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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JULY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Centuries of familiarity with the phrase “Good Samaritan” have dulled us to the oxymoron of Jesus putting those words together: for Jews of that time Samaritans were outsiders - not “good”, but “bad”. The outcast’s spontaneous love and compassion for a stranger in need reveals him as the unlikely hero of this parable whilst the priest and the Levite (considered the respected class of society and the custodians of tradition) are found wanting, by putting tradition and law before mercy. As always, Jesus questions assumptions and stereotyped attitudes, and turns the presumed order of moral goodness upside down.

It’s not just what the Samaritan does that is exemplary, but where he starts from that is the real challenge. He has no consideration for labels when confronted with the wounded traveller; he doesn’t see in terms of religious rules or cultural hostilities but only a fellow human being in need of help. This vision is central to the idea of “neighbour” that Jesus is trying to transform - because whilst answering “who is my neighbour?”, Jesus at the same time answers a perhaps more important question: “Who is capable of being a neighbour?” Instead of telling us who our neighbour is, he shows us what neighbours do.

The wounded man was saved because the Good Samaritan allowed his heart to be moved with compassion across all division. Does our love have boundaries which separate us from people who are racially, religiously and culturally very different - even hostile - to us? Or, like the Samaritan’s, do our hearts prompt us not only to acknowledge their misfortunes, but to do something concrete to help? Coming to Mass and being busy helping in the parish is not enough. Being politically engaged is not enough. Saying our prayers and giving money to charity is not enough. Without true and active compassion, all these good and worthy things are just another way of passing by on the other side of the road.

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Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Response to Psalm:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel:

Luke 10:25-37

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £645.93; Loose Plate: £315.30; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1664.31**

Mill End: Envelopes: £256.95; Loose Plate: £123.63; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £557.54**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of June - **£2770.07**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 14TH JULY	12.45pm 4.30pm	Baptisms Altar Server Training	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 15TH JULY	10.30am - 12.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 16TH JULY			
WED 17TH JULY			
THU 18TH JULY			
FRI 19TH JULY	10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Olive Kiener RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 1.30pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions PCG Meeting - Hall JPPC Meeting - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 13 TH JULY	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Alfredo Rock (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Fr Denis Watters RIP
SUNDAY 14TH JULY <i>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Fr Denis Watters RIP 6pm Victor Thian RIP	10.30am Mary (Molly) Moriarty RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 15TH JULY <i>St BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Josie Taggart RIP	
TUESDAY 16 TH JULY	9.30am Helga Nustedti RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 18 TH JULY	9.30am Fr Denis Watters RIP		
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	9.30am Olive Kiener RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 20 TH JULY	10.00am Andrew Dumughn RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21ST JULY <i>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Francis Crowley RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Jean Mulderrig RIP	9am Michael Fields RIP

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, Robert Gibson, Edda Ali and Alfredo Rock

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

After three years as youth ministry coordinator, Anke Vos has decided to move on to new challenges. She will finish her role with the parishes over the weekend of the 10th - 11th of August. The Youth Ministry Leadership Team has been meeting for five months now, and are greatly looking forward to building up our youth ministry for all local teenagers. We thank Anke for her time, enthusiasm and devotion during her stay with us, and wish her well for the future.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE – VIA FRANCIGENA (TUSCAN SECTION) – 23RD MAY TO 31ST 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 19th 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

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. 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. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who joined me to celebrate my 70th birthday last Friday. I was so overwhelmed by how many came to share in a wonderful afternoon of reminiscing and memories. Thank you all so much for your generous gifts and cards and to all involved in organizing the tea party. God bless and much love to you all, *Barbara x*

SEMINARIAN SUMMER PLACEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2019

From 31st August until 27th 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 14th 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 14th 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.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

Katie, Leona and Caitlin are hoping to put an Alpha worship group together that would lead praise and worship sessions outside of Mass. They are in desperate need of a couple of microphones and an amplifier. Do you have any spare at home that you would be willing to donate? If so, please contact Kerry at the parish office. Many thanks.

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 or 07484 754843.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21st July** 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.

WATFORD, HEMEL AND ST ALBANS NHS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know if you or a close relative are in hospital. To contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling **01923 217994** or **0777 659 8704** referrals can also be made via email: spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk

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 15th July**. The current estimated date for completion of the main build is **Friday 20th 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 until mid October.

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.

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

PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING

There will be a meeting of the St John Evangelist PCG on **Saturday 20th 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, 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.

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

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

THANK YOU!

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who worked so hard to make our recent parish 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*

APF/MISSIO BOXES

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

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*.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
13 & 14 July	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	J Whelan	J Donohoe	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Peter	A McReynolds
20 & 21 July	M Foggo	C Pierce	C Johnson	M Fields	J Hale	AM Farnsworth	Marguerite & Patsy	J Whelan

NOTICES

THE PASSAGE GARDEN PARTY FRIDAY - 19TH JULY 2019

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19th July, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196> or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020 75921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

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