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## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

All today's readings speak clearly of God's readiness to forgive and welcome us, irrespective of how much we may have fallen or turned away from him. The first reading describes the interaction between God and Moses in view of Israel's rebellion in the sin of the Golden Calf. We discover a God whose love and mercy surpass his anger and judgement; who is faithful to his promises. In our second reading, St. Paul reflects on who he was in the past and what has become of him in the present, which he attributes to the mercy of God, and sees himself as an example of God's entire outreach to a sinful humanity. Paul's whole mission is energised by this personal discovery of the nature of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells three parables as a defence against criticism of the welcome he is giving to "tax collectors and sinners" and his "eating with them". Each parable focuses on a person who loses something precious to them, and who on finding it responds with a summons to communal celebration. These three parables show that the principal issue at stake is not so much sin and its forgiveness, but the loss and recovery of human beings, who are so precious in God's sight, and his own celebration on his lost children being being "found" or "re-found".

Sometimes people look back at their lives and conclude that they are lost to God forever; that they have done so many wrongs that they cannot ever be forgiven, even after confession. But these people are wrong. Because, like the lost sheep, God seeks them out. This is the astounding promise that Jesus makes in today's Gospel - that when we are lost, God will come for us. That ours is not a God who sits back and waits to be approached, but that like a shepherd looking for a lost sheep, like a woman searching for a lost coin, he is actively searching for us and will never rest until we are found.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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### Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

### Response to Psalm:

I will leave this place and go to my father.

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

### Gospel:

Luke 15:1-32

### Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £412.50; Loose Plate: £324.09; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1439.07**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £286.50; Loose Plate: £135.31; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £598.77**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of August - **£2215.13**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
<b>MON 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am 10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Mum's Connect - Hall RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	Edith's flat St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>WED 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	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

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Robert Gibson RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Christopher Williams RIP <b>6pm</b> Jessie Pione RIP	<b>10.30am</b> James Dixon RIP	<b>9am</b> Jessie Pione RIP
<b>MON 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>SS CORNELIUS, POPE &amp; CYPRIAN, BISHOP</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Myrtle Borthwick RIP	
<b>TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Robert Gibson RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>SS ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the intentions of the Chess Valley SVP		<b>9.30am</b> Jessie Pione RIP
<b>SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>St MATTHEW, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</i>	<b>10.00am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Jessie Pione RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Mark Crabb RIP
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP <b>6pm</b> Jean & Ron Edmonds (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Kerins	<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 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

### LESLIE WATTS RIP

The funeral of Leslie Watts will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am**, followed by committal at Woodcock Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

### ROSEMARY QUEFFURUS RIP

The funeral service of Rosemary Queffurus will take place at Chilterns Crematorium on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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) – 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** 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*

### ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha Youth is a place to explore the big questions of life, faith, and meaning. In a series of 10 sessions you will be able to ask every question you want to ask, and say anything you want to say. Every evening starts with a hot meal (come hungry -free of charge, donations welcome), followed by a game, a good video and great conversation. No pressure, no judgment, no wrong answers. Practical details: every Friday from 7.00pm until 8.45pm, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, at St John the Evangelist parish hall. Please let Belinda know if you're planning to attend (rickmansworthalphayouth@rcdow.org.uk) so we can count you in for catering. The course includes an overnight in Pinner Friday evening 15<sup>th</sup> October until Saturday evening 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### AUTUMN ALPHA POSTPONED

Due to a number of reasons, the planned autumn term Alpha has been postponed until 2020. Our apologies to those who have already registered. We will make sure you have a place on the next Alpha! A number of our Alpha team members are dealing with difficult personal circumstances at present and it is important that we take care of them, rather than simply keep pushing ahead with Alpha. Alpha is great fun and rewarding, but it is also a lot of work and a big commitment by each of our team members. We ask for your prayers for all those on the Alpha team, including us, and we encourage you to think and pray about who you could invite to Alpha next year. With very best wishes, Mike & Leona Roche (on behalf of the Alpha Service Team)

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – SECONDARY TRANSFER 2021

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Secondary transfer place in a Catholic School for **September 2021** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or Fr Damian after Mass this weekend. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains **very important** information regarding what is required of you in order for us to be able to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your family.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Secondary Transfer September 2020 Form Signing

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Secondary Transfer 2020 on the following days: **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** 10.30am to 11.00am; **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** 6.00pm to 7.00pm and **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** 6.30pm to 7.30pm. All three sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you. **Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card.** If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

### ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This year the Mass count will take place on the last two weekends in September and on the first two weekends in October (each parish is required by the Diocese to count the number of people attending Mass). The details are forwarded to the Diocese along with other parish statistics at the end of the year. So, if you see someone "clicking you in" at Mass you will know why!

### THREE PARISHES WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

**Book Sale & Quality Items** will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### RETURN OF THE GREATEST QUIZ EVER!

Please save the date. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Following rave reviews last time, this years quiz will follow the same format as last year and we have rebooked the fantastic Village Kitchen who will be serving a selection of Indian food. Tickets on sale from mid-October. Any questions to Adrian - 07503 898689.

### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club begins again in October and if anyone is interested in joining (or cancelling their membership) please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. The membership fee is due by end of September for those who pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John's FOP committee on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 St John's FOP, Sandra Miller, at sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

### HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Kerry at the parish office if you would like to book the hall.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### SJF SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The next social event for St John Fisher Parishioners will be the Live Screening from the Royal Opera House of La Bohème on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30pm, at The Elgiva Cinema, Chesham <https://elgiva.com/shows/la-boheme-royal-opera-house/>. Tickets cost £15 each and there are 22 tickets available. If you wish to attend, on signing up on the sheet in the porch please pay the £15 IN CASH to the Social Committee Member on duty in the porch, who will give you a receipt for your payment. Please sign up (and pay) as soon as possible to reserve your ticket. Lifts can be arranged if needed.

### LADIES MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am at Edith's flat, No 2 Grenville Court. All are very welcome.

### APF/MISSIO RED MISSIONARY BOXES

Please could you bring your boxes to church by next weekend for the September collection. Thank you very much, Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>14 &amp; 15 Sept.</b>	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	P Goble	M Calvert	T D'Urso	L Turnbull	Peter & Yasmin	C Steet
<b>21 &amp; 22 Sept.</b>	E O'Sullivan	E Page	M Latimer	U Lean	H McGrath	J Hale	Una & Kate	A McReynolds

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be here on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September *before* Mass starts - the van will leave just before the start of Mass (by 9am at St John Fisher, 10.30am at St John the Evangelist and 11am at Our Lady's). Please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*) in tied sacks. Four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

### 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.