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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) - 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

What kind of journeys change us? Rarely a trip to the supermarket! But often a person who goes on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and walks the roads Jesus walked undergoes a spiritual change. In their walk to Emmaus, the two disciples undergo personal and significant change because of their encounter with the risen Jesus.

Although the two disciples on the road to Emmaus had given up on Jesus as the Messiah, their discussion reveals that they still had a life stake in what had happened. They had not stayed in Jerusalem long enough to believe that Jesus was no longer dead. Jesus came to them and opened their eyes and their hearts. Their joy in encountering the risen Jesus could not be contained. They immediately ran back to Jerusalem to share their good news. Clearly, their journey with Jesus had changed them.

The risen Jesus seeks out those who are searching for belief, those who desire to come to know the Messiah, those who wish not to be disappointed in where their life is leading. This was true for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. It is true for us also. Do we recognize the risen Jesus who comes to walk with us? Do we understand what he says to us? Do we run to tell others?

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:14. 22-33

**Response to Psalm:** Show us, Lord, the path of life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:14. 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £422.00; Loose Plate: £489.82; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1421.82**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £227.50; Loose Plate: £216.83; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £641.33**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of March - **£2115.14**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Special Gift? Top-Up Offering? For Rickmansworth text: **Parish RICKM** to 70800; For Chorleywood text **Parish CHORL** to 70800; for Mill End text **Parish MILLE** to 70800. It's easy! To make a £5 Donation. Thank You!

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.15am 11.30am 7.15pm	First Communion Class Sunday Brunch - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Coach and Horses
<b>MON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>		<b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK</b>	St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Rehearsal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (6 <sup>th</sup> May) Rehearsal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (7 <sup>th</sup> May) Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY</b>			
<b>THU 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.00am 12 noon	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Peter Mann RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.30am 3.00pm 5.30pm 5.30pm	<b>NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK</b> First Holy Communion Mass Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>St CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>10am</b> Maureen Koller RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Lenny Bauersachs RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Lenny Bauersachs RIP
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Margaret Breen RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Henry Cutting (Ints.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b> <i>ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF St JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Margaret Hannan RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b> <i>St ATHANASIUS, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Dessree Addison RIP		<b>9.30am</b> Sr Nilda Pettenuzzo RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY</b> <i>SS PHILIP &amp; JAMES, APOSTLES</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Jim Fanning RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
<b>FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Frank Waters RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Jim Fanning RIP
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Bond Family (Ints.) <b>6pm</b> Jacqueline Grove RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Frank Page RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Elsie Alexander, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson, Christina Thomas and Nalene Nixon.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Mary Harris and Michael Dixon.

**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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. You can donate online anytime at [www.redow.org.uk/donations](http://www.redow.org.uk/donations)

### FR JIM DUFFY – GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Fr Jim Duffy will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Fr Jim has decided that he would prefer to celebrate the occasion quietly and without fuss. He has said that he has many very good memories of celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992, his 40<sup>th</sup> in 2007 and his retirement three and half years ago and he feels that is enough good memories to keep him going for quite a while. The 11.00am Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May will be offered for Fr Jim's intentions.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Next Sunday, any altar servers who have served for at least a year will be enrolled into the Archconfraternity of Altar Servers, the national association for Catholic altar servers, and receive their guild medals. We thank them for their important service in the liturgy. If you are an altar server who is due to receive your medal, make sure you are at Mass next Sunday!

### CONFIRMATION MEETING THIS WEEK

A reminder that, with Monday being a bank holiday, there is no confirmation meeting this week. The next meeting will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. If you still need to hand in baptism certificates, sponsor forms or confirmation name forms, please drop these into the presbytery at Our Lady's for the attention of Fr. Mark by Tuesday. Many thanks.

### BIBLE STUDY COURSE - MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

Resumes on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 7.30pm at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE – MAY/JUNE 2017

There will be a pilgrimage to Northumbria and Holy Island from **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May** to **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. The itinerary and booking forms are available in the parishes this weekend and are also downloadable from the parish websites.

*Fr Shaun*

### SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**, 12 noon at Our Lady's Rickmansworth, we're planning a BBQ and some games - a chance for young people to bring along their families, and for the wider parish community to get to know our young people.

### CHESS VALLEY SVP UPDATE

We would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support through the SVP boxes in all three parishes. Through your support, we have recently been able to help families with fuel costs and needed travel expenses for medical care. We have also donated to the Crisis in Sudan Appeal, which will help with their Baby Feeding Programme and providing Medical Care. Should you wish to read more about this appeal or make a direct donation please go to [www.twinnage.org.uk](http://www.twinnage.org.uk).

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2018 and Secondary Transfer 2018

If you are new to the parish, and have not been issued with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2018** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a **September 2018** place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents currently collecting Mass attendance stickers for primary or secondary places in catholic schools are reminded to 1.) Put cello-tape over each row once it is completed, so that stickers will not peel off over time and 2.) Take regular photographs of the Mass attendance card (making sure the child's name is visible). This will ensure that you have evidence of Sunday Mass attendance should your card become lost. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice are issued.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are still actively looking for a Cub Pack leader - 'Akela' to join a team of leaders working with 8 to 10½ year old children in that section. **As yet no volunteer has come forward – this could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.** The new leader will have plenty of support from the current team and the other Group leaders. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at [6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com](mailto:6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com) or call 07792 103736. For places in Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, please register your interest via our website: [www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk](http://www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk). We currently have spaces for 6 year olds to start in Beavers.

#### Youth Group

Year 7-8 will meet on  
Tuesday 2 May, 6-7.30 pm  
@ Mill End.

Year 9-11 will meet on  
Thursday 4 May, 6-8 pm  
@ Rickmansworth.

#### Trampolining

We're going trampolining  
on Saturday 10 June at St  
Albans! (For year 6-13.)

For more information and  
to sign up: forms are  
available in the porch or in  
the back of the church.

#### Easter Catechesis

All year 7 & 8's are invited  
to come along for some  
crafting and catechesis, and  
lots of chatting. Tuesday 9  
May (we will be making  
rosary decades!) and 23 May,  
6-7.30 pm @ Mill End hall.

#### Young Adult Pub Social

All young adults (i.e. age 18-  
35ish!) are warmly invited to  
meet up at the Coach and  
Horses in Rickmansworth at  
7.15 pm (after the 6 pm Mass)  
**this Sunday 30 April** for a drink  
and a chat.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

At the PPC meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April the PPC members elected Angela Steele as Chair, Paul Forrest as Vice-Chair and Teresa Dinsey as Secretary of the PPC. They will serve in these capacities until the Annual Parish Meeting in February 2018. I am most grateful to all three of them for taking on these important roles. *Fr Shaun*

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT OUR LADY'S

The next Sunday Brunch at Our Lady's will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** in the hall after the 11.00am Mass. We will be serving vegetable soup with a roll and bacon rolls. Tea and coffee will also be available. All proceeds will go to the Catholic Worker Farm. Please do come along and join us.

### FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **5.30pm** on a weekday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May; Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May).

### SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY

Due to First Holy Communion Masses there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on the following Saturdays: **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (7<sup>TH</sup> MAY)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

This Sunday marks the first anniversary of the consecration of the church on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016. As the anniversary falls this year on a Sunday of Easter, it is necessary for us to transfer the celebration of the anniversary to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The 9.30am Mass on Monday will therefore be celebrated as a Mass for the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

At the PPC meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April the PPC members elected Bob Livingston as Chair, Linda Yates as Vice-Chair and Natalie Zammit as Secretary of the PPC. They will serve in these capacities until the Annual Parish Meeting in February 2018. I am most grateful to all three of them for taking on these important roles. *Fr Shaun*

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place this **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

### FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **7.00pm** on a Tuesday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May).

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

Next weekend Scott Albrecht from the Catholic Worker Farm in Maple Cross will be with us at both Masses to speak about the work done at the Catholic Worker Farm with female asylum seekers. We look forward to welcoming Scott next weekend and to hearing about how we can support the work of the Catholic Worker Farm.

**COFFEE AND TEA** - all are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

### FIRST COMMUNION MASS

The First Communion Mass will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am. Rehearsals will take place in the church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am and again on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

A selection of children's bibles and religious story and picture books are now available for use by small children during Mass. The books are in a clear plastic box in the lounge. Please feel free to take some into the church. We would be grateful if you could return them to the box at the end of Mass.

### FR PETER

Maureen and Mary visited him again just after Easter. We found him in very good and bright spirits, although frustrated at not being able to walk. He asked us to send all his Easter prayers and continued love and best wishes.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (14<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY)

Maureen and Patsy will be handing out a very useful Information Sheet after Mass today. Please read it carefully and find one or more of the many ways in which you could help. Thank you very much.

### CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS - HELP NEEDED URGENTLY!

I don't have anyone to deliver and/or collect envelopes in the following roads - South Cottage Gardens, South Cottage Drive, Dog Kennel Lane (collecting only), Green Street (even numbers - collecting only), Greenbury Close (collecting only), Orchard Drive (even numbers - collecting only), Whitelands Avenue (collecting only), Chenies Road. Can you spare an hour or so to help please? If so, please contact Maureen Foggo on 07989 067109 asap! Thank you very much.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
29/30 April	E O'Sullivan	C Pierce	P Goble	J Hale	K Cottingham	AM Farnsworth	Marguerite & Francis	J Whelan
6/7 May	GF	A Penn	M Latimer	D Treanor	J Whelan	J Hale	Kate & Francis	S Tarrant