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## ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

#### SUNDAY THOUGHT

In the Gospel for today's solemnity, Jesus (the Son of Man) is depicted as the shepherd-king of the entire universe. His flock includes absolutely everyone, and his criterion of judgment has to do with nothing other than the well-being of the flock. What the shepherd-king expects of his creatures are the simplest, most fundamental services possible. They involve responses to the most basic human needs: food and water, clothing and shelter, and care for the incapacitated.

Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd assigned by God at the end of time to judge all people and lead his sheep into the Kingdom of heaven. Like Ezekiel, Jesus makes it clear that those who reach out to the most vulnerable in society (the hungry, the naked, the sick and the prisoner) will be the sheep on his right who are led into the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus declares that his concern for the vulnerable is such that he identifies intimately with them. He suffers with them and is served in them. Taken together, our readings today unflinchingly remind us that if we want to share in the Kingdom of the divine shepherd, we need to seek and serve him serving the needy.

Together, in faith and love, we offer the sacrifice of our lives, united with Christ's self-opening to receive the Father's love. May we live in such a way that our openness to God becomes so compelling that it brings unity and peace to the entire world.

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### SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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#### TIMES FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Although we are currently not able to have public acts of worship (other than funerals) in church, we are permitted to open the church for times of individual prayer. Our Lady's will be open from 10.00am to 11.00am each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday during this lockdown period (except on days when there is a funeral taking place). During these times for individual prayer the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar. I express my thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered to act as stewards during these times. Without their generous commitment to service these opportunities for individual prayer in church would not be possible.

#### 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. Any parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should contact either Fr Damian or me to arrange a mutually convenient time.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>MON 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	7.30pm	Online Bible Study - The Bible Course	
<b>WED 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am - 11.00am	Individual Prayer - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THUR 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	
<b>FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am - 11.00am	Individual Prayer - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am - 11.00am	Individual Prayer - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	4.00pm	Praise and Worship Gathering	

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	Joan O'Flynn (Ints.) Holy Souls
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>	<b>10am</b> Chris Howlett RIP Maureen Sweeney RIP
<b>MONDAY 22<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	Francis Beard RIP Holy Souls
<b>TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	Gregory McEwen RIP Holy Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	Holy Souls
<b>THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	Mary Bond RIP (Anniv.) Holy Souls
<b>FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	Pamela Curtin RIP
<b>SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	Paul Cook RIP Holy Souls
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>10am</b> Roy Langdale RIP Tom Gilbert RIP

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

**Response to Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17; , Matthew 25:31-46 (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 Westthrop, and Gillian Loose.

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray, Michael Dixon, Alfredo Rock, Joan Hart and James Clark.

**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, Paddy Goble and Pam Fitzpatrick.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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

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 or seeking a nursery or reception place in a Catholic primary school 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 admissions. For the time being, all parents with a child who will be seeking a place in a Catholic Secondary school in 2022 or a nursery or reception place in a Catholic primary school (other than St John's, Mill End or St Anthony's, Watford which do not require a CCP) 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 admissions in the light of the prevailing restrictions caused by the pandemic. *Fr Shaun*

### IICSA REPORT

Recently the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) within the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales was published. Cardinal Vincent Nichols' statement upon the publication of the report can be viewed at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/message-from-cardinal-and-statement-following-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/> Let us continue to pray earnestly for all survivors of child sexual abuse, especially where that abuse has been perpetrated within the Catholic Church. Let us also pray that all of us within the Church may renew our efforts to develop and foster a robust and healthy culture for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults within our parishes. *Fr Shaun*

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP GATHERING – 4.00pm on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November via 'Zoom'

You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 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 29<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

With the onset of another period of lockdown, the number of Masses celebrated has been reduced to one Mass livestreamed from Our Lady's each day. A consequence of this is that we will unfortunately not be able to fulfil all of the Mass intentions on the days previously advised. Each priest is allowed to offer only one intention per Mass. On days when both Fr Damian and I are celebrating Mass together (every day except Wednesdays and Fridays) we will each offer Mass for a different intention. During November we have a commitment to offer Mass for the Holy Souls, so it might take us a while to catch-up with delayed intentions. As a result it is possible that Mass intentions may not always be able to be offered on the date previously advised. Please keep an eye on the Mass Intentions schedule on the online Newsletter to see when Masses are being offered. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but hope that you will understand the challenges we face in the current lockdown period. *Fr Shaun*

### INVITATION TO PRAY

You are warmly invited to join us every Thursday evening to pray together and have a time of fellowship. Whether you are part of the Parish Community or not we would love you to come along to our online prayer group. The evening will consist of a time for singing, reading and quiet reflection, sharing and intercessory prayer. You are welcome to join in as you feel you would like. Prayer meetings will start at 8.00pm every Thursday and finish at 9.30pm. If you would like to join us simply email the following address and we will add you to the invitation —[barbarajohnson48@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson48@gmail.com)

We are using a platform called 'Zoom' which is very 'user friendly' and we can support you with this if necessary. We look forward to hearing from you.

### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021

Registration is now open for the 2021 First Communion programme. Full details of eligibility, how to register and how the programme will be delivered can be found on the three parish websites on the **First Communion 2021** page. If you have a child eligible for First Communion in 2021 please carefully read the relevant information on the website, complete the downloadable Registration Form and email it to us at [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) by no later than **30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. Please be aware that, due to the global pandemic, the 2021 First Communion Programme will be delivered entirely online via ZOOM.

### CONFIRMATION 2021

For those in the parishes in Year 9 and above wishing to apply to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021, please, go to the following link on the parish websites: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth/confirmation-2021-draft/>

The deadline for applying is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. All the details needed to apply are on the webpage. There will be a parent and candidate induction on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. The programme will be online using the platform 'Zoom'. The first formal session will be **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**. The date/s for the Confirmation Mass/es will be given when we know if/when the Bishop is able to come. If you have any questions, please, contact the Youth Ministry Leadership Team (YMLT): [rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk)

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### CAFOD COLLECTION FOR HARVEST 2020

CAFOD is very appreciative of the Harvest donations made by Catholics all across the country. Although, for reasons we all recognise, a Harvest like no Other and very much reduced from previous years, a huge effort has been made to raise much-needed funds for CAFOD's work. It won't be possible to attribute amounts to individual parishes this year because of the diverse ways in which donations were made, but for all the donations which were made CAFOD is very grateful. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

For Christmas gifts for family, friends, and those who may go without, CAFOD World Gifts offer a set of 40 charitable gifts ranging in value from £4 for a bee to £4,000 for an entire Health Centre. You can select them to contribute to any of five 'funds' covering education, animals and farming, healthcare, emergency support and water supply. Please, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/World-Gifts>

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) - Nursery/Reception - Academic Year 2021/22

The assessment of whether a CCP for a Nursery/Reception place at a Catholic Primary School for the academic year 2021/22 can be issued will be made in the following way: Only the Sundays from the beginning of December 2019 until and including Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 will be assessed. 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. If you are only applying for place at St John's School, Mill End and/or St Anthony's School, Watford, you do not need a CCP, as these schools have removed the need for a CCP from their admissions criteria. Fr Shaun will be available to sign CCPs on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November** from 11.00am to 11.30am. 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 5 minutes before your appointment time and remember to bring your sticker card with you. Please wear a face covering. Thank you.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### APPEAL FOR HELP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES – STEWARDING AND CLEANING

Due to the coronavirus restrictions in place for celebrating Mass, our Christmas celebrations will need to be a little different this year. Fr Shaun and Fr Damian would like to give us the opportunity to celebrate Christmas at one of four Masses but in order to do this we need more help to steward and clean the church. Christmas is a time for giving and this is a perfect way to give not just to your family but to the whole parish. If you are not away this Christmas and would be willing to give a little time to help make this happen, please could you contact me as soon as possible at [sharon.blayne@btinternet.com](mailto:sharon.blayne@btinternet.com). Many thanks, Sharon.

### GIFT AID

We would like to thank all our parishioners who have signed up to Gift Aid. With your help and generosity we have received £13,785.61 from the government for the tax year 2019/2020. It is never too late to join. If you are a tax payer and currently make your donations either by Standing Order or weekly donation envelopes please complete a Gift Aid declaration which is available from the parish office. You can also backdate your Gift Aid by completing the relevant section on the form.

### FOR THE MISSIONS

Please keep saving your stamps for the Missions. For the time being, please keep them at home, do not bring them to the church porch. Thank you, *Sheila Harrington*.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### NOT THE SJF CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - in aid of the Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless

We are coming along so well, thank you all. In view of the lockdown, please may I remind you to phone me for everything garage related: to buy raffle tickets and for virtual FaceTime tours of the Silent Auction, the remaining plants and the bric-a-brac. To order Marguerite's delicious and excellent value cakes at £4 each and Focaccia bread at £2 per sheet, please phone her on 282780. With thanks to all for your support. Mary 284975.

### MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS

The time has come for the *end of year Missio / Red Box collection*. The Priests and Nuns out in the Missions must be very worried About their parishioners' health and how much money they will have to support them. We have still not been spending cash! If you have a full box I would be so pleased to receive it. If not, please would you consider sending me a cheque (made payable to Missio) or a bank note. Either put it into my letter box or post it to Mary Latimer, 18 Turneys Orchard, WD3 5SA or phone me on 284975 and I will arrange a collection. Thank you very much on their behalf, Mary.