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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, or 'Good Shepherd Sunday', is also our annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A vocation, from the Latin verb *vocare*, is a calling from God to live our life in a particular way. Every Christian already has the most important vocation they will ever have. In baptism, God calls us to be priests, prophets and kings in the world like Jesus Christ, offering our lives in worship to God, witnessing to our faith before others and building up God's kingdom on earth through lives of holiness and our involvement in the affairs of the world.

God will often also call us to live out our baptism in a particular state of life, be it the single life, marriage, religious life, ordained ministry or a particular role in society. These vocations give us the context to live out our baptismal faith and our relationship with God. Discovering and responding to these vocations is important if we are to find the meaning of our lives which lies in God's will for us. Today then, we pray for that we may all discover, discern and respond, first of all to our baptismal calling, and also to the particular vocation which God has given me.

In a particular way, on 'Good Shepherd Sunday', we also respond to Jesus' command to pray that 'the Lord of the harvest may send labourers into his harvest' through vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Through our prayers and encouragement, may those whom God is calling to these states of life, especially from among our young people and in our own families, respond with courage and generosity, and so discover the fulfilment that comes from opening our hearts in service to Jesus Christ and his Church.

- Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 4:8-12
- Response to Psalm:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2
- Gospel:** John 10:11-18
- 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 9:26-31; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24; **Gospel:** John 15:1-8

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £518.30; Loose Plate: £467.55; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1484.85**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £282.71; Loose Plate: £234.09; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £610.55**

**Chorleywood:** Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.45am - 9.30am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion Class Baptisms	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Rehearsal Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Session - Hall Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>			
<b>THU 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	11.00am 2.00pm	<i>No Holy Hour or Confessions today</i> First Holy Communion Mass Wedding - Stephanie Caw and David Flavin	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

## Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>ST MARK, EVANGELIST</i>	<b>10am</b> Fr John Turner RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Mary (May) Campion RIP <b>6pm</b> Johann Nairn (Ints.)	<b>10.30am</b> Nancy O'Neill RIP	<b>9am</b> Frances Butler RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> Magda MacGillivray RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9.30am</b> Michael Glelan RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> Harry & Mary Kendrick RIP		<b>9.30am</b> Fr John Turner RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, PATRON OF EUROPE</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Claire Cremin	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY <i>ST JOSEPH THE WORKER</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY <i>ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion Mass	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY <i>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Bernie Waine RIP <b>6pm</b> Dick Bloxham-Brown RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Bernard McNicholas RIP	<b>9am</b> Private Intention

### 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

This 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 for your donations. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am in Our Lady's hall.

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

Due to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May; Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.** Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – 23<sup>RD</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible and by 9<sup>th</sup> 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 next meeting is on Tuesday **28<sup>th</sup> 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 - 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### FAITH MATTERS QUESTION TIME 'THE GENERAL ELECTION: WHAT'S RELIGION GOT TO DO WITH IT?'

The next Faith Matters Question Time, the panel discussion on matters of faith and life which brings together Catholics and other from different walks of life, takes place at Farm Street on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, two days before the General Election. The panel will include Lord Glasman of Stoke Newington and Stamford Hill (Blue Labour) Dr Laura Keynes (journalist and author, Catholic Voices, and 'Conservative Woman' blogger) Alex Macqueen (Actor, 'The Thick of It') Revd Lucy Winkett (Rector, St James', Piccadilly). Recommended donation is £7. Booking is essential. To book: [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info).

### MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN - SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 3.30PM

The street procession will be made to the Convent of Jesus and Mary where the homily will be preached by Fr William Nicol, Pastoral Director at Allen Hall Seminary. The procession returns to the Shrine Church for Benediction. Come and join us as we pray the Rosary for Peace, and the protection of our City and Diocese. Close to Willesden Junction on the Bakerloo and Overground lines.

### ANNUAL MIGRANTS' MASS

The Annual Migrants' Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on May 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (2<sup>ND</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.

### MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

After many years of loyal service, a few of our money counters have decided to retire. Those on the rota count between 6-8 times a years, depending on the number of people on the rota. Counting takes place after the 11.00am Sunday Mass and usually takes approximately 30-45 minutes. If you are able to assist, please contact Carol Bartlett on 01923 773841 or e-mail her on [carolbart37@gmail.com](mailto:carolbart37@gmail.com). New joiners will be teamed up with experienced counters. Please do join us.

### REPOSITORY

First Holy Communion Cards and Confirmation Cards now available in the Repository.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> April; Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May).

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2015/16 planned giving envelopes are now in use. There are still some 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.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### REPOSITORY

First Holy Communion Cards; Rosaries, Prayers Books and Confirmation Cards now available in the Repository which will be open after all Masses this weekend.

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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.

### PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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

At the beginning of May we will be 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. If you need access to the new code and haven't already notified us, please let Alan Opie, Fr Shaun or Fr Mark know over the next week. 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.

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

Can you spend any time between 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May delivering envelopes for Christian Aid and then collecting them between 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**PARISH WEBSITE** - please send any items for the website to Duncan and James Farnsworth at [sjf\\_web@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sjf_web@yahoo.co.uk)

	This Week 25 / 26 April				Next Week 2 / 3 May			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	T Leslie	M Foggo	M Latimer	Denis Gibney	R Ellis	T Hartney	C Johnson	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	M Calvert	D Treanor	J Hale	Marguerite Watkins	D Gibney	P Byrne	AM Farnsworth	Patsy Tyden
26 April Laundry: V Terrill      1 May Church Cleaning: A Brew								