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## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's Gospel is the endearing story of Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector who climbs a tree in order to see Jesus arrive in Jericho. Zacchaeus was a wealthy, but probably also lonely, man whose chosen way of life had left him outside of the faith community. Perhaps he has heard the stories of healings and miracles, and as Jesus passes through the town, Zacchaeus finds himself drawn to "seeking to see who Jesus was" - but Jesus sees him first. The humility of Zacchaeus climbing the tree, wanting to see Jesus and willing to go to any lengths to do so, attracts Jesus' attention and mercy. And where other people see in Zacchaeus an unclean man with a corrupt history, Jesus sees dignity and a potential for goodness.

All Zacchaeus had wanted was to see Jesus; what he gets is far greater than his wildest dreams. He is called by his name, and it is a moment of conversion - "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Is 43.1) From this moment Zacchaeus belongs to the Lord; he was lost and now is found. He will no longer be rich, but he is full of joy because he is restored to who God intended him to be - a son of Abraham.

The salvation which comes to Zacchaeus is not from what he does - the liberal giving of half his possessions, or the four-fold restitution he makes to those he has defrauded. He doesn't earn his salvation - it is freely given by God. Zacchaeus' story is one of many in the Gospels that challenge us to look beyond prejudices and labels, and to recognise everyone's God-given dignity and potential. Christ did not come to judge or condemn, but "to seek and to save what was lost" - his mission from beginning to end was, and is, to rescue lost people. The truth is that no one is ever beyond hope, no one ever passes a point where God's grace and love cease to apply to them. God does not care about anyone's past, he only cares about their future.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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### Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord,  
my strong salvation.

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

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

### Response to Psalm:

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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

2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

### Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

### Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in  
your presence, O Lord.

### Next Sunday's Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5; Luke 20:27-38 (Gospel)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envs £673.53; Loose £321.00; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1697.61**

**Mill End:** Envs: £273.00; Loose: £166.89; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £616.85**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	9.15am 9.30am & 12 noon	First Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall 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 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>			
<b>WED 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	7.45pm	First Communion Parent's Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Alpha Youth - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 11.00am 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Blessing of Graves Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Chorleywood Old Cemetery 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 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Souls	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Tom Hynan RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Angela & Giovanni Maccini RIP <b>11am</b> Frazer Bradshaw RIP <b>6pm</b> Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Arthur Holmes RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>St CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Nina Burke RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Nesta Grace Smith RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls
<b>SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Souls	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Denis Maher RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Gregory McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Laurie Scudder RIP <b>11am</b> Ann Mulholland RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> Ewa Radko RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Julia & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)	<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

### **SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION**

This weekend 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 are available this 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### **EVENING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

There will be an Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from all three parishes on Tuesday **19<sup>th</sup> November** at Our Lady's. It will begin with Exposition from 7.30pm in the Church followed by an informal discussion in the hall.

### **CATHOLIC WORKER FARM: CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

This year we would like to give eight refugee ladies, currently being given shelter at the Catholic Worker Farm a Christmas gift. We have done this for a few years and it has been very successful and generously supported. We are appealing for good quality toiletries (soap, body lotion, shower gel etc). There will be a collection box in the church porch of the three parishes from next weekend. Many Thanks, SVP.

### **RICKMANSWORTH ARMISTICE DAY AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE**

The Rickmansworth Town Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will be blessing graves at Chorleywood Old Cemetery at 11.00am and Our Lady's Garden of Rest at 11.30am on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:liztownsenduk@gmail.com).

### **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*

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. 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 15<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday evening 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 this Sunday. It will also be a great opportunity for you to see our newly refurbished halls.

### THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:laura.sharp@live.co.uk) (07939 224664).

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** now available in the repository.

### RETURN OF THE GREATEST QUIZ EVER! Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Due to the fantastic response, tickets are not on sale after Mass this weekend. If you are disappointed that you have not secured yours, we could make a couple available. Please contact Laura on 07939 224664 or [laura.sharp@live.co.uk](mailto:laura.sharp@live.co.uk) before midday on Wednesday (when we confirm numbers with the caterer). Don't contact Adrian who is now on holiday! Thank you to all those who have purchased tickets, we look forward to seeing you there. All proceeds to SVP.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact Natalie Zammit [cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk) 07813 102075 or Geraldine Page [geraldine.page21@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.page21@gmail.com) 07725 748490.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> December. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize will be £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

**100 CLUB** - congratulations to Geraldine Page (£35), Sandra Tew (£20) and Kevin Toland (£15)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> November**. If any parishioners would like anything raised at the meeting, please email the FOP Chair, Carolyn Opie, at [carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk).

### PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING

There will be a meeting of the St John Fisher PCG on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, prior to a meeting of the Joint Parish Pastoral Council. If you have any matters that you would like to be raised concerning the **spiritual, pastoral or social life** of the parish would you please pass them to Toni D'Urso (St John Fisher Vice-Chair of the JPPC) [chorleywoodpcg@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chorleywoodpcg@rcdow.org.uk).

### OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am to 12.30pm

Staff: thanks to Magda and Chris for agreeing to look after the books. All we now need is two more people to help with refreshments and one or two hardy souls to be at the door. Please offer if you can. Thank you. We are starting to gather up goods in the kitchen. Please continue to dive into your cupboards!! I now have two or three interesting items for the Silent Auction. Please pray for our success to aid our three excellent charities. 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 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>2 &amp; 3 Nov.</b>	E O'Sullivan	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	M Mackie	M Fields	AM Farnsworth	Peter & Kate	J Whelan
<b>9 &amp; 10 Nov.</b>	M Bychawski	C Pierce	M Latimer	U Lean	M Golin	E Price	Carolyn & Francis	S Tarrant

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE EIGHTH OF NOVEMBER!

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

### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL RECEPTION 2020 OPEN DAYS

Please join us for an open morning on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.30am or open afternoon on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 1.45pm to find out more about our school. We look forward to introducing you to key members of staff, showing you the learning environment and sharing our ethos, values and approach to learning. We also have limited vacancies in our current Reception class and Year 6. Please contact the school office on 01923 774004 or email [admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk).