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## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

We might rightly be confused by today's parable of the dishonest steward. Most commentators seem to have different ideas about what it means! One interpretation could be that the parable involves an economic practice of the time whereby the steward (manager) has been renting out his master's property for interest, which includes a proportion for himself. On his dismissal, it seems that he strips away his portion of the interest from the amount owing. He calculates that in doing so, he might "buy" the goodwill of people who may help him in his unemployment. This parable in Luke follows on from the parable of the prodigal son. They are similar in that after their self-inflicted humiliations, both main characters end up seeking forgiveness and welcome - albeit not for the purest of reasons! Yet still, despite our human weaknesses, God's mercy means a new start is always possible.

We believe that God created the world and everything in it. It is his will that we should be happy, each with a share in the rich resources with which he has endowed us, and money is a part of this. It doesn't have to be a case of "God is good, money is bad" - money is good, but its only true value is when it is used judiciously to help each other and especially those in poverty. God does not will starvation in the midst of plenty; or human beings enslaved by the injustice, greed and corruption that perpetuates poverty. When we are blessed by God with wealth it is important to realise that we are only stewards of it, for the purpose of its equitable distribution to those in need - because one day God will call each of us to provide him with an account of our own stewardship of his creation.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**Response to Psalm:** Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 6:1. 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £828.90; Loose Plate: £413.63; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1945.61**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £233.70; Loose Plate: £249.36; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £660.02**

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

**White Fathers Appeal:** Rickmansworth £611.96; Mill End £318.20; Chorleywood £340.50

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>MON 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>WED 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm	Confirmation Meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	11.30am 8.00pm	Funeral - Leslie Watts RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Presbytery Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 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</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP <b>6pm</b> Jean & Ron Edmonds (Ints.) (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Kerins	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MON 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>St PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Andrew Petrie RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Eddie McLaughlin RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>TUES 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		<b>9.30am</b> Edda Ali RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>St VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Jessie Pione RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Andrew Petrie RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Maura Shanney RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Audrey Lewin RIP	<b>9am</b> Marie-Terese Guais 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, Alfredo Rock and Joan Hart

**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 **11.30am**, 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.

### GIFT AID

We would like to thank all our parishioners who have signed up to Gift Aid in our Parishes. With your help and generosity we have received £13,569.33 (Our Lady Help of Christians); £4,246.96 (St John the Evangelist) and £5,604.71 (St John Fisher) from the government for the tax year 2018/2019. It is never too late to join. If you are a tax payer and currently make your donations either by Standing Order or weekly donation envelopes please complete a Gift Aid declaration which is available from the parish office. You can also backdate your Gift Aid by completing the relevant section on the form. If you are making your donations in any other way but would like to consider making your donations through Standing Order or Envelopes please contact Kerry at the parish office.

### CONFIRMATION 2020 - FIRST PARENTS MEETING

We welcome all parents and teenagers interesting in pursuing the Sacrament of Confirmation for 2020 to join the Confirmation team on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at **8.00pm** at St John the Evangelist Hall, Mill End. We want to outline the program on offer, invite teens to take part in Youth Alpha and answer any questions the parents and teens may have. Please try and come along as we want to begin walking this journey with families early on.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the presbytery.

### 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*

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION- DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

October 2019 is designated by Pope Francis as an 'Extraordinary Month of Mission' in which he aims to re-ignite and inspire us to be missionary disciples. The course 'Baptised and Sent' takes us on a journey through the lives of six ordinary people who were able, through grace, to do extraordinary things through Christ. This is a six week booklet based course from Westminster starting from the week commencing **7<sup>th</sup> October** and is open to everyone. If you are interested in participating, there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you can e-mail the discipleship team on [chessvalleydiscipleshipgroups@rcdow.org](mailto:chessvalleydiscipleshipgroups@rcdow.org). There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the accompanying booklet.

Many thanks, The Discipleship Team

### ALPHA YOUTH

After a very successful and fun filled Alpha course for young people which was run in spring, the next Alpha for Youth starts at St Johns, Mill End on the **4<sup>th</sup> October**. Leaflets on how to take part, together with a parishioner who would be pleased to explain more, will be available as you leave the church today. If you are interested, know someone who could be interested, or think your children may like to take part, then please stop and have a chat. We can promise good food, good fun, good company, and a free and friendly environment to talk about the bigger questions of life. The course includes an overnight in Pinner Friday evening **15<sup>th</sup> November** until Saturday evening **16<sup>th</sup> November**.

### 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 (in Our Lady's Hall); **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** 6.00pm to 7.00pm (in Our Lady's *church*) and **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** 6.30pm to 7.30pm (in Our Lady's hall). 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 this weekend you will know why!

### 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### 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

### 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).

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

### 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

### 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](mailto:sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk)

### MINISTERS OF WELCOME

Copies of the rota for October to December are available now at the back of the church for those who haven't already received it by email.

### APF/MISSIO RED MISSIONARY BOXES

Please bring your boxes to church within the next couple of weeks. Thank you. *Geraldine*

### 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!

## 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.

### APF/MISSIO RED MISSIONARY BOXES

Please could you bring your boxes to church this 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>21 &amp; 22 Sept.</b>	E O'Sullivan	E Page	M Latimer	U Lean	H McGrath	J Hale	Una & Marguerite	A McReynolds
<b>28 &amp; 29 Sept.</b>	M Bychawski	C Pierce	C Johnson	J Hale	J Donohoe	AM Farnsworth	Kate & Patsy	J Whelan

## 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.

### 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)