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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

“... between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours...” These words describe the fate of Lazarus and the rich man in the afterlife: Lazarus comforted in the bosom of Abraham while the rich man languishes in eternal misery. The chasm, however, is not new - it was created a long time ago and made wider every time the rich man came and went to his safe, secure, plush home and ignored Lazarus.

The rich man has a lack of empathy which makes him unaware of the dignity that God gave Lazarus; blind and deaf to Lazarus' presence and need. In this lack of empathy he is also deaf to the words of the prophet Amos, and to all the prophets who proclaim that our true measure is revealed by the way in which we treat the marginalised, the sick, the poor, and the stranger among us. It is empathy that bridges the chasms in our earthly lives. Are we aware of moments of potential encounter, moments when we are called to connect to our fellow man with empathy, but do not? Moments on the street, in the supermarket, at work or school, on public transport or even in our church here today?

We are busy, we are often stretched between different people and obligations, and time is limited. Our patience is thin, we are preoccupied and stressed. But God calls us to be none of those things. We are called to love God and our neighbour, we are called to a life of empathy and grace. To be mindful of people whose presence reaches out to us - to enter into their lives even just for a moment, for a touch, a smile, a word, or a silent prayer. For in such a single moment we bring the presence of Christ to another.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Amos 6:1. 4-7

**Response to Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £407.30; Loose Plate: £354.70; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1465.08**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £292.50; Loose Plate: £185.29; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £654.75**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	11.30am 12 noon	Sunday Brunch First Communion Parents Meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
<b>MON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Parents Meeting - <i>Church</i> Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>WED 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>THU 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Alpha Youth - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</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

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<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 <i>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> Maura Shanney RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Audrey Lewin RIP	<b>9am</b> Marie-Terese Guais RIP
<b>MON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>ST JEROME, PRIEST &amp; DR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Marie Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>WED 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Robert Gibson RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Andrew Petrie RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>10.00am</b> Emma Montesdeoca RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Jessie Pione RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Nalene Nixon (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP <b>6pm</b> Colin Lawrence RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Robert Gibson RIP	<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, 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

### MARY GARDNER RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Mary Gardner. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time. Details of her funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education and safety. Donations helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

### ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

A copy of the Annual Review and the Accounts for the Diocese are available at the back of the church for parishioners to review. We would ask that these please not be removed from the church, so that all those who wish to review them may do so with ease. Both the Annual Review and the Accounts are available on the Diocesan website at [www.rcdow.org.uk/publications](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/publications).

### 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.

### 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*

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our three parishes SVP community lunch takes place on the third Sunday of every month at St John's School Mill End. We start serving at 12.30pm. We have a dedicated SVP team to prepare and serve but we can always do with extra help, either on the Sunday or with setting up the day before. Our next lunch will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We are inviting parishioners to volunteer on a three month rota system, starting with Our Lady's in October, St John the Evangelist in November and St John Fisher in December. An SVP representative will be outside the church (Our Lady's) next weekend after all the Masses to accept any offers of help. Thank you, SVP

### 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

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](mailto: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> 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 Damian or Fr Tim 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LESSONS

Please note, that due to the hall being refurbished, the parents meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September, and the first couple of lessons will be held in the church.

### 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

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This week the children have made their own Charity Collection boxes. We are encouraging the children to save small coins in the box from now until 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will then collect the boxes in on the first Sunday of Advent, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. All money collected will be donated to our local SVP Conference. Amongst other works our SVP Conference visit the isolated at home, run a monthly Community Lunch and sponsor 4 children in India for their education. If any children would prefer to keep their boxes, this is absolutely fine, money can be returned in an envelope

### OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is traditionally a month dedicated to the praying of the Rosary. The Memoria of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to the generosity of the Catenian Association we have some leaflets available in the porch which have been designed to help you pray the Rosary. We invite you to take a copy home with you and try to pray the Rosary during the month of October. The Catenians have also given us some bookmarks, please feel free to take one of these too.

### 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*

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### Our CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR is two months away!

The date for your diaries is SATURDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019, 10.00am to 12.30pm. We hope to be running all the usual stalls but will need some new and younger and stronger parishioners to step forward to offer their help. In particular, are you a family or a little group of friends who could run the book stall? Also all offers of help for the whole Fair will be gratefully received. We support three charities: the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Africa looking after the sick and orphaned; the Cardinal Hume Centre for the homeless in London and, lastly, a CAFOD project in Columbia, South America. Please start thinking and praying about how you can help, turn out your cupboards, remember the Silent Auction, please, and all the other stalls. Much more to come in the next few weeks!! Any queries or offers please phone Mary Latimer on 01923 284975. Thank you.

### 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.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>28 &amp; 29 Sept.</b>	M Bychawski	C Pierce	C Johnson	J Hale	J Hale	AM Farnsworth	Kate & Patsy	J Whelan
<b>5 &amp; 6 Oct.</b>	C Pierce	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	M Fields	J Donohoe	E Price		S Tarrant

## 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.

### CAP - CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY:

The following course will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. This course is free to participants. *8 week Fresh Start Course* to support those who wish to overcome life-controlling issues (smoking, drinking, gambling). This course starts on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1.00pm. Contact Annabel Brown on 07849678171 to find out more.