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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) - 8TH MAY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The image of the good shepherd is not about sentimentality. Shepherds were important figures in the Palestinian landscape. They bore total responsibility for the flocks on which their people depended. They saw to it that the sheep found adequate grazing and water in a land that could be harsh and forbidding. They kept the animals safe from wild predators and human marauders, sometimes at the cost of their own lives. If the shepherds were unfaithful, the sheep could not long survive. It is no wonder that the people of the Old Testament cast God himself in the image of the good shepherd, sustainer and protector of the flock of Israel. The Church found the perfect fulfilment of this image in the risen Christ, who had laid down his own life to become the very source of life for his people. He nourishes his flock with the word and the bread of life. In the mixed metaphors of today's gospel, he is the gate through which they pass to the safety of the sheepfold and the shepherd who defends them from all threats of evil. In the First Letter of Peter, Christ the shepherd is called the "Guardian of your souls." The Greek word used is episkopos, more commonly translated "bishop". Although Christ is no longer visibly present to us as he was to his first hearers, he continues to nourish and to preserve his people through the Church's ministers. On Good Shepherd Sunday, then, we give thanks for the gift of all the good and faithful shepherds who lay down their lives in daily service to the Lord's flock.

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £745.73; Loose Plate: £335.16; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1590.89**

Mill End: Envelopes: £261.90; Loose Plate: £148.32; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £607.22**

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

SUN 7TH MAY	8.45am 9.30am 10.30am 12 noon	First Communion Class Coffee after Mass for all - Hall First Holy Communion Mass Sunday Brunch - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 8TH MAY	5.30pm 7.30pm	Rehearsal for 1 st Communion Mass (13 th May) Confirmation Session - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 9TH MAY	11.00am 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.00pm	Funeral Mass - John Gibson RIP Easter Catechesis (Year 7 & 8's) - Hall Rehearsal for 1 st Communion Mass (14 th May)	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
WED 10TH MAY			
THU 11TH MAY	7.45pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 12TH MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 13TH MAY	10.30am 5.30pm	NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK First Holy Communion Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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
SATURDAY 6 TH MAY	No Mass Today	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Jim Fanning RIP
SUNDAY 7 TH MAY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Bond Family (Ints.) 6pm Jacqueline Grove RIP	10.30am Frank Page RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 8 TH MAY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 9 TH MAY	9.30am Adrian Ross RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 10 TH MAY		9.30am Mavis Livingston RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 11 TH MAY	9.30am Ossie Robinson RIP		
FRIDAY 12 TH MAY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am Kathleen Stewart RIP
SATURDAY 13 TH MAY	No Mass Today	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 14 TH MAY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Joan Marioni RIP 11am Andrew Dumughn RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Valerie Foster RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Michael Fields RIP

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

Today's second collection is for the annual Priest Training Fund. The Fund helps pay for the training of seminarians (we currently have 39), the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives serving the Church. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

JOHN GIBSON RIP

The Funeral Mass of John Gibson will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Tuesday 9th May at 11.00am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY – MONDAY 24TH JULY 2017

On Monday 24th July there will be a Three Parishes Day Pilgrimage to Canterbury. There will be Mass in Canterbury Cathedral in the morning, the possibility of a guided-tour of the cathedral in the afternoon, as well as free time to explore the city. We have booked a 57 seater coach. The cost per person for the coach will be £9.00. The cost of the (optional tour) will be £6.00 per person. Booking forms are available in each parish this weekend. If you would like to join the pilgrimage please complete your form and return it (in the enveloped provided) with cash or cheque payment to the Parish Office at Our Lady's or hand it to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. Places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, so please do not delay if you wish to secure your place.

FR JIM DUFFY – GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 20th May 2017 Fr Jim Duffy will celebrate the 50th 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 25th anniversary in 1992, his 40th 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 21st May will be offered for Fr Jim's intentions.

ALTAR SERVERS

This 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.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Monday 8th May at 7.30pm.**

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday 9th 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.

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.

6TH 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 or call 07792 103736. For places in Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, please register your interest via our website: www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk. We currently have spaces for 6 year olds to start in Beavers.

MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Purtill on lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk or 01923 897957.

Trampolining

We're going trampolining on **Saturday 10 June** in 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 parish 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) **Sunday 21 May** for a drink and a chat.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

At the PPC meeting on Monday 24th 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 this **Sunday 7th 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 13th May and 20th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **5.30pm** on a weekday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Monday 8th and Monday 15th May).

FR JOHN MACWILLIAM

Please pray for Father John MacWilliam - White Father/Missionary of Africa who will be consecrated Bishop of Ghardaia Algeria at Our Lady Help of Christians, Worth Abbey, Sussex on 20th 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 13th May** and **Saturday 20th May**. Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 27th May.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (7TH MAY)

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

200 CLUB DRAW (APRIL)

Congratulations to Mark Kirwan (£40); Patricia Kelly (£30); Pauline Starck (£20) and Paul Cullen (£10).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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At the PPC meeting on Wednesday 26th 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*

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 7th May and 14th 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 9th May).

200 CLUB DRAW (APRIL)

Congratulations to Valerie Dixon (£100); Linda Bowles (£50) and Bo Bambridge (£30).

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

This 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.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Holy Communion Day for three of our young parishioners will take place at 9am on Sunday 28th May. This is a parish event, so we would love all parishioners to join our communicants' families in celebrating this very special occasion. There will be a Communion Breakfast after the Mass to which you are all invited. We would welcome help on the morning with putting out tables and chairs in the garden and putting them away again once the Breakfast is over. Looking forward to seeing you all there. *Elena and Jennifer*.

First Communion rehearsals will take place in the church on Saturday 20th May at 9am and Saturday 27th May at 4pm.

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER MASS - all welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee after Sunday Mass on **14th May**.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (14TH - 20TH 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 COLLECTION - RED BAGS IN THE LOUNGE

A reminder for those who are expecting to pick up their red bags from church that they are waiting for you in the lounge this weekend. Thank you! Maureen

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
6/7 May	GF	A Penn	M Latimer	D Treanor	J Whelan	J Hale	Kate & Francis	S Tarrant
13/14 May	A Dennis	GF	C Johnson	M Calvert	C Holly	E Price	Ann & Marguerite	S Treanor

GENERAL NOTICES

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAY AT THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM - SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

Snacks & Drinks 3pm, International Buffet 6pm. Meet us, chat and learn about our work with homeless women and children. Enjoy Live music, food and bonfire. Where: Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Rd, West Hyde, WD3 9XJ. For more details contact Scott on 01923777201 or look at www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org