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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Humility comes from the awareness of who we truly are before God. It is an underrated virtue in a world where arrogance and pride, influence and affluence are lauded. Many try to fool themselves and others that they are important by worldly standards: social status, physical beauty, money, talents, qualifications, expensive houses or cars, and so on. A humble person knows that his worth is derived only from his dignity as a child of God, and from the love and sacrifice of the crucified Christ. Our value can never be lost, or taken away, by any person or any situation.

As always, Jesus is our perfect role model - he spent his life serving others, especially the outcast and marginalised. He ate with criminals and prostitutes, he cared for those with disabilities and mental illness. He got down on his knees and washed the feet of his disciples. He never sought to impress others or try to prove that he was special. He is God, yet he came to live with us in the form of a poor and helpless baby and died in agony on the cross. He is God, yet he makes himself vulnerable by taking the form of bread and wine. At the heavenly banquet, we will not be the ones to decide which position we deserve - God gives the highest places to those this world considers to be the least important. If we want to be first, then let us be first in terms of loving service to those most in need.

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Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

Response to Psalm: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1. 7-14

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10. 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (Gospel)

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 1ST SEPTEMBER			
MON 2ND SEPTEMBER	10.30am - 12.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 3RD SEPTEMBER			
WED 4TH SEPTEMBER	11.00am	Funeral - Jessie Pione RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 5TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 6TH SEPTEMBER			
SAT 7TH SEPTEMBER	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 31 ST AUGUST	10am Frank Waters RIP	6pm (Vigil) Robert Gibson RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr Christopher Gawecki RIP
SUNDAY 1 ST SEPTEMBER <i>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Jane & Joseph Netto RIP 6pm Jonathan Pione RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER	9.30am Margaret Croll RIP	9.30am Jessie Pione RIP	
TUESDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER		9.30am Margaret & Michael Tighe	
THURSDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Charles Clarke RIP		
FRIDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Jessie Pione RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP	6pm (Vigil) Robert Gibson RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8 TH SEPTEMBER <i>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Christopher Williams RIP 6pm Moreno Torrini RIP	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 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

JESSIE PIONE RIP

The funeral of Jessie Pione will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 4th September** at **11.00am** followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

EDDA ALI RIP

The funeral of Edda Ali will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Tuesday 10th September** at **11.00am** followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

ROSEMARY QUEFFURUS RIP

The funeral service of Rosemary Queffurus will take place at Chilterns Crematorium on **Monday 30th September** at **3.30pm**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

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** from Lucca to Siena. 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.

THREE PARISHES WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on **Saturday 21st September** and will be a circular walk of about 6 miles around Chipperfield in woodland and lovely open countryside. We will meet at the Cart and Horses PH Commonwood WD4 9BA at 9.30am. Everyone most welcome. Any enquiries to Angela awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk

SEMINARIAN SUMMER PLACEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2019

This weekend we welcome Deacon Alexander Balzanella. Alexander is a seminarian for the Westminster Diocese, in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome. He will be with us until the end of September.

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.

CHESS VALLEY SVP & WAITROSE

Waitrose has chosen Chess Valley SVP as one of the Community Matters Charities for the month of September. Please support your local SVP Group if you are shopping at Waitrose during this month.

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

FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of Our Lady's FOP committee on **Wednesday 18th September**. If there is any matter concerning finances, operations or parish premises that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact the Chair of Our Lady's, Mark Blayney, at markblayney@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Our Lady's PCG on **Saturday 21st September**, 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 Judy Gordon at rickmansworthpcg@rcdow.org.uk, who is the Our Lady's Vice-Chair of the JPPC.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

FRANCIS ARTHUR RODERICK (ROD) DE PAULA HANIKA RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Rod de Paula Hanika. The funeral will take place at St Columba's Church, Chesham on Tuesday 10th September at 11.30am. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

100 CLUB

Congratulations to our July winners - Sean Fagan, Mary Fagan and Sandra Miller; and also to our August winners - Mrs Bugler, Mr J Elsdon and Anjali Button.

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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		
31/08 & 01/09	M Foggo	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	C Holly	E Price	Marguerite & Yasmin	S Tarrant
7 & 8 Sept.	J Ingham	M Williamson	J McEwen	M Fields	L Munro	F Holly	Carolyn & Kate	V Terrill

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

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