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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) - 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Often, overwhelming transformations occur in community. For example, successful recovery for an alcoholic depends upon regular and very honest interaction with an AA group and a troubled marriage is often given new life through Retrouvaille.

The two disciples in today's Gospel come to believe in Jesus' resurrection in two ways. First, they encountered Jesus himself on the road and came to recognise him in the breaking of bread. Second, their new found faith was reinforced by the witness of other members of the community of disciples. Christian belief and life grows to fullness within a community of believers.

The community of believers is sometimes the liturgical assembly where we hear Jesus' word in the Scriptures and encounter him in the breaking of the bread. At other times this community is the family where we call each other to growth in Christian living. At still other times, the most unexpected community (colleagues at work, people standing together in a line, strangers responding together to an emergency) can bring about an encounter with the presence of the risen Christ.

**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 5:27-32. 40-41

**Response to Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord,  
you have rescued me.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Apocalypse 5:11-14

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

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

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17; John 10:27-30

### SALVE REGINA (HAIL, HOLY QUEEN)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!  
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!  
To thee do we cry, poor banished  
children of Eve, to thee do we send  
up our sighs, mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and  
after this our exile show unto us the  
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £537.01; Loose Plate: £308.24; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1355.25**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £293.43; Loose Plate: £199.80; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £592.23**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of March amounted to **£1967.31**

**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. It's Easy! Thank You!

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.15am 9.30am  12.45pm	First Communion Class - Hall First Communion Class (St John Fisher) - Upper Room (Hall) Baptisms	St John the Evangelist  Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Session - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

## Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>10am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Peggy Sitkowski RIP	
<b>MONDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>ST STANISLAUS, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Gerard Koller RIP		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Clare Fennell RIP		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
<b>THURSDAY</b> 14 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> Tom Tweedy RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> Michael Indoe RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>10am</b> Peter Price RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Mary & Aldo De Michiel RIP <b>11am</b> Margaret Connor RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Eve & Tom Clark (Ints.)	

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener and Jeannine Simonds,

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page and Joe Donnelly.

**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, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane and Susan Maynard.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### **PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION**

Next weekend (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April) our parishes will take up a collection for the Priest Training Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. We currently have 29 men in formation for the priesthood at our own Allen Hall Seminary, and at seminaries in Rome and Spain. The Fund also helps pay for promoting vocations to the priesthood, and ongoing training of our priests for specialised ministries such as hospital, prisons, or university chaplaincy and the like. It costs £25,000 per year, per man to go through the six-year rigorous formation programme. That's a minimum £125,000 investment leading to ordination and placement in parish. Your generous donation helps to ensure these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd fulfil their commitment of their lives and their all in service to God and His Holy People. You will find a donation envelope inside this newsletter – please take it home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with any donation you wish to make. As the priests who serve these parishes, we thank you for your prayers and support. *Fr Shaun and Fr Mark*

### **POPE FRANCIS' HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Pope Francis launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a special collection to be taken in all the Catholic churches in Europe on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative. We are conscious that this collection will take place only one week after the Good Shepherd Sunday collection for the Priest Training Fund, but invite you to respond as generously as you can to the Holy Father's appeal. Please pray for the people of Ukraine in their suffering.

### **"A PRAYING PARISH"**

The Diocese is holding a free short seminar on "A Praying Parish - an initiative to establish a culture of individual and group prayer across the parish to deepen our understanding of Catholic spirituality". Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> 8-9.30pm, OR Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 4-5.30pm at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Shenley. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but booking is essential. For booking and more information: <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/training/>

### **YOUTH EVENT – HELP NEEDED**

We are looking to organise a fun day for children in school years 6 to 9, with outdoor activities (weather permitting!!!) and make your own pizzas. We would welcome help to make this day a success, so if you have some ideas and can spare a few hours please contact katie: [katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk) or 07518 352478. If you're in years 10-13 we'd love to hear from you too!!!

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Mark or Fr Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

### **YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL**

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** for a drink and a chat.

### **EXCITING NEW BIBLE STUDY COURSE FOR THE THREE PARISHES – UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE**

In April we will be launching an exciting study course on the Bible. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* is an eight-part DVD study course, which provides an easy way to understand the Bible. It will help you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. It will help you to make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life; to discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testament; to see how the Sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture ... and much more! You will be given a copy of the Bible Timeline – a fold-out Timeline of Salvation History - which tracks the growth of God's family from Creation to the establishment of the Church. You just need to bring along a Bible. The course will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (finishing at 9.00pm) at **St John's Parish Centre, Mill End**. The first session is on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. Don't miss this opportunity deepen your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible!

### **SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH at St John's RC School**

This is **your chance to help!** Without you, we cannot go ahead. The first of our lunches is next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, and then every month on the third Sunday. You **do not** need to be a member of the SVP to help. **We need You!** Even half an hour will help. Please don't assume we have enough volunteers. We need help for Saturday afternoon and Sunday for: food preparation, moving furniture, washing up, cooking and serving, welcoming and befriending our guests and looking after safety. **Sign up today for any job, big or small.** Thank you for your support. For more information please ring Geraldine Page on 01923 776100 or email [geraldine.page21@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.page21@gmail.com)

### **CHRISTIAN AID AT ST JOHN FISHER**

Because of the building works, this year we cannot hold our usual market which some of you kindly attend. However, **we will still be endeavouring to sell as many plants and hanging baskets as possible**, but with slightly different collection and delivery times. For further information or to receive order forms to join with us in this good cause, please either email or phone Mary Latimer on [marylatimer@sky.com](mailto:marylatimer@sky.com) or 01923 284975. Thank you.

### **DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

The 2016 Day of Recollection will take place at the Niland Centre on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Fr John Hemer, who gave such well-received talks last year, has kindly agreed to join us again. Unfortunately, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 does fall at the end of a half-term week, but this was the only date in the period that Fr John was able to make. Please make a note in your diary.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES**

There are still some boxes of envelopes to be collected. If you haven't yet collected your box we encourage you to do so this weekend.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Parents who will be applying for **September 2017** Nursery, Reception or Secondary places for their children at Catholic Schools and who haven't yet collected a letter about the Certificate of Catholic Practice and a Mass Attendance Card, should see Fr Shaun or Fr Mark today.

### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)**

We are once again appealing for donations of Long-Life milk and toilet rolls for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes are in the church porches. Thank you.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

We are delighted to announce that the PPC members have elected Paul Forrest as the new Chair of the PPC and Angela Steele as Vice-Chair. The PPC re-elected Michael Curtin as the PPC Secretary. We congratulate them and thank them for their generosity in accepting these roles.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

Due to the installation of the new stained glass window at St John's Mill End this coming week, the Mass on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April will be celebrated at Our Lady's.

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

A reminder to parents that the next First Communion class will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at 5.30pm in the hall. First Communion Masses will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May 28<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 3<sup>rd</sup> May; and Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May).

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ORGAN RECITAL – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm there will be an organ recital on our new Skrabl pipe organ given by Martin Baker, the Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, where he is responsible for directing the world renowned choir in its daily choral programme and busy schedule of concerts, tours and recordings. Martin is one of the finest organists in the country and is known particularly for his skill in organ improvisation. There will be no entrance fee for this recital, but there will be a retiring collect to support the work of our Chess Valley Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please make a note in your diary of the very exciting forthcoming event.

### 200 CLUB DRAW (MARCH)

Congratulations to: Clare Loose (£58), Collette Bridge Madden (£43.50), Brigid Rogers (£29) and Deirdre Edwards (£14.50).

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Exciting news! The new stained glass window is due to be installed the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. To facilitate this, there will be no Mass here on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. The Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's, instead.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

After the Consecration of the church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, we will continue the celebration in the St John's School Hall. To help make this a success could we please ask parishioners to bring along a plate of food and take it DIRECTLY to the school hall BEFORE the Mass. You can bring the food from 10.30am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. All food must come cooked and ready to serve, and a list of suggested food is in the porch. Please sign up for what you would like to bring. The list is not set in stone so if you have a favourite you like to make please do, but we would ask that you still sign up and tell us what you will bring as this will give us an idea if we are short in any way of sweet or savoury! If you are not bringing one of the suggested food items could we just stress that it must be finger food and MUST not contain nuts. The school, like all schools now, has a strict no nuts policy.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

We are delighted to announce that the PPC members have elected Allyson O'Grady as the new Chair of the PPC and Geraldine Page as Vice-Chair. The PPC re-elected Liz Townsend as the PPC Secretary. We congratulate and thank them for their generosity in accepting these roles.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 10.30AM MASS

The Children's Liturgy during the 10.30am Mass is designed to help younger children understand the message of the Sunday gospel at a level they can understand. The activities that the children undertake require a certain level of development and so the Children's Liturgy is open to children **aged four and above** (until they begin their preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion). We kindly ask that parents keep children younger than four with them in the church. Thank you.

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

A reminder to parents that the next First Communion class will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 9.15am in the hall. First Communion Masses will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May and 15<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 (dates to be notified soon).

**200 CLUB DRAW (EASTER)** - congratulations to Ian Oxley £100; Celia Beckley £40; Allyson O'Grady £20.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Work on re-ordering the church is now underway, the staircase has been removed and the major steel beam, which allows for the opening up of the loggia, has been fitted. We are now expecting to be back in the church for the celebration of Mass on the weekend of **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June**. This should provide the necessary time for the new tabernacle, carpets and window blinds to be fitted and for the church furnishings to be properly arranged in their new orientation before we begin celebrating Mass again at St John Fisher's.

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

A reminder to parents that the next First Communion class will be held in the Upper Room (hall) at Our Lady's on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 9.30am. The First Communion Mass will take place at Our Lady's on 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm. A rehearsal will take place on a weekday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (date to be advised soon).

### MASS DUTY ROTAS AFTER ST JOHN FISHER RE-OPENS

Would all welcomers, readers and Ministers of Communion please be aware that when the church re-opens after the building work, the current Mass duty rotas will re-commence from where we left off. Those of you currently scheduled for 2/3 April will be on duty the first weekend that the church is open again, with the remaining 7 weeks of the current rotas rolling forward accordingly. Once we have a date for the re-opening, I will try to email all those concerned to remind them what's happening! *Maureen Foggo*

### CHRISTIAN AID MARKET 2016

We are very sorry that we will not be able to hold our usual market this year as the church will be closed. However, you will still be able to order your hanging baskets and bedding plants, nearly as usual! For further information or to receive order forms, please either email or phone Mary Latimer on [marylatimer@sky.com](mailto:marylatimer@sky.com) or 01923 284975. Please order as much as you can and get orders from your family and friends. N.B. House-to-house collections - these will be carried out as usual and are even more important this year. If you have any extra time to offer, please contact Maureen Foggo (284740). Thank you.

	Weekend church opens				Weekend after church opens			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	A Dennis	R Ellis	E Harris		D Gibney	GF	E O'Sullivan	
9am Mass	J Hale	S Marston	AM Farnsworth		D Treanor	L Munro	E Price	