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## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Even before Christ, the Jews believed in a resurrection, as expressed in our first reading today from the Book of Maccabees. However, the Sadducees were a Jewish sect who believed that body and soul perish together at the time of death. They decided to try to trick Jesus by posing a hypothetical question about seven deceased brothers who sequentially married the same woman. Whose wife she will be at the resurrection? Since the Sadducees held only to the Law of Moses, Jesus answered their debate by citing the remarkable incident of the burning bush, when God reveals himself to Moses, saying, "I am the God... of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob" (Ex. 3:6). Not "I was", but "I am" - indicating that the three patriarchs still lived. This is the resurrection of the dead that we profess every week in the Creed, and it is an essential doctrine of Christian faith.

With our limited understanding we trust that in the resurrected life a human person is completed and perfected, and no longer defined in marital or generative terms. As Jesus describes, those in heaven are not married to anyone because the immense love of heaven is by necessity non-exclusive; and as in heaven there is no more death, the natural purpose of marriage (procreation) serves no purpose. The gospel narratives reveal that the resurrected Jesus eats, he touches and speaks to his disciples; he can suddenly appear and then disappear, he can pass through locked doors. In this way, our own resurrected bodies will be the same that we have now, but transformed and glorified - bodies free from suffering and pain, in which only the good remains: energy, grace, and beauty. God the Father is our loving creator - he made the world and everything in it; he has made it good, and with his design and purpose. He would never abandon or throw away anything he had made, like a piece of rubbish - not least his precious children.

"... how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Cor 12-14)

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

**Response to Psalm:** I shall be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19 (Gospel)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envs £414.77; Loose £344.90; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1462.75**

**Mill End:** Envs: £245.50; Loose: £204.92; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £627.38**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 10<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	9.15am 10.00am	First Communion Class - Hall Coffee and tea after Mass	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
<b>MON 11<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 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10am for 10.15am	Lectio Divina - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</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 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	11.00am 5.30pm	<b>NO Holy Hour and Benediction today</b> Children's First Reconciliation Service 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
<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
<b>MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>St MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>St JOSAPHAT, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Deceased Clergy of the Deanery		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls
<b>SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>St EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP</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 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Kay Morrison RIP <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> Mary & Frank Leary RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Robert Gibson RIP	<b>9am</b> Mary West 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

### ADVENT DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMME - THE BIBLE COURSE

How well do you know your bible? The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as the year for 'The God Who Speaks': A year of the Word. Why not take this opportunity to join a discipleship group for an 8 week DVD based course showing how the historical events, books and characters in the Bible all fit together and their relevance in our lives today. The course will run 3-4 weeks before Christmas commencing the week beginning 25 November and the remainder of the sessions will run in January 2020. There will be sign up sheets at the back of the church or e-mail your interested to [chessvalleydiscipleshipgroup@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chessvalleydiscipleshipgroup@rcdow.org.uk). This course will be partly subsidised by the parishes, but we would ask for a contribution of £5.00 to cover the cost of the accompanying booklet. Many thanks The Discipleship Team.

### 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.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2020

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 6.00pm to 6.30pm** and **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00pm to 7.30pm**. These sessions will be held in the Presbytery at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment or to bring with you the child for whom you are applying for a place; 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.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2021

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception 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. Please note that St John the Evangelist Primary School and St Anthony's Primary School no longer require a CCP for the 2021 school admissions.

### SVP "VINNIE PACKS - URGENT: CAN YOU HELP?

Every winter we help the SVP to make up several thousand "Vinnie Packs" of thermal socks, gloves, a woolly hat and other items. They are distributed to the homeless living on our city streets to help them cope with winter weather. Helpers are urgently needed to make up the packs. Details of the assembly venue, in Wembley, and the first set of dates are on the notice board in the church porch and will be updated regularly in the coming weeks. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help in this crucial work - the pack contents are greatly appreciated by our clients."

### 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 this weekend, and the rest of November. 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.

### 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).

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

### 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

### ADVENT FAIR – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 9am – 1pm – DONATIONS PLEASE!

The boutique advent fair returns this year with more stalls than ever (local produce, craft beer, jewellery, kids craft, unique gifts, cards and loads more)! A box is in the porch for donations of bottles and unwanted gifts. Do you have a prize you can donate for our grand raffle? Please spread the word and invite your friends and family. Homemade cakes on the morning of the fair will be gratefully received. For more info please contact Laura – [laura.sharp@live.co.uk](mailto:laura.sharp@live.co.uk) or 07939 224664

**200 CLUB** - congratulations to Caroline Edwards (£33), Clare Loose (£24.75), John Steele (£16.50) and Anita Khurwal (£8.25).

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

*'As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace' - 1 Peter 4:10*

This weekend we launch our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Today, inside the Newsletter you will find a copy of the appeal newsletter. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

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 St John the Evangelist church this weekend after all the Masses to accept any offers of help. Thank you, SVP

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John's FOP committee on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. If there is any matter concerning finances, operations or parish premises that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact the Chair of St John's FOP, Sandra Miller, at [sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk)

### HELP NEEDED

Are you able to help clean the high level windows and sills inside the church and parish hall next Saturday. 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.

### 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!

## 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).

### COFFEE AND TEA AFTER MASS

Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with fellow parishioners after Mass this Sunday.

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

Very many thanks for all that you are doing. Please continue to bring all your offerings and leave them in the kitchen. We hope to start our **Raffle** (we have 12 prizes already) and our **Silent Auction** next weekend 16/17<sup>th</sup>. We still need two helpers to serve our lovely refreshments and a doorkeeper. Please help if you can, come to us on the day if you can and definitely say some Big Fat Prayers for the success of our work for people in such need. 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 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		
9 & 10 Nov.	M Bychawski	C Pierce	M Latimer	U Lean	M Golin	E Price	Carolyn & Francis	S Tarrant
16 & 17 Nov.	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	P Goble	M Fields	C Holly	F Holly	Yasmin & Patsy	V Terrill

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL RECEPTION 2020 OPEN AFTERNOON ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 1.45PM

Please join us for an open afternoon on 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).