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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Sometimes we spend so much time grumbling and complaining that we hardly recognise or appreciate the goodness of God in our lives. Today two very similar readings remind us of the importance of giving him praise and gratitude. Firstly, by submitting to Elisha, not only is the pagan Naaman cured of his leprosy, but he undergoes a profound conversion - he returns to the prophet's house and makes his confession of faith in the one true God. In Luke's Gospel, ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus for mercy. All ten are healed, and yet only one returns to Christ, "glorifying God in a loud voice". As in the famous parable, we are again confronted with a "good Samaritan" - the foreigner on the margins of society, who has a theological insight which the Jews (educated in the faith and knowledgeable of Scripture) did not have. Of the group, only the Samaritan acknowledges not just the gift received, but also the intermediary chosen by God to communicate it. Only the Samaritan understands immediately that the salvation of God comes to people through Christ, and it is only the Samaritan who receives from Jesus the assurance: "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

The symbolic number ten indicates that the lepers of the Gospel represent all people who are far away from God. Because of our sins, we are all lepers who need to encounter Jesus. Even when we feel God is distant and that we have lost the relationship we once had with him, God will never turn his back on us; he loves us unconditionally, and the healing presence of Christ remains constant. The most effective way back to closeness with God is found in gratitude for his abundant, freely given blessings in our everyday lives. Daily gratitude changes our whole outlook to open the floodgates of healing, and progressively restores us to wholeness. Crucially, we should approach the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at least weekly; the sacrament of our praise and thanksgiving, when we gather to fall at the feet of God in gratitude as one united family.

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Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Response to Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2; Luke 18:1-8 (Gospel)

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envs £569.41; Loose £397.23; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1669.72**

Mill End: Envs: £282.65; Loose: £274.02; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £733.63**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 13TH OCTOBER	9.15am 10.00am 12.45pm	First Communion Class - Hall Tea & Coffee after Mass Baptisms	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 14TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 12.30pm 11.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Funeral - Mary Gardner RIP First Communion Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 15TH OCTOBER			
WED 16TH OCTOBER	7.45pm	First Communion Parents Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 17TH OCTOBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 18TH OCTOBER	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Alpha Youth - Hall	St John the Evangelist
SAT 19TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 10.30am - 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions CCP Form Signing - Hall 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

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 12 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Fr Barry Ffrench RIP	6pm (Vigil) Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13 TH OCTOBER <i>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Catherine Purtill RIP (Anniv.) 11am Cecilia Netto RIP 6pm Eamonn Quilty RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Alfredo Rock (Ints.)	9am Francis & Caroline Holly (Ints.) (15 th Wedding Anniversary)
MONDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Fr Tom Quinn RIP	9.30am Dessie McHugh (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER <i>St TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 16 TH OCTOBER		9.30am Delia Bateman (Ints.)	
THURS 17TH OCTOBER <i>St IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Fr Barry Ffrench RIP		
FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER <i>St LUKE, EVANGELIST</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am Fr Barry Ffrench RIP
SATURDAY 19 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Fr Barry Ffrench RIP	6pm (Vigil) Loughlin Brothers RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 20 TH OCTOBER <i>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am W.H. Osgood RIP (Anniv.) 11am Joy Ogbechi (Ints.) (60 th Birthday) 6pm Bridget & Jim O'Brien RIP	10.30am Jessie Pione RIP	9am Arthur Holmes 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, 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 14th October** at **11.00am** followed by committal at Breakspare Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

The Minutes of the JPPC meeting held on 21st September are now posted on the parish noticeboards and are available for download from the parish websites (SLT and JPPC page).

CONFIRMATION

For all those in year nine or above, who would like to make their confirmation, our confirmation program will be starting in early 2020. We will be looking at Choosing your purpose, Prayer, the Creed and Reconciliation, as well as a discernment evening. Throughout these sessions we want you to experience the love that God has for you. For more information please speak to Caitlin Scott, Roisin McAleavy or Jessica Kenny, or email rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk

PACT - PRISONERS' SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Pact is the national Catholic charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Our vision is of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, and where the innate dignity and worth of every human is valued. If you would like to support the work of PACT you can donate online at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

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*

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, 4th October 2019 until 3rd 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 15th November until Saturday evening 16th November.

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 20th 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

STATUES AND BOOKS

Two crucifixes, a white statue of Our Lady each about 16" high and a number of religious books, including one or two bibles are available free to anyone willing to collect them. Please contact Paul Kennett at bachlover1000@yahoo.com for further details.

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 19th October** 10.30am to 11.00am (in Our Lady's Hall); **Monday 21st October** 6.00pm to 7.00pm (in Our Lady's church) and **Tuesday 22nd 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.

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.

FAIRTRADE - TRAIDCRAFT

To mark 40 years of Traidcraft and 25 years of the Fairtrade Foundation, there will be a Traidcraft Event at the home of Eleri Davies (99 Baldwins Lane, Croxley) on **Friday 25th October** from 2.00pm - 9.00pm and **Saturday 26th October** from 10.00am – 5.00pm. Fairtrade Christmas gifts and food will be on sale, together with cards sold in aid of Christian Aid, Traidcraft and CAFOD. Enjoy plenty of tea/coffee and cake.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September are now posted on the parish noticeboards and are available for download from the parish website (SLT and JPPC page).

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

This weekend we will be outside the church after all the Masses asking for help with next Sunday's Community lunch. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with setting up, serving food and clearing away. Thankyou, *Chess Valley SVP*

RETURN OF THE GREATEST QUIZ EVER!

Please save the date. Saturday 9th 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 20th October for those who pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

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

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Is anyone available to cook Sunday Brunch on 27th October. If you're able to help, please contact Natalie Zammit on cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk or 07813 102075. Many thanks.

APF/MISSION RED MISSIONARY BOXES

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

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.

TEA AND COFFEE will be served after Mass this Sunday. All are very welcome to stay for a cuppa and chat.

ST JOHN FISHER CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 30th November 10.00am to 12.30pm

If you have not already done so, please put this date in your diaries, make it a red letter day! Are you going through your cupboards for unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, bottles, outgrown toys and beautiful and/or very interesting items for the Silent Auction. Also it is time for planting bulbs and baking and freezing your delicious cakes. I have still got spaces for helpers, mainly on the bookstall (which will be smaller this year) and serving on the refreshments and another person to wrap up warmly and take the entrance money. Remember, every penny we make is given away - so important at Christmas time. Please let me know how you can help, with love and thanks, Mary 284975.

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 3rd 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		
12 & 13 Oct.	M Foggo	T Hartney	J McEwen	A Opie	M Calvert	F Holly	Carolyn & Patsy	V Terrill
19 & 20 Oct.	J Ingham	L Johnson	P Goble	J Whelan	T D'Urso	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Francis	C Steet

DIOCESAN NOTICES

VOCATIONS PROMOTION EVENING

The Diocesan Vocation Team is inviting you to join them at the Sacred Heart Parish in Ruislip. The evening is for anyone and everyone who wants to discover the call of the Lord. We especially invite those men who might be considering the call to Priesthood and those men and women who might be experienced the call to Religious life. As we celebrate the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman we share his holy words:

'God has created me to do him some definite service.'

Our next Vocations Promotion Evening is at The Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip, HA4 8NN (Tube: Ruislip Manor)

~Come and join us for Mass at 6.00pm on **Saturday 26 October 2019**

~Come and listen to the stories of those being called to the Priesthood or Religious Life

~Come along and share your experience of what the Lord is doing in your life.

For more information have a word with one of your priests or visit: www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations

THE PASSAGE WORKING WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on **Tuesday 5th November** on the theme Magic of Italian Opera with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessum Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe. For more details call 020 7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk