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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 19TH JANUARY 2020

PARISH VISION STATEMENT AND STRAPLINE

Since May last year, the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC) has been working on a Parish Vision Statement for our three parishes. This has been an important early step in our process of renewal. The final version of the statement was agreed at our JPPC meeting earlier this month. The purpose of a Vision Statement is to give a sense of direction to where we are going of parishes. It is not a statement about who we currently are (though that might be partially true) but it is more a statement about who we are seeking to become, as we journey towards becoming communities of missionary disciples. During the process of developing the Vision Statement, the JPPC felt that it would be helpful to also have a strapline – a short, easily remembered phrase which sums up the essence of our Vision Statement. You'll see our new strapline prominently displayed in the banner of the Newsletter, where it will now feature each week. Here is the Vision Statement for our three parishes, as agreed by the members of the JPPC, and on which Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will preach this weekend:

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Catholic Parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood and Mill End
aspire to share the Good News of God's saving love.
We are vibrant, welcoming communities, united in worshipping God
and serving our neighbours.

We invite every person to **join us** in growing together
in a personal relationship with **Jesus Christ**,
experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

Response to Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (Gospel)

YOUTH MINISTRY

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envs £610.05; Loose £440.22; S/Orders £703.08; **Total £1753.35**

Mill End: Envs: £303.50; Loose: £164.24; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £644.70**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£2507.68**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 19TH JANUARY	10.00am 12.30pm	Coffee and Tea after Mass SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John's School
MON 20TH JANUARY	10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall RCIA - Small Hall Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 21ST JANUARY	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 22ND JANUARY			
THU 23RD JANUARY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 24TH JANUARY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 25TH JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 18 TH JANUARY	10.00am Mgr Anthony George Stark RIP	6pm (Vigil) Shane Jobe RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mgr Anthony George Stark RIP
SUNDAY 19 TH JANUARY <i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Bill Farrell RIP (Anniv.) 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Pat Breen RIP	10.30am Mary Kathy Eileen	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 20 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Robert Gibson RIP	
TUESDAY 21 ST JANUARY <i>ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Mgr Anthony George Stark RIP		9.30am Fr Bernard Crowe RIP
WEDNESDAY 22 ND JANUARY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 23 RD JANUARY	9.30am Joseph Donnelly RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 24 TH JANUARY <i>ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am James Cannon RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 25 TH JANUARY <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) Edda Ali RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 26 TH JANUARY <i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mgr Anthony George Stark RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Private Intention	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Mgr Anthony George Stark RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, 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, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams, Paul Kennett and Ann Penn

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM AND PARISH RENEWAL SURVEY

Last January I established a Senior Leadership Team (SLT), to support me in leading the process of renewal across our three parishes. This weekend the SLT lay member for each parish will speak briefly at the end of the Masses in their respective parishes to share a little about the purpose and work of the SLT. The Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC) and the SLT have together been working for some months on a Parish Renewal Survey, which we are inviting all parishioners to complete this weekend. You will find a copy of the survey inside this newsletter. The SLT members will also introduce the survey, explain its purpose and invite you to complete it at the end of all the Masses this weekend. *Fr Shaun*

ALPHA - INVITATION TO PRAY

This year Alpha launches for our three Parishes on Tuesday 21st January. We are inviting all parishioners to join some of the Alpha team at Our Lady Help of Christians church for one or more of the next 11 Tuesdays at 7.30-8.30pm to pray for the guests and team attending Alpha. In addition to this we would also love to invite you to pray daily for our parish community and its ongoing formation. Maybe you could consider praying the following prayer:

Thank you loving Father for all those you have called to participate in Alpha; we ask your blessing upon all, both team and guests. Without you we can do nothing you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Pour out your Holy Spirit and abundant blessings and gifts during this Alpha. May Alpha ignite or re-ignite the flame of faith in all hearts so that we may experience the wonder, joy and hope that being in relationship with you brings. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... Amen

PEACE SUNDAY – 19th JANUARY 2020

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Pax Christi's vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, Pax Christi works with all who share its values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. If you would like to make a contribution to the work of Pax Christi, donation envelopes are available this weekend. Simply place your donation in the Pax Christi envelope and place it in the offertory basket this weekend.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS (APMs)

The APMs for the three parishes will take place as follows:

Mill End – Sunday 9th February 2020 at 12 noon – Parish Centre

Rickmansworth – Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 3.00pm – Parish Hall

Chorleywood – Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm – Hill Cottage

There are no elections to the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC) this year, but there will be reports on various aspects of parish life, a report on the parish finances for 2019 and the opportunity for parishioners to ask questions. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the APM of their respective parish.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING – 1st FEBRUARY 2020

Fire Warden training is being offered in the Deanery at Our Lady & St Michael, Garston on Saturday 1st February at 11.00am. If you would be interested in becoming a fire warden in the parish and would like to attend the training please give your name to your respective Parish Health and Safety representative or to Fr Shaun. The three H&S reps are:

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – Paul Forrest

St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Alan Opie

St John the Evangelist, Mill End – Bo Bambridge

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 19th January** 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.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina (Latin for *Sacred Reading*) is a very ancient and beautiful way of praying with the scriptures. It's a prayerful process of listening and responding to the Word of God in a small group setting, as a bible passage is slowly read. Lectio Divina takes on the second Tuesday on the month from 10.15am to 11.00am in the Upper Room in Our Lady's Parish Hall. The next session will be on Tuesday **11th February**. You are warmly invited to come and share in the wonderful way of praying with Sacred Scripture.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The origins of WDP date back to 19th century in USA and Canada when Christian women from different denominations started organising days of prayer for missionary work. Gradually the movement spread throughout the world and to the UK as well, where the first service was held in Scotland in 1930. Now it is a truly international and ecumenical world day of prayer with about 170 countries participating. Every year the focus is on a different country and the service is written by the women of that country and then translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the Rickmansworth area the service rotates among the different participating churches and is a great opportunity for meeting and praying with fellow believers. This year we are celebrating the WDP on **Friday 6th March at 2.00pm** at one of our own parishes - St John the Evangelist, Mill End. The time to be confirmed. This year's service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. We extend a warm invitation to all parishioners – men, women and children – to join us. Some children from St John's School will also be taking part in the service. *Geraldine and Cristina.*

MUM'S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 12.30PM IN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Boshoff on caitbos22@gmail.com or 07484 754843.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

BOOKS

A number of parishioners have given their faith based books to the parish over the years. It would be good to pass them on. A small number of books will be on display each week in the porch for people to take. Five books found new homes last week. If you find them helpful keep them or pass them on. After books on Bible Study we will move on to prayer. Do keep browsing.

FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING – MINUTES

The Minutes of the recent PCG meeting can be found on *the Senior Leadership Team and Joint Parish Pastoral Council* page of the parish website. The Minutes are also available for viewing on the parish notice board in the porch.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - CHARITY COLLECTION BOXES

Thank you to all the children who returned their boxes. An amazing £51.88 was collected and has been given to the SVP Chess Valley Conference.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who helped support our Christmas fair and Raffle this year, special thanks to those who helped set up and manage the stalls, making it all possible. We raised an amazing £639.84 from the fair and raffle combined. A list of all prize winners is on the noticeboard in the porch. A couple of prizes are unclaimed, please see the list at the back of the church and if you are a lucky winner please contact Liz Townsend on liztownsenduk@gmail.com or 07957 100802.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 26th January** 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!

HALL BOOKINGS - please contact Kerry at the parish office if you would like to book the hall.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

SJF SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT the screening of *La Bohème* on Monday 3rd February, 7.30pm, at The Elgiva Cinema

The Social Committee look forward to seeing all those who have booked tickets for this event. Tickets will be distributed on the evening of the event. There is free parking from 6.00pm in the Council owned car park beside the Cinema and at Sainsbury's opposite the Cinema. Committee members will be in the bar from 6.30pm and invite you to join them if you wish to have a drink before the 7.30pm start of the show.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

Safety is our key responsibility as a Parish community, particularly to ensure the church is evacuated quickly and safely in case of fire. For this reason, a simple two Fire Warden system will be introduced for Saturday and Sunday Masses and festivals/solemnities when the church is full. A copy of the Fire Warden notes is on the noticeboard. It is not an onerous duty as action is only required in the unlikely event of a fire, one warden responsible for evacuating people at the front and the second for evacuating those at the back. A rota is not needed as wardens volunteer on arrival for each service. If you are willing to consider acting as a fire warden, please contact Alan Opie (Alan.opie@live.co.uk).

COFFEE AND TEA will be served after Mass this Sunday, 19th January. Do stay for a while if possible.

LADIES MEETING

The next Ladies Meeting has been POSTPONED to **Tuesday 28th January** (10.00am) from Monday 20th January.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
18 & 19 Jan.	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	J McEwen	A Opie	K Cottingham	E Price	Kate & Peter	J Whelan
25 & 26 Jan.	E O'Sullivan	C Pierce	P Goble	J Whelan	M Fields	F Holly	Marguerite & Patsy	S Tarrant

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on **Saturday 8th February** at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare. If you or someone you know plan to attend in a wheelchair, please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know by **Sunday 26th January**.

INVITATION CAFOD INFORMATION MORNING - Saturday 25th January

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with a guest speaker, who has first-hand experience of our work in Zimbabwe. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. Meeting will take place from 10.00am – 12.30pm at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Bookings required and taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.