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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 19TH APRIL 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

To seek forgiveness of another requires that we admit wrongdoing. This is a difficult thing for us human beings to do. We would rather pretend - to ourselves and to the world - that we are "perfect", that we never hurt others. But, in fact, we do. In hurting others we harm our relationship with God and need to seek God's forgiveness.

Why is forgiveness so central to the resurrection proclamation? Because seeking God's forgiveness is an admission of our sinfulness, our need for conversion of life, and our belief in and desire for the new life that Jesus' resurrection makes possible. Through seeking and receiving forgiveness - from God and others - we touch and see the Jesus who suffered and three days after death rose from the dead. We ourselves enter into an experience of resurrection.

We experience the presence of the risen Jesus when we rebuild a relationship broken by thoughtlessness or selfishness. When we repair damage to another's reputation through idle gossip or malicious slander. When we counteract oppression and injustice by changing behaviours that hurt or diminish others. In all these examples, we witness to Jesus' new life of the resurrection and open the door to God's continuing forgiveness.

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.

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Response to Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2; **Gospel:** John 10:11-18

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £596.79; Loose Plate: £391.48; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1487.27**

Mill End: Envelopes: £305.91; Loose Plate: £123.97; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £523.63**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| SUN 19TH APRIL | 8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 11.30am | First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch (proceeds donated to Aid to the Church in Need) | St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist |
| MON 20TH APRIL | 10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 8.00pm | Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice | Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist |
| TUE 21ST APRIL | 10.15am 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm | St John Fisher Ladies' Meeting Confirmation Session - Hall Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room | Helen, Jo & Patsy's House Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist |
| WED 22ND APRIL | | | |
| THU 23RD APRIL | 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| FRI 24TH APRIL | 10.00am | Coffee after Mass for all - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| SAT 25TH 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 |
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| 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 |
| MONDAY 20 TH APRIL | 9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish | 9.30am Molly Coffey RIP | |
| TUESDAY 21 ST APRIL | 9.30am Private Intention | | 9.30am Fr John Turner RIP |
| WEDNESDAY 22 ND APRIL | | 9.30am Margaret Connor RIP | |
| THURSDAY 23 RD APRIL <i>St GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i> | 9.30am Sylvia Jubber RIP | | |
| FRIDAY 24 TH APRIL <i>SS ERKENWALD AND MELLITUS, BISHOPS</i> | 9.30am Private Intention | | 9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish |
| SATURDAY 25 TH APRIL <i>St MARK, EVANGELIST</i> | 10am Fr John Turner RIP | 6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish | 6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY 26 TH APRIL <i>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i> | 8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary (May) Campion RIP 6pm Johann Nairn (Ints.) | 10.30am Nancy O'Neill RIP | 9am Frances Butler 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, Maureen Douglas and Maria Wallis.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; 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

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Next week is the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund and all the money that you give will be used to encourage more men to consider the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Please respond generously to this appeal through your prayers and donations, so that we can prepare our priests to spread the Gospel. The Fund relies entirely on donations. Special envelopes are available today and you can make your donation today or next weekend. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY

Due to 1st Holy Communion Masses and the Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Communion there will be **no** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on the following Saturdays of May: **Saturday 2nd May; Saturday 9th May, Saturday 23rd May, Saturday 30th May.** Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal Saturday 16th May.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – 23RD MAY 2015

Readers and Ministers of Communion should now have received (or soon will be) a letter from Fr Shaun, via the rota coordinators, regarding the Day of Recollection at the Niland Centre of 23rd May 2015. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible and by 9th May 2015 at the latest. Thank you.

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 Bishop 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>; <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/millend>

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ANNUAL MIGRANTS' MASS

The Annual Migrants' Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on May 4th at 11.00am, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Gathering for the Mass begins at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by an international reception, supported by some of the fifty ethnic chaplaincies in London, in Notre Dame High School.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Fr David Barrow of Our Lady & St Michaels Garston is taking a pilgrimage to Fatima from Monday 29th June till Friday 3rd July. The cost is £493 per person. If you are interested in joining with the Garston Parishioners please contact Gill of Tangney Tours - Tel 01732 880659 or email Gill@tangney-tours.com for further details.

CAFOD CLIMATE EVENING

CAFOD needs your help to put climate change on the election agenda. Find out why, and hear what your support this Lent is doing, directly from one of CAFOD's partners from Myanmar. This Tuesday, 21 April, Fr Pius Win Than will talk to supporters about the challenges his community faces from Climate Change and how – thanks to your support this Lent – they are overcoming them. 6:30pm in Romero House, London SE1 7JB. Book online at <http://ocowevening.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0208 449 6970.

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 (2) with Fr John Hemer MHM
Monday 8th June 2015 - THE PSALMS, ISRAEL'S PRAYER, CHRIST PRAYER (3) 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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

We are looking for a parishioner who might be willing to take on the role of Parish Representative for the Women's World Day of Prayer. If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to Fr Shaun.

RCC 200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the recent club draws. Details are posted on the noticeboard in the porch.

FIRST COMMUNION

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Natalia Marcinkowska, Emilie and Lucie Haacke 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

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 this Sunday 19th April – we hope that you will come and join us!

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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.

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.

NEW ROTAS FOR WELCOMERS, READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Please pick up your copy of the new rota from the lobby.

LADIES' MEETING - TUESDAY 21ST APRIL AT 10.15AM

The next Ladies' meeting is this Tuesday at Helen, Jo and Patsy's house, 62 Clements Road. All will be very welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION - MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spend any time between 4th - 9th May delivering envelopes for Christian Aid and then collecting them between 10th - 16th May? We always need more volunteers to help with this vital part of the fundraising during Christian Aid week. If you can help, please speak to Maureen Foggo on 284740. Thank you.

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 30th April.

PARISH WEBSITE - please send any items for the website to Duncan and James Farnsworth at sjf_web@yahoo.co.uk

| | This Week 18 / 19 April | | | | Next Week 25 / 26 April | | | |
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| | Welcomer | Reader | Communion | Sunday Counters | Welcomer | Reader | Communion | Sunday Counters |
| 6pm Vigil | G F | M Fields | E Harris | Carolyn Opie | T Leslie | M Foggo | M Latimer | Denis Gibney |
| 9am Mass | A Opie | M Calvert | L Turnbull | Ann Brew | M Calvert | D Treanor | J Hale | Marguerite Watkins |
| 19 April | Laundry: S Treanor | | 24 April | | Church Cleaning: M Calvert | | | |