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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JULY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our readings this Sunday call us to live with the spiritual attentiveness that allows us to engage with God, manifest in the world. Abraham receives three mysterious visitors - but just as mysterious is that he noticed them at all. The visitors did not knock on his door, or give any signal to get his attention - had he not looked up and seen them "standing nearby", would he ever have received the message they were sent to give him? Mary's heart is awake too, and recognises that her guest is something more than he appears to be: that listening to what Jesus has to say holds the key to what life is all about.

"Mary has chosen the better part. And it shall not be taken from her." For those of us who are always busy in one way or another, working to support our families and helping in the community, these can be very hard words to hear. Many demands are made upon us, and we have many responsibilities - to neglect them would be irresponsible. Martha's frustration that she has been left to do all the work by herself seems very justified. But the problem is not Martha's activity - it is her distraction. Martha was anxious and "worried about many things". She was "burdened" with serving the Lord! - how many of us can identify with this? This is not God's will for us! We cannot fully love him and our neighbour if we are caught up in worry and distraction. The most important thing in life - "the better part" - is to pause, to sit like Mary, in the life-giving presence of God, at his feet; to adore him, and listen to what he says. If we are fully attentive to his presence with us, and if we listen for the movement of his Spirit in our hearts, he will give us peace.

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Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading:

Genesis 18:1-10

Response to Psalm:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel:

Luke 10:38-42

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £375.05; Loose Plate: £314.69; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1392.82**

Mill End: Envelopes: £261.00; Loose Plate: £194.74; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £632.70**

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

Peter's Pence Collection: Rickmansworth **£517.90**; Mill End **£181.07**; Chorleywood **£165.60**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 21ST JULY	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
MON 22ND JULY	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 12.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 23RD JULY	10.00am	SVP Meeting - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 24TH JULY			
THU 25TH JULY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH JULY			
SAT 27TH JULY	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
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
MONDAY 22ND JULY <i>ST MARY MAGDALENE</i>	9.30am Denise Waters RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 23RD JULY <i>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 24 TH JULY		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 25TH JULY <i>ST JAMES, APOSTLE</i>	9.30am John Finnegan RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 26TH JULY <i>SS JOACHIM & ANNE</i>	9.30am Rose Coxon RIP		9.30am Maria Haarmans van Duyn RIP
SATURDAY 27 TH JULY	10.00am Fr Denis Watters RIP	6pm (Vigil) Alfredo Rock (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28TH JULY <i>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Maurice Breen RIP 11am Jack Crowley RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am 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, 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*

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*

ALPHA

Alpha begins again on **Tuesday 24th September** at 7.30-9.30pm and runs until 3rd December at Our Lady's hall. The first few weeks may be held at St John's church hall, Mill End, if the refurbishment of Our Lady's hall is not completed. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each session includes food (so please come hungry!), an engaging video designed to generate conversation, and a discussion time where you can say whatever you like or nothing at all. Sessions include topics such as 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why did Jesus die?' and 'How can I have Faith?'. Registrations are now open and you can register online at cvalpha.eventbrite.co.uk. There will also be paper registrations available in early September after all Masses. As before, places are being prioritised for those who have not previously tried Alpha, so please do share the link and invite others to attend as well. If you have any questions please contact Mike and Leona Roche at chessvalleyalpha@rcdow.org.uk or call Mike on 07505 307323.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On **Thursday 15th August** the Church celebrates The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Being one of the major feasts in the Church's year, Wednesday is therefore a holy day of obligation, meaning that Catholics should attend Mass that day. Please take note of the extra Masses being celebrated across the three parishes: St John Fisher - Vigil (Wednesday) 8pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am; St John the Evangelist - 8pm.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter during the month of August.

SEMINARIAN SUMMER PLACEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2019

From 31st August until 27th September 2019 we will be joined by Deacon Alex Balzanella. Alex is a seminarian for the Westminster Diocese, in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome. We look forward to welcoming him to our parishes at the end of August.

ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMPS 2019

The Chess Valley SVP would like to sponsor two more children this year for a week's holiday at one of the St John Bosco Camps held during the school summer holidays. Boys must be aged between 8 and 13 years old and girls between 9 and 12 years old. If you would be interested in a place for your child or you know someone who might be interested, please contact the Presbytery on 01923 773387.

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.

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 17th August** at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

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.

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 has begun and 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

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.

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

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		
20 & 21 July	M Foggo	C Pierce	C Johnson	M Fields	J Hale	AM Farnsworth	Marguerite & Patsy	J Whelan
27 & 28 July	J Ingham	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	A Opie	E Price	Yasmin & Una	S Tarrant

NOTICES

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **13th - 15th September 2019**.

Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 – or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CARITAS VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Caritas Westminster are looking for a number of volunteers to help with delivering the Caritas Food Collective initiative aimed at helping those struggling with food poverty, through school programmes over the holidays, with food delivery and through awareness raising and education. There are a variety of volunteering opportunities to suit everyone. To find out more, visit: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/caritas-westminster-463.php?oppid=263> or contact Anna Gavurin on annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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