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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Outwardly, the Pharisee of today's Gospel seems a great role model. He carefully keeps the Law of the Jews and the Commandments of God, and faithfully observes his religious obligations. On the other hand, we have a tax collector. These men were hated as suspected Roman collaborators; for overtaxing their fellow Jews, and greedily misappropriating funds for their own benefit. Yet Jesus says that the tax collector left the temple at rights with God, whilst the Pharisee did not. How can this be justice?

The Pharisee's prayer ("to himself") rejoices in what he sees as his virtues, but neglects to address his sinfulness: proud, judgmental and uncharitable. He despises others who fail to meet his standards, whilst believing that he doesn't need forgiveness because (as far as he can see) he doesn't sin and has no motivation to look more closely. In his pride there is no opening for spiritual growth. However, the tax collector knows his own faults and failings, for which he wretchedly beats his breast in repentance. He longs for forgiveness, and yearns to be united with God. And because God sees his genuine contrition, it is the tax collector who goes home justified.

What we are called to is authenticity in prayer and in life - the humble acceptance of our spiritual poverty and dependence on God. Recognising and admitting what we are not brings us closer to holiness, and fosters greater compassion and understanding towards our neighbour. If we are humble before God, then we are much more likely to be humble before others. We hear the unedifying judgement in the phrase, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity... or even like this tax collector" - but how many of us can admit to feeling, "O God, I thank you that I am not like this Pharisee"? Jesus addressed this parable to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness". The trap he sets is that - actually - it is for all of us.

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Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face..

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

Response to Psalm: The poor man called; the Lord heard him.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2; Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

YOUTH MINISTRY

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envs £553.04; Loose £282.32; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1538.44**

Mill End: Envs: £258.20; Loose: £184.82; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £619.98**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 27TH OCTOBER	12.45pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 28TH OCTOBER	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 12.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 29TH OCTOBER			
WED 30TH OCTOBER			
THU 31ST OCTOBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 1ST NOVEMBER	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Alpha Youth - Hall	St John the Evangelist
SAT 2ND NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Blessing of Graves Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Woodcock Hill Cemetery Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
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.)
MONDAY 28 TH OCTOBER <i>SS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES</i>	9.30am A.J. (Ints.)	9.30am Jock D'Souza RIP	
TUESDAY 29 TH OCTOBER <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</i>	9.30am Elizabeth Mary Kendrick RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 30 TH OCTOBER		9.30am Sr Brigit Mackle RIP	
THURSDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	9.30am Joe Olohan RIP	8.00pm For the People of the Parish	
FRIDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS	9.30am For the People of the Parish 8.00pm Fr Anthony Armstrong (Ints.)		9.30am For the People of the Parish
SATURDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</i>	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Tom Hynan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER <i>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Angela & Giovanni Maccini RIP 11am Frazer Bradshaw RIP 6pm Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP	10.30am Arthur Holmes RIP	9am 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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that these priests, having followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation envelopes will be available next weekend. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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.

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

THREE PARISH 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 (children need to be accompanied by an adult)! 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*

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 15th November until Saturday evening 16th November.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE EIGHTH OF NOVEMBER!

6th Rickmansworth Sea Scouts present **BONFIRE NIGHT SPECTACULAR – FIREWORKS & BONFIRE** – on Friday 8th November at 7.00pm in the Grounds behind Our Lady's Church. Admission £4.00 single or £15.00 per family.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM AND 11.00AM MASS

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after both morning Masses next Sunday. It will also be a great opportunity for you to see our newly refurbished halls.

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on Sunday 3rd November after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited.

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).

ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 1st December - Save the date and please start to prepare your donations

The boutique advent fair returns this year with more stalls than ever! Do you have any donations for our grand raffle? Please start to prepare your tombola donations of bottles and unwanted gifts. Boxes will be in the porch from the first Sunday in November. Please bring homemade cakes on the morning of the fair. For more information please contact Laura Sharp laura.sharp@live.co.uk (07939 224664).

RETURN OF THE GREATEST QUIZ EVER! Saturday 9th November, 7 for 7.30pm

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 are £12 each and on sale after all Masses – we have a limited quantity remaining! Any questions to Adrian – 07503 898689.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

HELP NEEDED

Are you able to help clean the high level windows and sills inside the church and parish hall, on Saturday 9th or 16th November. Please contact Natalie Zammit cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk 07813 102075 or Geraldine Page geraldine.page21@gmail.com 07725 748490.

SUNDAY BRUNCH - please note there will be no Sunday Brunch this Sunday. The next one will be on 24th November.

APF/MISSIO RED MISSIONARY BOXES - please bring your boxes to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

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. 1st Prize will be £100, 2nd Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

The St John Fisher Finance Operations and Premises (FOP) Committee will be meeting on **Monday 28th October**. If any parishioners would like anything raised at the meeting, please email the FOP Chair, Carolyn Opie, at carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk.

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 - Saturday 30th November 10.00am to 12.30pm

Please start bringing your gifts to church and leave them in the kitchen. Please let me know of any more valuable items for the Silent Auction. We are still in need of helpers for the smaller than usual book stall, 2 more for refreshments and 1 or 2 for the door. Many 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		
26 & 27 Oct.	A Roberts	C Johnson	M Latimer	M Calvert	K Cottingham	J Hale	Marguerite & Una	A McReynolds
2 & 3 Nov.	E O'Sullivan	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	M Mackie	M Fields	AM Farnsworth	Peter & Kate	J Whelan

DIOCESAN 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.