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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our three readings today have the same theme: persistence in faith and prayer. In the Book of Exodus we see Moses, the great prophet, doing what he does best - unceasingly interceding with God on behalf of his people. So long as Moses' hands were lifted to God, the Israelite soldiers were victorious in battle. Whenever he grew weary and stopped, the Israelites began losing, so Aaron and Hur helped him to remain in this position of prayer. In his letter, St. Paul tells St. Timothy to be persistent in proclaiming the Good News "whether it is convenient or inconvenient". The earliest Christians expected Christ's Second Coming in their lifetime, and as Luke wrote his Gospel the event was already well overdue and Christians were finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their faith, persecuted as they were by both the Jews and the Romans. Today's lesson reassures them, and us, that God is listening and answering.

It may seem to be a simple parable about how if we keep praying and asking, eventually God will grant our requests. But of course, sometimes we don't seem to get what we pray for. We can become disillusioned, and perhaps even lose all interest in prayer. If we could all see the results of our prayers as clearly as Moses does from the mountain top, then we might feel more encouraged! But God does hear us, and he does answer our prayers - sometimes in the way we want, and sometimes in ways that are surprising. Because prayer does not move God's heart to give us what we want; prayer does not change God's will. Instead, sincere and persistent prayer changes our will to accept his - it brings our hearts and minds in line with his purposes, and his design for each of us. Jesus is asking us to persevere in prayer - supplication, thanksgiving, adoration, repentance - because it fosters our relationship with God and opens us up to his grace, in an intimacy which extends beyond the particular time of praying. Ultimately, prayer sustains our faith and enables us to submit to God's decisions, saying "Thy will be done."

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Entrance Antiphon: To you I call, for you shall surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Response to Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (Gospel)

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envs £400.96; Loose £345.41; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1449.45**

Mill End: Envs: £247.50; Loose: £201.15; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £625.61**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 20TH OCTOBER	9.15am 12.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall SVP Sunday Brunch - Hall	St John the Evangelist St John's School
MON 21ST OCTOBER	10.30am - 12.30pm 5.30pm 6.00pm - 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall CCP Form Signing - <i>Church</i> RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 22ND OCTOBER	10.00am 6.30pm - 7.30pm	SVP Meeting - Upper Room CCP Form Signing - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 23RD OCTOBER	7.45pm	First Communion Parents Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 24TH OCTOBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 25TH OCTOBER	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Alpha Youth - Hall	St John the Evangelist
SAT 26TH OCTOBER	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding 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 19 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Amelia Rose Murray 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
MONDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	9.30am Joe Olohan RIP	9.30am Ron Mallon RIP	
TUESDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 23 RD OCTOBER		9.30am Fr James Mallon & Family (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Fr Barry Ffrench RIP		
FRIDAY 25 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	10.00am Robert Burdin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 27 TH OCTOBER <i>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Jessie Pione RIP 11am Helen Lewis RIP 6pm Ann Breen RIP	10.30am Josie Togganol RIP	9am A.J. (Ints.)

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation, one of the few days outside of a Sunday when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Masses across the three parishes on this day will be as follows: St John's, Mill End - Vigil (Thursday) 8.00pm, Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – 9.30am and 8.00pm; St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 9.30am

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Saturday 2nd November is All Soul's day. Mass will be at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth at 10.00am.

RICKMANSWORTH ARMISTICE DAY AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Rickmansworth Town Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 10th November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (C of E), Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

1.45pm Remembrance Sunday Parade musters at Our Lady, Help of Christians
2.00pm Remembrance Sunday Parade moves off, to walk along the High Street
2.30pm Remembrance Sunday Service begins in St Mary's

Parishioners are invited to join us to mark this solemn occasion.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The annual Deanery Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased priests of the Deanery will take place at Our Lady's on 12th November at 11.00am. This Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Deanery. Parishioners of the three parishes are invited join us for this Mass. There will be no 9.30am Masses at Our Lady's or St John Fisher that day.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries:

Saturday 2nd November - Woodcock Hill Cemetery at 2.00pm and Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery at 2.00pm

Saturday 9th November - Chorleywood Old Cemetery at 11.00am and Our Lady's Garden of Rest at 11.30am

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available from this weekend. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

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. Thank you, SVP

CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that clocks go back one hour next weekend (26th/27th October).

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will take place at St John the Evangelist's hall after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 22nd December** with Mr Marvel to entertain the children! Food donation lists will be in the back of the church nearer the time. If you are able to help organise and run the party on the day please email liztownsenduk@gmail.com.

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*

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: **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.

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).

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.

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/MISSIO RED MISSIONARY BOXES

Please bring your boxes to church as soon as possible. Thank you. *Geraldine*

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for Donations of Bottles, Sweet, Chocolates and Homemade cakes to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola's, all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the 14th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (15th December).

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale in the porch after Saturday evening Mass and both before and after Sunday Morning Mass from 16th November to 15th December. First Prize will be £100, 2nd Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

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.

LADIES MEETING

The next meeting is at 10.15am on Tuesday 22nd October at Juliet Hale's house. (The Jingers, Old Shire Lane). All welcome.

ROLL ON OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 30th November 10.00am to 12.30pm

Please continue to consider what gifts you can bring, in goods, in time and in prayer. We have staff for most stalls. We need two more people to help in offering refreshments, one person to wrap up warmly to be in the church porch to welcome our visitors and collect their entrance money and two people to run our newly conceived and much smaller book stall. FOR THIS YEAR ONLY, as an experiment for the BOOKSTALL, we only wish you to bring in good quality paper back novels and also good quality children's books. Of course, all the other stalls remain as usual, bottles, gifts, toys, good bric-a-brac, cakes, plants, silent auction gifts. On the day please bring YOURSELVES, your CHILDREN and all your FAMILIES and FRIENDS. Thank you so much for all you are going to do. You can start straightaway to bring your goods to the church kitchen. Any queries please phone Mary 284075.

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		
19 & 20 Oct.	J Ingham	L Johnson	P Goble	J Whelan	T D'Urso	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Francis	C Steet
26 & 27 Oct.	A Roberts	C Johnson	M Latimer	M Calvert	K Cottingham	J Hale	Marguerite & Una	A McReynolds

THREE PARISH NOTICES

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL PTFA - Advent Wreath-Making Evening

A parents and friends evening of making and making merry! Join us for a fun evening crafting your own Advent Wreath with the help of a professional florist, accompanied by some festive refreshments. A great social for grown-ups to get the holiday season underway. Tuesday 26th November, 7.45pm at St John's Church Hall, Rickmansworth. £15 to include materials, festive tipples and treats. To reserve your place please contact Viv Rose 07812 129256. All proceeds from the evening will go to St John's Primary PTFA. *Please bring: secateurs or craft scissors & any decorations you may want to add to your wreath

ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha Youth is a place to explore the big questions of life, faith, and meaning. 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. Every Friday at St John the Evangelist parish hall 7-8.45pm until 3rd January 2020. 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.

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.