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## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

So much of the teaching of Scripture is about the necessity to persevere in prayer, without expecting any kind of immediate results. In our first reading the prophet Habakkuk recounts an experience that perhaps many of us have had: praying to God for a particular intention and seemingly nothing happens. Even when we ask God for spiritual or altruistic reasons, it can often seem that our prayers are not answered. But faith calls on us to believe in an omnibenevolent God who really cares about us, and in whose hands the whole world is resting - even when the world seems consumed by violence and evil, we can trust that he is still in control. We are called to believe that God loves each one of us personally, and that he is actively involved in our lives in a personal way. These things are not always easy to believe - at times we can find ourselves in Habakkuk's shoes, when everything goes dark and hope appears unachievable. But Habakkuk tells us to be patient - God will not fail us if we remain faithful during such moments. He will break his silence at his own, perfect, time.

We are all given the gift of faith at Baptism and Confirmation, irrespective of our worthiness or merit, and this faith is nourished by the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Apostles asked that Jesus increase their faith, but he answers that what really matters in faith is not its size or power - it can be as small as a mustard seed. What is needed, he says, is not the increase of faith, but the actual exercise of faith - trusting in the infinite power and love of our almighty Creator; trusting that he will never fail us, and taking the conscious leap to surrender to his will.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

### Response to Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

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

2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

### Gospel:

Luke 17:5-10

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (Gospel)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envs £521.37; Loose £332.85; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1557.30**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £303.82; Loose: £273.22; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £754**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of September - **£2412.68**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.15am	First Communion Class - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>MON 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - <i>Church</i> RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10am for 10.15am	Lectio Divina - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>			
<b>THU 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	2.15pm for 2.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Alpha Youth - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 12<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

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</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) Fr Barry Ffrench RIP
<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
<b>MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Tom Quinn RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Gardner RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<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> 9 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER		<b>9.30am</b> Andrew Petrie RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Barry Ffrench RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Robinson RIP		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Barry Ffrench RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>10.00am</b> Fr Barry Ffrench RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Catherine Purtill RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Cecilia Netto RIP <b>6pm</b> Eamonn Quilty RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Alfredo Rock (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> Francis & Caroline Holly (Ints.) (15 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### 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

The funeral of Mary Gardner will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at **11.00am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

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

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. For further information see [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### 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).

### 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*

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank so many of our fellow parishioners across the three parishes for their words of consolation, prayers and Mass offerings following the recent death of our dear Mum, Maura Shanney, RIP. We have arranged to have a Mass offered for your intentions and in thanksgiving for the joy of your fellowship. *Deidre and Owen Gilmore.*

### THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will start at 9.30am, **12<sup>th</sup> October** at the Green Dragon, Flaunden HP3 0PP. Six miles or so to Baldwin Wood, Chenies and Latimer and back to the Green Dragon. Everybody welcome to join this small friendly group. Enquiries to [billgraham1888@gmail.com](mailto:billgraham1888@gmail.com)

### 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

### 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!

### 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](mailto: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

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LESSONS

Please note, that due to the hall being refurbished, 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** - congratulations to Patricia Kelly £35, Anne Dodson £26.25, Maureen Douglas £17.50, Sean Godfrey £8.75  
**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 20<sup>th</sup> October for those who pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### 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.

### 100 CLUB

Congratulations to Lionel Selvaraja £35, Stephanie Goodchild £20 and Mary Madden £15.

**HALL BOOKINGS** - please contact Kerry at the parish office if you would like to book the hall.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS

Would welcomers, readers and Ministers of Communion please pick up their copy from the lobby. Many thanks.

### 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		
5 & 6 Oct.	C Pierce	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	M Fields	J Donohoe	E Price	Yasmin & Una	S Tarrant
12 & 13 Oct.	M Foggo	T Hartney	J McEwen	A Opie	M Calvert	F Holly	Carolyn & Patsy	V Terrill

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### 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.

### 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.

### 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