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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 12TH APRIL 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

When do we go on the offense? When we feel threatened. When someone angers us. When we feel strongly about something. Jesus goes on the offense in today's gospel, not because he is threatened or angry, but because he feels strongly about the disciples. He cares for them and he wants them to know that he is risen from the dead, has not forsaken them, and wishes to remove any obstacles to their belief in him and following him.

The disciples are locked in, afraid. The risen Jesus appears and removes the obstacles of their disbelief, their concern for their own safety, and their paralysis in response to his crucifixion. He removes these obstacles by bestowing peace upon them, giving them the Spirit, and empowering them to forgive. The disciples see the risen Jesus and are changed – they come to belief. When we see the risen Jesus, we also are changed – we come to deeper belief.

The risen Jesus gives us everything we need to see him and believe in him. We respond to his presence by being willing to change. We move from hardness of heart to forgiveness of those who have hurt us. We move from fear of losing the regard of others to embracing publically Gospel values. We move from aloneness and discouragement to being loving and serving disciples. We reveal that we have seen the risen Jesus, have come to believe more deeply in him, and have changed.

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Response to Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5; **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 12TH APRIL	10.00am 12.30pm	Tea and coffee after Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 13TH APRIL			
TUE 14TH APRIL	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 15TH APRIL			
THU 16TH APRIL	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 17TH APRIL	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 18TH APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 11 TH APRIL <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Gerard Koller RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 12 TH APRIL <i>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Dennis & Joyce Humphreys RIP 6pm Wanda Alves Da Silva RIP	10.30am Patrick James Conway RIP (Anniv.)	9am Fr Jim Brand RIP
MONDAY 13 TH APRIL	9.30am Kenny D'Cruz RIP	9.30am Jason McNulty	
TUESDAY 14 TH APRIL	9.30am Bessie Collins RIP (Anniv).		9.30am Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 15 TH APRIL		9.30am Cyril Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 16 TH APRIL	9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish		
FRIDAY 17 TH APRIL	9.30am Gillian and Renny Thomas (Ints.)		9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish
SATURDAY 18 TH APRIL	10am Good health of the D'Cruz twins	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 19 TH APRIL <i>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Lina & Grimaldo Torrini RIP	10.30am Billie Benson RIP	9am Desmond Jenkins RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Maureen Digges, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Peter Czarniecki, Tony Infante, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles and Maureen Douglas.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderigg; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Margaret (Meg) Cunningham and Imogen Bailey.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Rita Garrett, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Tony and Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Jacob Stern, Barbara Marke and Paddy Holly.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PETER PRICE RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the death on Easter Monday of Peter Price. We commend his soul to the love and mercy of God and we offer our prayers and condolences to his wife, Teresa and all the family. At the time of going to print the funeral arrangements had not been finalized.

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE FAMILY – PARISHES DISCUSSION

The Bishops of England and Wales have invited all Catholics to reflect on the gift of marriage and family life in preparation for Synod of Bishops on the family in October 2015. They have produced a small leaflet with questions for reflection for use by parishes and individual parishioners (copies available in each parish). Our **Faith Matters Discussion Group** has kindly agreed to host these discussions during their next season of meetings. These meetings are open to parishioners from all three parishes. The Bishops want to hear your voice. This is your chance to have your say about the issues faced in marriage and family life today. The first meeting is on Tuesday **21st April** in St John the Evangelist Parish Centre at **7.30pm**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: PRIEST REFERENCES FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER (ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RICKMANSWORTH)

Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Joan of Arc's Catholic School in Rickmansworth are required to seek a priest's reference as part of their application. The priest signing the form is asked to confirm whether the child is a member of a practising Catholic family. For the purposes of St Joan of Arc's policy Catholic practice will be identified as a person who attends Sunday Mass (including Saturday Vigil Mass) weekly for a sustained period (where 'sustained' will usually be considered to be in excess of 12 months unless there are exceptional circumstances preventing this).

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO AN E-ALERT?

Did you know that it is possible to sign up for an e-alert for the three parish websites so that you will receive an email when something significant is uploaded on the websites.

<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth>

<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/chorleywood>

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/16 - the new boxes are available for collection this weekend.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 26th to 29th May

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. Why not escape for a few days of spiritual refreshment in the foothills of the Pyrenees? There will be opportunities to experience the famous Lourdes torchlight procession, international Mass and baths and see the sites associated with St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady, as well as time for relaxation and personal devotions. If interested, do help yourself to an itinerary and booking form from the back of the church, or speak to Fr. Mark for more details.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

After the very successful Day of Recollection for the Readers and Ministers of Communion of the three parishes earlier this year, we are planning another one for next year. This will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23rd May 2015**. We will be joined by Fr John Hemer, who lectures in Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will give us a couple of talks on some aspects of scripture. He is a very inspiring and insightful speaker, so and this will be a real highlight of our day together. Fr Shaun will be writing soon to all Readers and Ministers of Communion with more information about this day.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CAFOD CLIMATE EVENING

Join CAFOD for an evening with Fr Pius, one of our partners from Myanmar, and learn more about how your support this Lent is helping communities deal with the challenges posed by climate change. Tuesday, 21 April at 6:30pm in Romero House, London SE1 7JB. Book online at <https://cafodclimateevening.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0208 449 6970

COME AND SEE DAYS FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

'Come and See' days will take place in the coming months for men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. These will be held on 18 April at Ealing Abbey, Ealing, and 16 May at Sacred Heart and St Joseph, Ware. The days will begin at 10am in the respective parish hall, ending at noon.

No registration is needed and wives are welcome to attend. For further information contact Deacon Anthony Clark 020 8455 9822, Deacon Adrian Cullen 01920 462140 or Deacon Gordon Nunn 020 8862 2162.

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH: A Journey through the Bible.

Held at Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

Well known Bible scholars are invited to talk on particular themes. No prior knowledge is required to attend the programme. Sessions are presented in lecture style with some elements of discussion, Q&A and some optional activities during the sessions, on-line and at home.

Monday 20th April 2015 - THE PSALMS, ISRAEL'S PRAYER, CHRIST PRAYER (1) with Fr John Hemer MHM

Monday 11th May 2015 - THE PSALMS, ISRAEL'S PRAYER, CHRIST PRAYER (1) with Fr John Hemer MHM

Monday 8th June 2015 - THE PSALMS, ISRAEL'S PRAYER, CHRIST PRAYER (1) with Fr John Hemer MHM

All sessions are recorded and available on the diocesan website at a later date. Please register to attend at rcdow.org.uk/events or at livingfaith@rdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £3 per session.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

A reminder to parents that the next First Communion class for Our Lady's children will be on **Monday 20th April** at 5.30pm in the hall.

First Communion Masses will take place on 2nd May, 9th May and 30th May at 11.00am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 5.30pm on a weekday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Monday 27th April; Tuesday 5th May and Tuesday 26th May).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2015/16 planned giving envelopes are now in use. There are still some 30 or so boxes of envelopes to be collected from the sacristy. If you haven't yet collected your box we encourage you to do so this weekend.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A summary of the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, together with the agreed Terms of Reference and Background and Basis Note for a Pastoral Council are all published on the Parish Pastoral Council page of the parish website. A few 'hard' copies of each are available in the porch for those who do not have access to the internet.

EASTER 200 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to the following winners: £100 - Marion Massey; £50 - M. Rice; £30 - Rita Murray.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Once a month after the 10.30am Mass we are planning to have a "brunch" of bacon rolls and tea and coffee in the parish hall. This is being organised by a small team of parishioners. All proceeds will be donated to *Aid to the Church in Need*, which supports persecuted or oppressed Christians in over 130 countries around the world. The first "Sunday Brunch at St John's" will take place on Sunday 19th April – we hope that you will come and join us!

PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AFTER 10.30AM MASS

Following on from the success of previous picnics we are happy to announce we will be organising one this year. Please make a note in your diaries. More details will follow. If you attend the Saturday Mass please do come along to the picnic. It is a great opportunity for us all to get together as a parish.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

KEYS AND FRONT-DOOR KEY LOCKBOX

We are looking into changing the code for the front-door key lockbox. The current code hasn't been changed for many years and for security reasons it is prudent for it to be changed from time to time. In order to carry this forward we need to know which parishioners need access to the code on a regular basis, so that they can be advised of the change. Would those who need access to the new code please let Alan Opie, Fr Shaun or Fr Mark know as soon as possible. We also have no up-to-date list of key holders. If you currently have a key to Hill Cottage could you please let us know and indicate whether you still need it. Thank you.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

If you have time, please stay for a while this Sunday for a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May, is looming! We will be handing out ordering forms for hanging baskets and bedding plants this weekend. Please also start to think about searching your cupboard for unwanted gifts, books and bric-a-brac, and get your ingredients ready for some super cakes and savouries. Thank you so much. Mary L.

NEW WELCOMERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to volunteer for the Saturday or Sunday rota for Mass welcomers? You'd need to be at church 20-25 minutes before Mass and to stay 10 minutes afterwards, but it's a lovely way to meet your fellow parishioners! If we could recruit 2 more people for Saturday and 3 for Sunday, then welcomers would only need to do a duty about once every two months. If you can help, please speak either to Maureen Foggo (Saturday Vigil Mass, tel 284740) or Juliet Hale (Sunday Mass, tel 283602) or to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. Thank you very much.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM

The AGM of the PPC will be held on Monday 18 May at 8.00pm; all parishioners are welcome. The PPC represents the Parish community as a whole in promoting the mission of Christ and his Church in the Parish and in the local community. To refresh the membership of the Council, four new members join the Council each year at the AGM. If you think you may be able to help the PPC, please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Mark by 30 April.

PARISH WEBSITE

If you have any items for the website please contact Duncan and James Farnsworth at sjf_web@yahoo.co.uk.

	This Week 11 / 12 April				Next Week 18 / 19 April			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	M Fields	G F	E Harris	Carolyn Opie	G F	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	D Treanor	H McGrath	J McEwen	Peter Mackie	A Opie	M Calvert	L Turnbull	Ann Brew
12 April Laundry: J Whelan				17 April Church Cleaning: Volunteer				