



St John The Evangelist
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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 20TH JUNE 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

One of the effects of climate change is that we are seeing more and more violent storms around the world, with their consequent loss of lives and property. For good reason we have a healthy respect for storms that are breaking around us. So we can easily identify with the disciples fear of the storm reported into this Sunday's gospel – even more so as the disciples are in a boat out at sea. Mark tells us that 'waves were breaking over the boat so that it was almost swamped.' Drowning was a real possibility. The disciples were understandably frightened. Jesus, however, was comfortably asleep "on a cushion", seemingly oblivious to the violence around him.

At the end of a day of preaching and healing, Jesus was no doubt tired. The disciples took him into the boat "just as he was." So, Jesus fell fast asleep. When the gale blew up the disciples thought that Jesus didn't care that they were "going down." The boat was filling up with water from the waves, while the disciples' hearts were empty of the depth of faith needed to be calm and to know that Jesus cared for them.

After Jesus calmed the storm the disciples "were filled with awe", which led them to ask about Jesus' identity. And here is the crunch of the gospel: only God has power over nature. When Jesus asked faith of the disciples, then, he was not asking them to have faith in him as a teacher. He was revealing further that he was the long-expected Messiah, the Son of God. He was asking the disciples to have faith and trust in him as the divine One with power to save.

After Jesus commanded the sea to be quiet, there was "calm again." We might well surmise that a similar calm washed over the disciples – that their "awe" brought them to humble silence. Calm comes out of trust. The disciples' faith was tested, and this became an occasion for them to grow in faith and in knowing who Jesus is. So it is with us. The "storms" of our own lives become occasions for us to grow in faith and trust that God is ever present with us, calming whatever threatens us, bringing us to a deeper relationship with the God who cares for us. We have the advantage over the disciples in that boat on the stormy sea: we know who Jesus is. But nevertheless we must still ask the critical question: how strong is our faith?

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE	11.30am	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
THURSDAY 24TH JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via <i>Zoom</i>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 19TH JUNE	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
SUNDAY 20TH JUNE <i>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10am Joseph Netto RIP 6pm Alf Loose RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Maureen Edwards RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 21ST JUNE <i>St ALOYSIUS GONZAGA</i>	Fr Jim Duffy RIP		
TUESDAY 22ND JUNE <i>SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS</i>	Special Intention		
WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE	9.30am Maisie Kershaw RIP		
THURSDAY 24TH JUNE <i>THE NATIVITY OF St JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 25TH JUNE	9.30am Carmen Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.)		
SATURDAY 26TH JUNE	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
SUNDAY 27TH JUNE <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10am For the People of the Parish 6pm Gordon Starck RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.
1st Reading:	Job 3:1. 8-11
Response to Psalm:	O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.
2nd Reading:	2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel:	Mark 4:35-41
Communion Antiphon:	The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.
Next Sunday's Readings:	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (Gospel)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westhrop, and Michael Gaukroger.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Michael Dixon, Alfredo Rock, James Clark, Eve & Tom 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, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick and Julian Harris.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Registration of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2022 will take place in July 2021. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2021 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th July – St John Fisher – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Wednesday 14th July – St John the Evangelist Parish Centre – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Wednesday 14th July – Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth; St John Fisher, Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL

Although the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul (**Tuesday 29th June**) will not be a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we will still have one Mass in each parish on the day:

Our Lady's – 9.30am

St John the Evangelist – 9.30am

St John Fisher – 7.30pm

You will need to book places via the Events Tab on the respective parish website.

DEBORAH SWEENEY-AUSTIN RIP

The funeral of Deborah Sweeney-Austin will take place at St John the Evangelist, Mill End on **2nd July at 11.30am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. Due to social-distancing restrictions, it will not be possible for parishioners to attend, unless they have been directly invited by the family. We offer our deepest condolences to Deborah's family at this sad and difficult time.

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 Shaun and Fr Damian are available for the celebration of the sacrament by individual appointment. Any parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should contact Fr Shaun or Fr Damian to arrange a mutually convenient time.

BAPTISMS

For those seeking to register their child/children for baptism, please, email Fr Damian. For those who have completed baptism preparation, and who are waiting for the next available dates, please contact Kerry Van Rensburg.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Kerry. ***Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2020/21 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.*** We will also need to know if you have changed your address recently.

A NOTE FROM CHESS VALLEY SVP

With the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions SVP members can offer to do home visits (or telephone befriending if preferred) to those who feel they would benefit from such a visit, following all the recommended guidelines. If you are someone, or know someone, who would appreciate a visit please email chessvalleysvp@gmail.com and an SVP member will contact you. If you are a parishioner requesting a visit on behalf of someone else please ensure that you have their permission to do so.

“TEA WITH THE SVP” AND THEIR COVID RECOVERY PROGRAMME – CAN YOU HELP?

As Covid restrictions are relaxed further, the hidden suffering in our communities is likely to become more apparent. To raise funds for their Covid Recovery Programme and its regional Community Support Projects the SVP recently hosted a week of events - “Tea with the SVP” - to coincide with National Tea Day on 21st April. During that week there were thoroughly enjoyable interviews with two well-known Patrons of the SVP – Julie Etchingham (of ITN News, to view click [here](#)) and Frank Cottrell-Boyce (children's author and screenwriter, to view click [here](#)) about their careers and what the SVP means to them. The SVP's nationwide target is £5,000 which will be matched by a generous corporate benefactor. **Please can you help?** If so, please go to www.svp.org.uk and click on the red “Donate” button. Under “Where should it go?”, click on the drop-down menu and select “Covid Recovery Programme”. Thank you for your generous support and may God bless you.

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 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THE GARDEN CALVARY

You may have noticed over the past year that the garden Calvary is not in the best of condition. After over 100 years of exposure to the elements the wood of the cross is largely rotten. You may have observed that a large section of the cross-beam has broken off completely. The parish Finance, Operations and Premises (FOP) Committee, is currently working on a plan for the renewal of the Calvary. This plan will include the cleaning and restoration of the Corpus (the figure of Christ). The cost of this work will be significant at a time when the parish finances are stretched due to the pandemic. The FOP Committee has agreed that when we have finalized the plans for the restoration of the Calvary and assessed the costs involved, we will appeal to parishioners for specific donations to support the restoration of this iconic, unique and much loved garden Calvary. There will be more details about this in the autumn. *Fr Shaun*

DONA - CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please look out for our donation device (DONA) – it's a simple and easy way to make a donation. Choose an amount and then tap your debit/credit card. We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders or weekly envelopes, however our loose plate collections have greatly diminished as fewer people carry cash now. Please remember to use hand sanitizer before and/or after using the device which will be stationed in the church porch. Thank you.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

OUR LADY'S REREDOS AND ALTAR AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH

The new reredos for Our Lady's statue, together with the refurbished altar, has now been fitted in the side chapel, which now becomes the Lady Chapel. Cardinal Nichols was due to bless the reredos at the special Mass on 27th June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church. However, due to the extension of the social distancing regulations, this has sadly had to be postponed. Many more people would have wished to attend this celebration than we could legally accommodate in the church. We would also have been unable to have a social gathering afterwards. A celebration of this important anniversary, and the blessing of the reredos, will be rearranged to take place in the autumn. *Fr Shaun*

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A number of parishioners who use planned giving envelopes but are currently unable to attend Sunday Mass have contacted us regarding their planned giving and the offering that they make to their parish using them. For any parishioner who is in this situation and wishes to make a Sunday offering, we invite you to either drop your envelopes, together with your donation, at the parish office at the Presbytery at Our Lady's (but only if passing through Rickmansworth – please continue to follow Government guidelines with regard to essential travel) or to post a cheque made payable to St John Fisher, Chorleywood, together with at least one planned giving envelope, to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you could make a donation via an electronic payment to St John Fisher parish using the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Chorleywood
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account Number: 21095552

Please annotate the payment as: **Sunday Offering**. Thank you for your continued and valued support.

COLLECTING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Dear Parishioners, we have a diminishing number OF MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS. Some have died and some moved away. Traditionally people put their loose change in the boxes and that was counted up each quarter. Since COVID and the lack of loose change most people have been putting a note in an envelope and putting it in my door. We would welcome new supporters. I think Missionaries do not have an easy time although they love what they do. This June quarter we raised £131.57, thank you so much. Contact me for further details if you might be interested. Love to all, Mary 284975.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS.

I am so happy to be able to confirm our lovely news that, following our Not the Christmas Fair last December, where we raised £2,313, and Continuing to Care in April - £1,387, we have been able to double up both amounts on their BIG GIVE pages. The total amount we have donated, therefore, is £7,400. Enough to fill lots of empty tummies or to be put to whatever excellent use the Centre needs most. I would like to thank you all for your huge support in bringing and buying (usually both!) and in particular Marguerite (her magnificent Christmas Cake adventure raised over £700) and also Rosemary and Eddie for their help and care in setting up and keeping the garage open.

Stephen Carrid, their Fundraising Relationship Manager, whom you will remember being at many of our Fairs, has asked me to pass on his huge thanks for our efforts and prayers for the Centre and hopes to see us all again at Christmas. Will it be at Church or in my garage. Haha - who knows. Love and renewed thanks to you all, Mary xx.