



St John The Evangelist
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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 11TH JULY 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

‘Discipleship’ is a word used quite often in Christian circles. The word ‘disciple’ connotes a follower, and being a follower is not something that is praised in our modern culture, which puts a premium on leadership, on executives and ‘alpha’ types. For a Christian there is only one ‘alpha’, who is Jesus. No disciple of Jesus ever takes the place of the master. The disciples are always just that, disciples, followers.

Even though the disciples will never achieve the rank of master, in the Gospel of Mark today Jesus gives the Twelve authority. He sends them out on mission in six groups of two. The very word mission means to be sent. This will be the model for Christian evangelisation. They travel light, without bread, bag, or money. They rely solely upon the kindness and generosity of those they meet. Their preaching is basically that of John the Baptist and the early days of Jesus himself, ‘Repent’.

In their preaching the disciples also exercised their authority over evil, over the demons, over sickness, and over the unclean spirits. The authority that Jesus shared with his disciples for this mission meant that they too, like him, were agents of inclusion. They brought those from the margins into a relationship of wholeness. Like him, their deeds were coupled with preaching. The demand was not received well by all, as Jesus’ instructions for shaking off the dust indicate.

Jesus sends the disciples out two-by-two. These disciples are not lone wolves. They travel with one another for mutual support, which will likely form a bond of friendship if it were not there already. Being called to be in a relationship with Jesus is to be also in a relationship with other disciples. None of us is on this path alone and thank God for that. The Christian life can never be a ‘Jesus and me’ relationship. It always, and by necessity, involves other people too. Even the Twelve, chosen by name to be with Jesus in a more intimate relationship with him and one another, are not solo actors. They travel together two-by-two.

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.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SATURDAY 10TH JULY	11.30am	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
THURSDAY 15TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via <i>Zoom</i>
SATURDAY 17TH JULY	11.30am & 2.00pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 10 TH JULY	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 11TH JULY <i>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10am Hubert Castelino RIP 6pm Ed Payne RIP	10.30am Alan Graham (Ints.)	9am Tom O'Sullivan RIP
MONDAY 12 ^H JULY	Debbie RIP		
TUESDAY 13 TH JULY	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
WEDNESDAY 14 TH JULY	9.30am Rose Coxon RIP		
THURSDAY 15TH JULY <i>ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
FRIDAY 16 TH JULY	9.30am Ronnie Harper RIP		
SATURDAY 17 TH JULY	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 18TH JULY <i>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10am Mervyn Mascarenhas RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Paul Parsons (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parish

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Response to Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (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

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC) - REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

After consultation with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC), it has been decided to make some adjustments to the way that the JPPC is constituted and to how it functions. The amended Terms of Reference, which have been agreed by the JPPC, are available on the SLT/JPPC tab of the three parish websites. The principal purpose of the JPPC remains unchanged: *to collaborate with the parish priest in planning strategically for the ongoing development of the parish mission, in light of the Parish Vision Statement.*

FR SHAUN'S FAREWELL MASSES

Fr Shaun will celebrate a Farewell Mass in each parish before he departs for his sabbatical on 1st August. These Masses will be celebrated as follows:

St John the Evangelist, Mill End – Friday 23rd July at 7.30pm

St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Thursday 29th July at 7.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians – Friday 30th July at 7.30pm

We will not likely know until 12th July whether these Masses can be celebrated without social distancing measures being in place. We are hopeful that the 1-metre-plus restrictions will be lifted from 19th July, so that the Farewell Masses can go ahead without any restriction on the numbers able to attend. We will share more information about this after the Government update expected on 12th July.

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

If you would like to donate towards the Peter's Pence collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world, please visit <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html> The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

SEA SUNDAY

This week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

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.

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

URGENT REQUEST FOR STEWARDS AND CLEANERS

Who would have thought that we would need to have stewards and cleaners in place for as long as this so that we can all celebrate Mass together in church. However, with the present restriction in place for a few more weeks, stewarding and cleaning will need to continue for just a short while longer. We are therefore appealing for more help for both weekday (Wednesday and Friday) and Sunday Masses (10am and 6pm). We don't anticipate this needing to continue for too much longer now, but really need a few more people to help lighten the load on our present volunteers. Without stewards and cleaners, there will be no public Mass. So if you are willing to step up and volunteer to help for any of the above Masses please could you contact us on sharonblayne9@gmail.com A big thankyou to all those who already help in this way. You are a great example of living out our motto of 'encountering Jesus, serving others'. So with this in mind let's make one last big effort and "every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, let's keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13). We look forward to hearing from you and thank you. *Sharon Blayne and Jane Redman*

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*

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Richard Dumughn (£33); Mark Kirwan (£24.75); Sean Godfrey (£16.50) and John Steele (£8.25).

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.

MARY'S GARAGE

Mary's garage has metamorphosed once again!! It has now become a MINI-ART GALLERY. Do come and browse and bring me your unwanted pictures. All proceeds to The Cardinal Hume Centre. Much love to all, Mary 284975 xx

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.