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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 1ST MARCH 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

The face of a newly engaged person shines with joy. The face of a child who has accomplished a difficult task glows with pride. The face of a person who has made a difficult choice to do what is right against all odds reflects peace. These are all visible expressions of transfiguration, although fleeting ones.

The transfiguration that the disciples witnessed on the mountain was also fleeting: they came “down the mountain.” At the same time, this transformation foreshadowed the eternal glory to be revealed in Christ risen from the dead.

The revealing of Jesus’ divinity, foreshadowed in the transfiguration and seen in it’s fullness in his risen life, continues in us in the world today through our participation in the paschal mystery, the dying and rising mystery of Christ. This participation requires of us the same dying to self that Jesus embraced. We must set aside our own agenda to pay more attention to the needs of others. We must be inclusive in accepting those who do not look or think like we do. These actions are fleeting, but they foreshadow what is everlasting. Experiences of transfiguration help us to see beyond what is here and now to what will be – our eternal share in Christ’s risen life.

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Response to Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next Sundays Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; **Gospel:** John 2:13-25

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £655.92; Loose Plate: £449.73.; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1604.65**

Mill End: Envelopes: £229.70; Loose Plate: £133.88; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £457.33**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 1ST MARCH	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 9.30am	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 2ND MARCH	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 3RD MARCH	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 4TH MARCH	7.30pm	Lent with SS Francis and Clare	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 5TH MARCH	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 6TH MARCH	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 7TH MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am	Holy Hour 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 28 TH FEBRUARY	10am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Eugene & Mary Herbert RIP
SUNDAY 1 ST MARCH	8.30am Sheila Sharp RIP (Anniv.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Dominik Rozwod RIP and Rozwod and Barker Family (Ints.)	10.30am Mary Viner RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 2 ND MARCH	9.30am Ros Borkowski (Ints.)	9.30am Arthur Marsden RIP and Phil Marsden (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 3 RD MARCH	9.30am Private Intention		9.30am Richard Ashcroft RIP
WEDNESDAY 4 TH MARCH		9.30am Alfred Sperinck RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 5 TH MARCH	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 6 TH MARCH	9.30am Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SATURDAY 7 TH MARCH	10am Stanislaus Stephen RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) The Moran Family RIP
SUNDAY 8 TH MARCH	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Gerry Armstrong RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Ann Glesson RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

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 Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin and Margaret (Meg) Cunningham.

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

REVIEW OF THE MASS TIMES

The opportunity for parishioners to respond to Bishop John Sherrington's invitation to comment on how the new Mass times are working out in practice closes this Sunday. The next stage of the consultation will involve the three Pastoral Councils meeting individually to review the responses sent by parishioners to the respective Chairs. The meetings of the three Pastoral Councils will take place as follows: St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Mon. 9th March; Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth – Sat. 14th March; St John the Evangelist, Mill End and Maple Cross – Sun. 22nd March. The Chairs of the three Pastoral Councils, together with Fr Shaun and Fr Mark, will then meet with Bishop John Sherrington on Tuesday 24th March to share with him the comments on the Mass times raised in each parish and the views expressed by each Pastoral Council. Bishop John will subsequently make a decision about the Mass times.

CONFIRMATION

Please note the Confirmation Session will be on Monday this week (not Tuesday).

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 2nd March – Holy Hour – St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 7.15pm

Wednesday 4th March – Lent with SS Francis and Clare – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm

Friday 6th March – Stations of the Cross – St John the Evangelist, Mill End – 8.00pm

We hope that these Lenten devotions will be well supported by the parishioners of all three parishes.

CAFOD – LENT FAST DAY APPEAL

Last Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day. There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses this weekend to support the work of CAFOD for the poorest peoples of the developing world. CAFOD envelopes are available for those who didn't get one last weekend.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Lenten Penitential services across the three parishes this year will be as follows:

Tuesday 17th March – 7.30pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

Thursday 19th March – 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Thursday 26th March – 7.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions as well as the parish clergy. Fr Shaun or Fr Mark are also available each Saturday for hearing confessions between 10.30am and 11.30am during the Holy Hour at Our Lady's.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in the month of Our Lady, 26-29th May. 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.

PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES

Since the new Mass schedule was introduced last March a number of parishioners have been regularly attending Mass in one of the other two parishes. Planned-giving envelopes are always returned to the originating parish for counting and banking. However, with the time for the issue of new planned-giving envelopes for 2015/16 approaching, there is now the opportunity for those parishioners who might wish to financially support the parish which they now most regularly attend to do so by switching to the planned-giving envelopes for that parish. For those who gift aid their offering, and wish to continue to do so, there would also be the need to sign a new Gift Aid form. **There is no obligation at all for anyone to switch their envelopes if they prefer to continue with their present arrangement, and the envelopes of such parishioners will continue to be returned to the originating parish.** However, if any parishioners would like to make the change at this time they are free to do so. Please contact Mrs Kerry Van Rensburg, our Parish Administrator, who will work with the Gift Aid promoters of each parish to provide the appropriate planned-giving boxes and Gift Aid forms as appropriate.

WERE YOU A PUPIL AT ST JOAN OF ARC?

St Joan of Arc School has registered with the *Future First* charity in order to set up a network of alumni. They are seeking former St Joan's students to get in touch and join the network. It doesn't matter when you left school, whether you're in further education or employment, there are lots of ways you can help and the school would love you to stay in touch. Mr P Sweeney, the Head Teacher at St Joan's, said: "We are thrilled to have signed up for Future First's scheme as there is nothing more powerful than former students sharing their inspiring stories with students still at school who are about to make important decisions about their future pathways". St Joan's have invited former students back to speak at school events from a range of sectors which they hope to build on through the *Future First* scheme. The school is confident that there are many former St Joan's students who would be prepared to help the current members of their old school either by speaking at assemblies, meeting with students who are interested in their particular job, offering work experience or mentoring a student who needs guidance. You can have a dramatic impact upon how students see the world and their place in it. The school wants them all to have a dream, an ambition that is tough and challenging but one that they can achieve with hard work and determination.

Join the St Joan's alumni

First visit the school website www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Select **About St Joan's**. Select **Alumni**. Alternatively, you can contact David Ritchie, the school careers coordinator, if you want more information at dritchie@joa.herts.sch.uk

DIOCESAN NOTICES

5TH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (3RD - 11TH NOVEMBER)

Booking forms are available for the 5th diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Price £1495 per person sharing; £275 single supplement. Full board. Contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173; geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - YOUTH WORKER PROJECT

The parish project for *Growing in Faith* is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee of St John's, Mill End have agreed that they will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone interested in helping us to develop the vision and the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this important project forward. *Fr Shaun*

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 8.30^{AM} MASS

Our first coffee morning after 8.30am mass was a huge success and we are repeating it this weekend. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charlie Taylor and Jack Irwin who were baptised here last Sunday. Please pray for them, that they will grow to be faithful disciples of the Lord in the years ahead, and that their parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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.

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The *Growing in Faith* parish project at Our Lady Help of Christians is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. I have recently agreed with the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee here at St John's, Mill End that we will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone (from either parish) interested in helping us to develop the vision and to work through the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker in the two parishes. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this important project forward. *Fr Shaun*

CHARITY FUNDRAISING QUIZ - 21ST MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

This summer I am volunteering in Uganda for six weeks in a primary school. The school operates solely due to the volunteers and the money raised by them. So please come along and have some fun whilst supporting a worthwhile charity. Quiz tables are to be a maximum of 8 adults with a cost of £10 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and I will provide the questions. If you are interested please phone or email me before Monday 9th March. Thank you in advance, Nikki Tew. Mobile 07939068211, email nikki_tew@hotmail.com

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH MUSIC

As our Music Coordinator will be leaving this summer, the Parish is looking for more people to support in any of three musical roles: Playing the organ; Leading, organising and coordinating the choir; Selecting appropriate hymns and music to complement the liturgy. If you think you may be able to help in any way, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Patricia O'Sullivan.

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish is looking for someone to maintain its website. It is not an onerous task and no previous experience is necessary as the current website administrator will provide instruction. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Alan Opie.

CAFOD VOLUNTEER

The Parish is looking for a CAFOD volunteer who would be responsible for promoting the Lent and Harvest Fast days. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Alan Opie.

PARISH GARDEN

Peter Mackie has kindly taken on responsibility for the Parish garden. If you are able to help with grass cutting, leaf collection and tidying up the garden, please contact Peter or Alan Opie.

COFFEE AND TEA

Please stay for a while after Mass next Sunday morning (8 March), when coffee and tea will be served.

ST PATRICK'S DAY AND EASTER CARDS - a good selection of cards are available in the lounge.

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 6th March, St Andrews Church, Quickley Lane at 10.30am. Service prepared this year by the women of The Bahamas. All very welcome. Refreshments provided after the service.

	This Week 28 Feb / 1 Mar				Next Week 7 Mar / 8 Mar			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	G F	J Wright	P Goble	D Gibney	S Tarrant	B McMahan	E Harris	Peter Mackie
9am Mass	T Leslie	M Gibson	M Leondiou	U Lean	D Gibney	M Williamson	L Turnbull	Francis Holly
1 Mar. Laundry: S Treanor 6 Mar. Church Cleaning: Volunteer								