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## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

As our readings remind us, at some point we must all come before God and answer for the way we have lived and used our lives. However Malachi's sense of the Lord's justice as the punishment of "evildoers" and rewarding of "those who fear God's name" is still far from the reality of God as revealed to us by Jesus Christ. God's justice is not about condemnation or punishment: God loves this world of good AND bad people, and his love for all of us is the reason he sent his Son, "not... to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (Jn 3:17) The purpose of God's justice is not to punish but to call to conversion.

Here in our country there is very minimal risk of being killed for our faith. But we do face a culture hostile to Jesus' way of solidarity and cooperation, a way that insists on love and on truth as both the goals of society, and the means to achieve those goals. We need to show the world the beauty and sense of our values if we want people to adopt them. As St. Paul says, we call others to conversion by invitation, by attraction, by imitation. We must show the truth by living it, not simply proclaiming it. It takes courage to persevere with what is right, and this virtue comes from God and not from ourselves - a virtue that flows directly from the divine gift of hope.

We don't know when or how Jesus will come again, but he will come, and the end of the world is coming. We must always be ready to die now, at this very moment, and there is never any time to waste. If we need to repent from sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation. Christ calls us now, in our time, to become courageous bearers of hope.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Malachi 3:19-20

### Response to Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness,

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

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

### Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

### Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

### Next Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (Gospel)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envs £469.71; Loose £385.55; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1558.34**

**Mill End:** Envs: £282.50; Loose: £244.47; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £703.93**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2432.88**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
<b>MON 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am 10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Mum's Connect - Hall RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	Gerri Golin's house St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	7.30pm	Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>			
<b>THU 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 22<sup>ND</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 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	11.00am 2.00pm 5.30pm	<b>NO Holy Hour and Benediction today</b> Children's First Reconciliation Service Children's First Reconciliation Service Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist 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 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
<b>MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> Barbara Marke RIP (Anniv.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>St CECILIA, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Souls	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Jessie Pione RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Peter Stevens RIP
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Peter Ward RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Helen Lewis RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> Mr & Mrs Montesdeoca RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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*

### 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

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES (PSRs)

As you may know, each parish is required to have a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR). For many years this role has been carried out with great faithfulness and dedication by Dave Pione. However, in a parish of this size, where over 50 parishioners have DBSs for working with children or vulnerable adults, this is a huge task for one person, especially as many of these DBSs will soon have to be renewed. We are, therefore, seeking two parishioners who would be willing to join Dave in this important role, so that the workload can be shared. Full training in the role and duties of a PSR will be provided by the Diocese. If you would be interested in helping with this critically important work, or if you would like to know more about what is involved before making a decision, please do contact me. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

### QUIZ NIGHT – THANK YOU!

It was our best ever attended event, a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported it. A special thank you to our Quiz Master, Paul Burke whose dedication and preparation made it a huge success. We raised £529.06 for the Chess Valley SVP.

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of Our Lady's FOP committee on **Tuesday 26<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 Our Lady's, Mark Blayney, at [markblayney@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:markblayney@rcdow.org.uk)

### NAOMI WOODCOCK RIP

Mother of Annette Parker died on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November after a short illness in St Mary's, Paddington. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### 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

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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

*'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?'*  
- Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Stewardship appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Inside the Newsletter you will find a copy of the appeal newsletter. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.

### 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)

### 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 this weekend 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!

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### FR PETER STEVENS RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Fr Peter. The Funeral Mass will be at St Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, Stoke Newington, N16 5BL on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 11.00am. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

### LADIES MEETING - 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am

The next Ladies Meeting is this Monday at 16 Haddon Road, (Gerri Golin's house). All are very welcome.

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

In aid of the Homeless in London, Orphans and the poor etc in Africa and Peace Youth Workers in Columbia. A BIG THANK YOU for all you are doing already, the kitchen is starting to receive your gifts! Please bring in as many bottles as possible next week for the **Tombola Stall**. This weekend we start the **Silent Auction** in the lounge (do have a look) and also the **Raffle**, please buy some tickets (at least 12 prizes) thanks to our wonderful Village shopkeepers. Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>, after Mass we move the furniture, set up the tables and start on arranging the goods for the Fair. Please stay and help with this if you can and also with the clear up, 12.30 pm on 30<sup>th</sup>. Finally, please pray for a successful and happy Fair, come and help (1 help on refreshments and 1 on door still needed) if you can and **please bring yourselves and your families and friends** to join in this happy and good work. Thank you, Mary Latimer 284975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
16 & 17 Nov.	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	P Goble	M Fields	C Holly	F Holly	Yasmin & Peter	V Terrill
23 & 24 Nov.	M Foggo	E Page	M Latimer	J Hale	L Munro	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Patsy	C Steet