Luke's Gospel has two stories of Jesus sending out his followers to spread the Good News. In Chapter 9, he sends the Twelve apostles, and in Chapter 10 he sends Seventy-two disciples. Christian tradition identifies the Twelve apostles with ordained ministry in the church: if this is so, then the Seventy-two can be understood as lay people. Every Christian is called to participate in the spreading of the message of Christ through a commitment to prayer ("ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest") and a commitment to action ("Go on your way; behold, I am sending you"). It is not a question of doing either the one or the other. Without God's grace there would be no harvest needing labourers, and generously he makes the harvest to be ours too.

Jesus sends the disciples out to do what is right, to love others, to proclaim the kingdom of God. Yet he is aware that, as he himself experienced, the disciples will not always be successful. There will be people who reject their message and reject their love: those who do not want to hear good news if it challenges their present assumptions and settled way of life; if they feel it is asking something they do not presently want to give. We can sow the seeds, but only God can ensure that they take root and grow.

Jesus asks us not to close ourselves in our own comfortable worlds but, rather, to be ready to carry what Pope Francis would call the joy of the Gospel to everyone we meet. We should carry it in our minds, carry it in our hearts, carry it on our faces. As Jesus reminds us, we should do this according to the realities of our own particular situation, and in a loving way, making sure that it is his peace we bring into people's lives rather than turmoil and division.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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### Diocesan Safeguarding

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### Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

Isaiah 66:10-14

### Response to Psalm:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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

Galatians 6:14-18

### Gospel:

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

### Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £450.45; Loose Plate: £330.10; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1483.63**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £235.50; Loose Plate: £153.11; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £565.57**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2510.50**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

|                                 |                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>  | 9.30am                                | Coffee after Mass - Hall  | Our Lady Help of Christians  |
| <b>MON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>  | 10.30am - 12.30pm                     | Mum's Connect - Hall<br><b>NO Choir Practice this week</b>                        | St John the Evangelist<br>St John the Evangelist                             |
| <b>TUE 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>  | 10.00am for 10.15am<br>10.15am        | Lectio Divina - Upper Room<br>SJF Ladies Meeting                                  | Our Lady Help of Christians<br>Patsy & Jo's Flat                             |
| <b>WED 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> | 3.15pm - 4.30pm                       | Registration for First Holy Communion   | St John the Evangelist   |
| <b>THU 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> | 2.15pm for 2.30pm<br>7.45pm<br>8.00pm | Quiet Space<br>SVP Meeting - Hall<br>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall       | St Peters, Mill End<br>St John the Evangelist<br>Our Lady Help of Christians |
| <b>FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> | 10.30am                               | Coffee after Mass for all - Hall  | Our Lady Help of Christians  |
| <b>SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> | 10.30am - 11.30am<br>5.30pm           | Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Our Lady Help of Christians<br>St John the Evangelist                        |

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

|  | Our Lady Help of Christians   | St John the Evangelist                          | St John Fisher  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>6 <sup>TH</sup> JULY  | <b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish  | <b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish | <b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish       |
| <b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b><br><i>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>  | <b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish<br><b>11am</b> Paul Netto RIP<br><b>6pm</b> Natasha Gladman RIP    | <b>10.30am</b> Josie Taggart RIP                | <b>9am</b> Desmond Jenkins RIP                        |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY  | <b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish   | <b>9.30am</b> James Rudd RIP                    |   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY   | <b>9.30am</b> David Whalan RIP  |   | <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>                                  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY  |   | <b>9.30am</b> Michael Furey RIP (Anniv.)        |   |
| <b>THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b><br><i>St BENEDICT, ABBOT</i>                    | <b>9.30am</b> Paddy Denton RIP  |   |   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY   | <b>9.30am</b> Fr Denis Watters RIP  |   | <b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>13 <sup>TH</sup> JULY   | <b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish  | <b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish | <b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Denis Watters RIP               |
| <b>SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b><br><i>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | <b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish<br><b>11am</b> Fr Denis Watters RIP<br><b>6pm</b> Victor Thian RIP | <b>10.30am</b> Fr Denis Watters RIP             | <b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish               |

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Maureen Douglas.

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray; 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, Paul Kennett and Ann Penn (please, no phone calls)

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### **WALKING PILGRIMAGE – VIA FRANCIGENA (TUSCAN SECTION) – 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2020**

Following the great success of our 2018 Camino to Santiago di Compostela, I am organising another walking pilgrimage. This time we will walk the Tuscany section of the ancient **Via Francigena** (the ancient pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Rome) from Lucca to Siena (passing through such beautiful places as San Gimignano and Monteriggioni on the way). There will be five walking days, with the longest day being 24km and the shortest 13km. Providing we can gather a group of 20 or more pilgrims the cost per person sharing a twin/double room will be 1,115 euros. Breakfasts and dinners, coach transfers from and to Pisa airport, daily baggage transfers and the services of a local guide are all included. Single room supplement will be 270 euros, though only five single rooms will be available at this price (based on a group size of twenty). Flights to and from Pisa will be booked individually by the pilgrims (details of the preferred flight will be provided in good time). If you are seriously interested in joining us for this pilgrimage please email me as soon as possible so that I can provide you with more information. *Fr Shaun*

### **OLIVE KIENER RIP**

The ashes of Olive Kiener RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**.

### **THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. *Fr Shaun*

### **SEA SUNDAY**

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It supports more than one million seafarers arriving in our ports every year. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people, many of whom are Catholic. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### **REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020**

Registration of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 will take place in July 2019. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2019 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – St John's Church, Mill End (in the church) – 3.15pm to 4.30pm**

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance. There will be no First Communion preparation or First Communion Mass at St John Fisher, Chorleywood in 2020. Please see the Chorleywood section (back page) of the newsletter for further details.

### **THREE PARISHES WALKING GROUP: IMPORTANT CHANGE OF VENUE**

Sadly Bill is unwell at present and will not be able to lead the next walk on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Jeremy Blayney has kindly agreed to lead a beautiful walk along the Ivinghoe Beacon Ridgeway and through the Ashridge Estate. It's a 10 mile circular walk starting in Aldbury with a few steepish climbs and descents. We will stop for refreshments at the Bridgewater Arms in Little Gaddesdon before returning to Aldbury. Park in Aldbury Car Park in Stocks Road HP23 5RU to meet in the village by the pond at the later time of 10am to allow for travel. Everyone very welcome. Any queries please contact Angela awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk

### **SEMINARIAN SUMMER PLACEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2019**

From 31<sup>st</sup> August until 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 we will be joined by Alex Balzanella. Alex is a seminarian for the Westminster Diocese, in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome. Alex will be ordained to the diaconate in Rome on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019. We pray for Alex as he prepares for his ordination to the diaconate and we look forward to welcoming him to our parishes at the end of August.

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

We are having annual training for anyone interested in becoming an altar server. This is open for all those who have received their first Holy Communion. The revised training date is as follows:

- Our Lady Help of Christians - **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, 4.30-5.30pm

If you are interested in coming to the training, please, email Fr Damian to confirm your attendance. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please, email Fr Damian to discuss other possible arrangements.

### **MUM'S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 12.30PM IN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'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](mailto:caitbos22@gmail.com) or 07484 754843.

### **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

### REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALLS

I am delighted to announce that work on the refurbishment of the parish halls will begin on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. The current estimated date for completion of the main build is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. There will be some ancillary works to be completed after that. During this time we will inevitably have to put up with some disruption to parish activities. However, the end results: a redecorated, modernised and better equipped parish centre will be well worth whatever disruption we have to endure in the short term. *Fr Shaun*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - please note there will be no Children's Liturgy from this week until mid October.

### 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.

### WHAT A WELCOME!

Are you smiley and friendly and can spare a few minutes before and after Mass on the occasional Sunday? If yes, then please join our Welcoming Team. It's a really important ministry, that ensures that the parish gives a warm welcome to visitors and regulars alike. Contact Martin, [martinbradyxxx@aol.com](mailto:martinbradyxxx@aol.com).

**200 CLUB** Congratulations to Angela Steele £35, Josie Westhrop £26.25, Clare Loose £19.50 and Anne Dodson £9.75.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING

There will be a meeting of the St John Evangelist PCG on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**, prior to a meeting of the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC). If you have any matters that you would like to be raised concerning the **spiritual, pastoral** or **social life** of the parish would you please pass them to Maria Crossland at [millendpcg@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millendpcg@rcdow.org.uk), who is the St John Evangelist Vice-Chair of the JPPC.

### READERS AND WELCOMER'S

Copies of the rota for July - September are available now at the back of the church for those of you who haven't already received it by email.

### JOSIE TAGGART RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Josie Taggart. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### 100 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to Mary Fagan (£35), Bill Mulderrig (£20) and Catherine Margetts (£15).

**HALL BOOKINGS** - please contact Kerry at the parish office if you would like to book the hall.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### THANK YOU!

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who worked so hard to make last Sunday's BBQ such a great success! A great piece of team-work! Special thanks to our amazing new Social Events Committee for organising and coordinating the event, to John Smith for barbecuing the meats to perfection and to Rosemary Ellis for helping to coordinate the smooth-running of the whole operation! Thank you too, to everyone who came along to support this important parish occasion. Excellent food and drink, great company and lovely weather – what more could we have asked for! *Fr Shaun*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2020

We are very blessed to have Elena McBride preparing the children of the parish for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. Elena has requested a year off from running the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion programme for 2019/2020. Consequently, there will be no First Holy Communion preparation or 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass at St John Fisher for 2019/2020. Any children wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in 2020 will be invited to undertake their preparation at either Our Lady's, Rickmansworth or St John's, Mill End and to celebrate their First Holy Communion in whichever of those parishes that they are being prepared. Please see further details on the inner page of this Newsletter about how to register for First Holy Communion in 2020. First Holy Communion preparation and celebration at St John Fisher will resume in 2020/2021. Thank you for your understanding.

### LADIES MEETING

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**, 10.15am at 9 Turneys Orchard, (Patsy & Jo's flat). All very welcome to come.

### APF/MISSIO BOXES

Thank you all very much for bringing your boxes. The June collection amounted to a credible £104.06, *Mary*.

| ROTAS                   | Saturday 6.00pm Mass |              |           | Sunday 9.00am Mass |           |            | Sunday Counters | Laundry      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                         | Welcomer             | Reader       | MoC       | Welcomer           | Reader    | Communion  |                 |              |
| <b>6 &amp; 7 July</b>   | E O'Sullivan         | E Page       | P Goble   | J Hale             | H McGrath | J Hale     | Francis & Kate  | C Steet      |
| <b>13 &amp; 14 July</b> | C Pierce             | E O'Sullivan | M Latimer | J Whelan           | J Donohoe | L Turnbull | Carolyn & Peter | A McReynolds |

## NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SUMMER FUN DAY

The parish primary school St Johns in Mill End would like to invite you to their summer fun day at the school on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, 12.00pm - 3.00pm. BBQ - Tea & Scones - Swimming & water fun - Bouncy Castle - hook a duck.....and lots more. Raising funds for classroom upgrades. We look forward to seeing you there!

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.