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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 24TH NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and, in a way, the culmination of the past feasts within it - the goal of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Pentecost and Corpus Christi; and of all the Sundays and feast days throughout the year. All have pointed toward this reality: that Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe, the Lord of all, the Judge of the living and the dead.

Today's Gospel returns to the pivotal moment of human history - Christ on Calvary. Jesus is rejected by his people, abandoned by his followers, condemned, beaten, ridiculed and crowned with thorns. One of the two criminals beside him (usually referred to as St. Dismas) realises, in the very last moments of his life, that there is far more to our human story than we see, experience or understand on earth. And he recognises that Jesus holds the key to a Kingdom much greater than the world could ever offer.

In its search for worldly power and dominion separate from God, humanity has turned away from the way prescribed by the gospel. It is too easy to allow other things to conquer and dominate our lives - convenience, ego, ambition, the opinions of others; things which can begin to dictate what we do and how we do it, how we treat our neighbour and ourselves, and how we look at God. But like Dismas, Christians believe in a reality which goes beyond that we can see. Christ is the pattern for our lives, and the pattern for the whole of creation - he holds all things in unity. If we acknowledge Christ as King and Lord, we must surrender all that we are to his service. Above all, Christ is our King in the struggle with sin. The perfection that we lost in Eden is found in him, and won again through his death and resurrection. At Dismas' moment of conversion, God delivered him "from the power of darkness and transferred [him] to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:13-14).

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1st Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Response to Psalm:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44 (Gospel)

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envs £443.64; Loose £395.30; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1542.02**

Mill End: Envs: £290.00; Loose: £207.31; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £674.27**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 24TH NOVEMBER	12.45	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 25TH NOVEMBER	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall RCIA - Upper Room Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 26TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	SVP Meeting	St John Fisher
WED 27TH NOVEMBER			
THU 28TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 29TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Naomi Woodcock RIP Alpha Youth - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>
SAT 30TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Charity Christmas Fair Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John Fisher 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 23 RD NOVEMBER	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Peter Stevens RIP
SUNDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am Peter Ward RIP (Anniv.) 11am Helen Lewis RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Mr & Mrs Montesdeoca RIP	10.30am Jessie Pione RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Martin & Sheila Candon RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Cyril Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER		9.30am Charles Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 29 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER <i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 1 ST DECEMBER <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30am Oliver Digiorgio-Miller RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Hernando Ariza RIP (Anniv.)	9am Malcolm Stacey 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, 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 AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2019

The leaflet giving the times and locations of Advent Praise and Worship, Advent Reconciliation and Christmas Masses across the three parishes is now available. Please take a copy home with you this weekend.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are now available (£1 per booklet).

NAOMI WOODCOCK RIP

The funeral of Naomi Woodcock will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Friday 29th November, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

FR ANTHONY ARMSTRONG – MASS OF THANKSGIVING

At the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 5th January 2020 at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth, Fr Anthony Armstrong will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his ordination to the priesthood, which took place on 1st November this year in the USA. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the hall. We hope that many parishioners will come and share in this special celebration.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2020

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice on **Tuesday 3rd December** from **6.00pm to 6.30pm** and **Friday 4th 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.

ST JOHN FISHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SJF Social Committee have booked tickets for 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. The Committee have 10 tickets remaining for the event and would like to invite parishioners from Our Lady's and St John the Evangelist to join us. If you would like to purchase tickets for the event please phone or text Francis Holly on 0795 6410908 as soon as possible. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis. Payment for the tickets need to be made in cash, which can be placed in an envelope with your name and address and given to Fr Shaun, Fr Damian, or hand it in at the Parish Office in the Presbytery. Once received by the Committee a receipt will be issued. Tickets to follow in the New Year.

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

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.

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 **Our Lady's** parish hall 7-8.45pm. Please let Belinda know if you're planning to attend (rickmansworthalphayouth@rcdow.org.uk) so we can count you in for catering.

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.

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*

FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of Our Lady's FOP committee on **Tuesday 26th 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 Blayne, at markblayne@rcdow.org.uk

ADVENT FAIR – NEXT WEEKEND! Sunday 1st December, 9am–1pm — please come and support us

Please bring your friends and family and join us at the Advent Fair next weekend. We have more stalls than ever (local produce, craft beer, jewellery, kids craft, unique gifts, cards and loads more)! Donations can still be left in the porch until Saturday lunchtime – if you have donations and need to make alternative arrangements, please contact Laura – laura.sharp@live.co.uk or 07939 224664. Homemade cakes on the morning of the fair will be gratefully received. All proceeds to CAFOD Hands-On.

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 1st December** after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall just behind Our Lady's church. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS now available in the repository.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL - PROMISE CARDS

'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship. This weekend we ask that all parishioners complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself. Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today. If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS are now available in the repository

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 this weekend 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

PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) - MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

The Minutes of the St John Fisher PCG's November meeting are now available on the SLT/JPPC page of the parish website. A printed copy is also available on the lobby noticeboard.

WEEKDAY MASSES - please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 26th November and Friday 29th November.

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 3rd 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.

OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR IS NEARLY HERE!! Next Saturday morning 10.00am to 12.30pm

Great Charities! Homeless, Orphans and the Sick and Peace Workers for the Young, together with our lovely Fair to come to and enjoy to raise the money. 15 prizes in the raffle, books, gifts, superb cakes, Bric-a-brac, toys, jewellery, Christmas plants, tombola and a coffee and cake to finish when you have finished! We move the furniture this Sunday, 24th, starting after Mass about 10.00am and put it all back again starting about 12.35pm after the Fair on Saturday 30th. **Please help if you can.** The church will be open for gifts, bottles, etc Tuesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm, Thursday 9.30am - 11.00am and Friday approximately 10.00am - 4.00pm. Please pray and come and enjoy, with love, Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
23 & 24 Nov.	M Foggo	E Page	M Latimer	J Hale	L Munro	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Patsy	V Terrill
30/11 & 1/12	J Ingham	M Foggo	P Goble	J Whelan	J Donohoe	J Hale	Marguerite & Patsy	C Steet