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## ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

#### SUNDAY THOUGHT

‘The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel’ says Isaiah toward the end of today’s First Reading. There can be no doubt that Matthew also speaks of the vineyard of the house of Israel in the Gospel for this Sunday. Matthew’s focus, however, isn’t so much the vineyard, which becomes the Kingdom of God at the end of the reading, but rather, its tenants. The Lectionary omits a later verse, which clearly identifies the chief priests and scribes with the tenants. In the course of Matthew’s account of the Gospel, the Jewish leaders’ opposition to Jesus steadily increased and culminated in Jesus’ death. It is to them that the parable is addressed.

In the Gospel today, the chief priests and scribes pronounce judgement on themselves. But later in chapter 23, Jesus will pronounce judgement on the Jewish leaders, the wretched tenants of God’s vineyard. Like the tenants in the parable, the Jewish leaders rejected and killed the Son. Matthew, ever ready to present Jesus as the fulfilment of the Old Testament, portrays him drawing on a verse from Psalm 118 to demonstrate the triumph of God’s plan: ‘It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.’ The keystone is a stone at the centre of an arch which holds the structure together. The early Christians especially loved this text as a description of Jesus (Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7), and it expresses their understanding of themselves as a building built and supported on him.

Today’s readings call us to examine ourselves. What kind of tenants are we? May we never be found negligent.

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#### THE RECOMMENCEMENT OF WEEKDAY MASS AND VOLUNTEERS

We have now begun to celebrate public Masses at **Our Lady’s** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays, 9.30am**. There will be no online booking, but attendance will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Be aware that if there are funerals or memorial services on Wednesdays and Fridays, public Mass will be cancelled. However, information about cancellations will be given as soon as possible. Guidelines on volunteers have now changed: **people aged over 70 are now allowed to volunteer**, as long as you have no underlying health conditions. To ensure weekday Masses are sustainable in the long-term, if you are willing and able to help steward on a three-week rota basis, can you contact Fr Damian, please ( [damianryan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianryan@rcdow.org.uk) ). Thank you.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Although it isn’t currently possible for the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, both Fr Damian and I are available for the celebration of the sacrament by individual appointment. The celebration would take place, outside of Mass time, either in the garden (weather permitting) or in an empty church. Any parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should contact either Fr Damian or me to arrange a mutually convenient time.

With prayers and warmest wishes

*Fr Shaun*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	4.00pm	Praise and Worship Gathering	
<b>MON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Secondary Transfer - CCP Signing (Hall)	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Secondary Transfer - CCP Signing (Hall)	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.30pm	Confirmation Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	11.00am to 12 noon	Secondary Transfer - CCP Signing (Hall)	Our Lady Help of Christians

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 27 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10am</b> Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Seamus Fagan RIP	<b>9am</b> Don Williamson RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	Fr Danny Horan RIP		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	Fr Frederick Jackson RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Kathleen Galvin RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 28 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10am</b> Maria Augusta Candeias RIP <b>6pm</b> Colin Lawrence RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7
<b>Response to Psalm:</b>	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Philippians 4:6-9
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 21:33-43
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel)

### 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, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westhrop, and Gillian Loose.

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray, 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, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, and Paddy Goble.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MASS ATTENDANCE STICKERS AND CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) OF 2022 SECONDARY TRANSFER

With the Sunday Mass Obligation currently suspended and the ability of families to attend Mass in the parish each Sunday being very restricted due to social distancing measures, it is currently not possible to provide Mass attendance cards and stickers to families with a child making secondary transfer in 2022. There currently seems to be a level of uncertainty about if, and on what criteria, priests are going to be asked to complete CCPs for 2022 Secondary admissions. For the time being, all parents with a child who will be seeking a place in a Catholic Secondary school in 2022 should email me at [shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk), providing the following information:

- Name of the child (first name and surname)
- Parents/Guardians names (first name and surname)
- Address at which you reside
- Telephone contact details

I will retain this information and keep a careful eye on Diocesan guidance with regard to the issuing of CCPs for 2022 transfer in the light of the prevailing restrictions caused by the pandemic. *Fr Shaun*

### CAFOD'S HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY - 9<sup>th</sup> October

October the 9<sup>th</sup> is CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day, and like so many things at the moment, it is "A Harvest Like No Other". We are all feeling the impact of COVID 19 and CAFOD are inviting us to come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world who are also facing the coronavirus crisis, to survive, rebuild and heal. You can join a Fast Day talk live on line at 11.00am on 9<sup>th</sup> October or live streamed Mass for Fast Day, as well as the inimitable on line quiz! all available at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10: Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. Many thanks

### KATHLEEN GALVIN RIP

It is with sadness that we share with you the news of the death of Kathleen Galvin, who until she moved away some three years ago, was a long time parishioner at St John's, Mill End. Kathleen's funeral will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Newton Abbot. Her burial will take place at Woodcock Hill Cemetery on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. Due to limitations of numbers attending at the graveside, any parishioners wishing to attend should contact Fr Shaun beforehand to express their desire to attend the burial.

### DAVID COOK RIP

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of David Cook. David's funeral will take place at St Helen's Catholic Church, North Watford on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We offer our deepest condolences to David's family at this sad and difficult time.

### JOHN (TERRY) McGRADY RIP

It is with much sadness that we share the news of the death of Terry McGrady. Terry's funeral will take place at Our Lady's, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium. Due to social distancing restrictions it will not be possible for parishioners to attend, unless they have been directly invited by the family. However, people are free to participate via livestream at the following link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth>. We offer our deepest condolences to Magdalene's family at this sad and difficult time.

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP GATHERING – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at new time of 4.00pm via 'Zoom'

You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, for a short Praise and Worship gathering at 4.00pm. We will be using Zoom to sing a few uplifting hymns, listen to a short prayer and a reading or reflection, as well as catch up with fellow parishioners. Please do not worry if you have not used Zoom before, it is very simple to set up, and pick up and we are happy to walk you through the process ahead of time and on the day. If you would like to attend, please email Katy Pione ( [cepione@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cepione@hotmail.co.uk) ) before Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, so she can send you a link with the meeting invitation on it, as well as the song words. Please feel free to invite anyone who might like to attend! Look forward to seeing you then

### CONFIRMATION 2020 – MASSES AND ONLINE REHEARSAL

There are three celebrations for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. The dates and times are: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm; Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm; Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm.** If you are a parent or confirmandi, and haven't received this information, and specified your preferences for dates, please, email Caitlin [rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk). Please pray for our confirmandi.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22 – UPDATED INFORMATION

The assessment of whether a CCP can be issued will be made in the following way:

**Secondary Transfer:** Only the Sundays from the **beginning of October 2019 until and including Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020** will be assessed. Further, given the unprecedented nature of the situation, I will be reducing the requirement from 70% attendance to 65% attendance. This will mean that you will need **16** out of a possible **24** stickers in order for a CCP to be issued. Fr Shaun will be available to sign CCPs at the following times in the parish hall:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October: 5pm – 6pm; Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October: 6pm – 7pm; Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 11am to 12 noon.**

You will need to book a specific (5 minute) appointment time by calling Kerry, our Parish Administrator, on 01923 773387 Ext 2, between 9.30am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Only one parent (no children) should attend the appointment. Please arrive five minutes before your appointment time **wearing a face mask/covering**, and remember to bring your sticker card with you.

**Nursery/Reception (this does not include St John's school, Mill End, where a CCP is no longer a requirement):** Only the Sundays from the **beginning of December 2019 until and including Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020** will be assessed. Again, the requirement of 70% attendance will be reduced to 65% attendance. This will mean that you will need **10** out of a possible **15** stickers in order for a CCP to be issued. In November 2020, I will set out arrangements for the signing of CCPs in November 2020. *Fr Shaun.*

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Due to the pandemic, the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for 2021 will not commence until **January 2021**. Registration will take place in November 2020. Details of the programme have yet to be finalized, but is almost certain that the format will be remote sessions (via Zoom) for the children and parent(s) together. More details will be available at the time of registration in November.

### CONFIRMATION 2021

Information about registering interest for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021, for those in Year 9 and above, will be given this November. We hope to start the Confirmation sessions in January 2021 – possibly to be online. However, more information will be given in due course. Confirmation Masses are usually at the end of May/June.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

If you are unable to come to Mass for health reasons, or because you could not book a place, please, join us for Mass by livestreaming. It is very simple to do. Simply go to <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth>, and you can join us for the public Sunday Masses at Our Lady's (10am and 6pm), and all the private weekday Masses (9.30am, Monday – Saturday).

### PENPALS

Hello, we at St Joan's know how difficult lockdown has been for so many people over the last few months and recognise how many of the restrictions can be very isolating. We would love the opportunity to support you or someone you may know who you think would like to have a pen pal. Although it is not the same as face to face we think it is something that many may like to participate in. It is also a great chance to get back to some hand written exchanges and allow us to take a break from the immediate nature which comes with emails. This is a great chance for the different generations to stand together and support one another in these very difficult times, and hold true to our belief that we must "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Keep safe! If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested please contact St Joan of Arc and ask to speak to Miss Gaughan 01923 773881, or you can email directly [tgaughan@joa.herts.sch.uk](mailto:tgaughan@joa.herts.sch.uk)

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### THE BOOKING OF MASSES

Currently we are celebrating Sunday Masses at Our Lady's at 10.00am and 6.00pm (Sunday evening). Places are limited and so you are invited to book online via the **EVENTS** page of Our Lady's website. Please note that you are booking **A PEW** not individual seats. *Please read the instructions on the booking page carefully and provide all the information requested.*

### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club begins again in October and if you are interested in joining (or cancelling your membership) please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. The membership fee is due mid October for those who prefer to pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### HEATING THE CHURCH

With the onset of autumn and colder days, our expectation is that our churches will soon be heated. Every parish currently has to make thoughtful decisions about how to heat their churches whilst at the same time ensuring good ventilation as a part of our COVID secure measures. However, we have a particular problem at St John's, Mill End, in that our heating system is a fan-blower system which recirculates the heated air throughout the church. We have, therefore, been advised by the Diocese to heat the church prior to opening the church and then turn the heating off once people begin to arrive. This will mean that the church will be not be "toastily" warm during Mass, though hopefully it will retain some of the heat. As the days get colder, we encourage you to come to Mass prepared – i.e. lots of warm layers. If you are someone who feels the cold very strongly, you might wish to book a place at Mass at Our Lady's, rather than at St John's, at least when the winter is at its coldest.

### THE BOOKING OF MASSES

Currently we are celebrating a Sunday Mass at 10.30am each week. Places are limited and so you are invited to book online via the **EVENTS** page of St John's website from the Monday of each week. Please note that you are booking **A PEW** not individual seats. *Please read the instructions on the booking page carefully and provide all the information requested.*

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### THE BOOKING OF MASSES

Currently we are celebrating a Sunday Mass at 9.00am each week. Places are limited and so you are invited to book online via the **EVENTS** page on the parish website from the Monday of each week. *Please read the instructions on the booking page carefully and provide all the information requested.*

### NOT THE SJF CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Hello everybody, sadly, we will not be able to have all the fun of our usual Charity Fair at St John Fisher. However..... Marguerite will still hold a sale of her wonderful Christmas and other fruit and sponge cakes from her home and I will be selling my usual potted hyacinths and daffodils and we will also be having a raffle and a donation basket, all from my garage. Everything will be available to collect or deliver locally in the first week of December. Please watch this space, more info to follow. Also any suggestions welcomed. All proceeds will be going to the **Cardinal Hume** Centre for the homeless in Westminster. Thanks and love, Mary 284975.

### RED APF/MISSIO BOXES

Thank you so much to all the box holders who have responded to my plea to ignore the boxes for now and to send me cheques or cash to cover the last two quarters. I am thankful to report this has resulted in a collection for September of £212.65 and that has just been sent. More love to all, Mary.