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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) 17TH APRIL 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The few verses of this Sunday's Gospel, which end Jesus' discourse on the Good Shepherd, give us an analogy of the Christian experience of communion with the Lord. Jesus presents himself as the gate of the sheep and their shepherd. He describes the attitude the sheep must adopt toward him, the attitude of believers toward the one sent by God. The source of the communion between Christ and Christians is the union of the Father and the Son: 'The Father and I are one.' Just as the Father and the Son are one, so we come into communion with God by becoming one with the Son, Jesus Christ. Christ himself is our way to union with God: 'My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me.' The Father has entrusted his sheep to Jesus, and Jesus leads them to eternal life. The gate is his cross. He is both the shepherd and the lamb who is sacrificed. He has redeemed us with his life. Therefore his life is ours: we live in him.

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 13:14. 43-52

Response to Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

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 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35 (Gospel)

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: £893.98; Loose Plate: £384.34; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1788.32**

Mill End: Envelopes: £289.00; Loose Plate: £221.29; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £609.29**

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

SUN 17TH APRIL	9.15am 9.30am 12.00pm	First Communion Class - Hall First Communion Class (St John Fisher) - Upper Room (Hall) Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
MON 18TH APRIL	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
TUE 19TH APRIL	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Session - Hall Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 20TH APRIL			
THU 21ST APRIL	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 22ND APRIL	10.00am 12.00pm 7.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Kevin Ford RIP Altar Servers Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 23RD APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall First Communion Rehearsal (St John Fisher) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians 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 16 TH APRIL	10am Peter Price RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 17 TH APRIL <i>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Mary & Aldo De Michiel RIP 11am Margaret Connor RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Eve & Tom Clark (Ints.)	
MONDAY 18 TH APRIL	9.30am Frank Fowler RIP		
TUESDAY 19TH APRIL <i>ST ALPHEGE, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Noelen Bell (Ints.)		
WEDNESDAY 20 TH APRIL		9.30am Paddy Rooney RIP	
THURSDAY 21 ST APRIL	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 22 ND APRIL	9.30am Private Intention		
SATURDAY 23RD APRIL <i>ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i>	10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Jim Fortune RIP	
SUNDAY 24 TH APRIL <i>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Frances Butler RIP 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	

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

Today's retiring collection is for the annual Priest Training Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. It is also Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for our priests and future priests. The Priest Training Fund helps cover the cost of vocations promotion, forming seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps to ensure the best formation programme for these men responding to Christ's call, willing to dedicate their lives to Christ, the Church and service to God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Also take home with you a prayer card for vocations, and pray it daily. Priests are at the heart of our Catholic life. If you do not have an envelope, they are available at the back of church. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

POPE FRANCIS' HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE

On Sunday 3rd 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 next Sunday 24th April. 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.

KEVIN FORD RIP

The funeral of Kevin Ford RIP will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Friday 22nd April at 12.00pm** followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY

There was a request at Our Lady's AGM that the Rosary be prayed after the weekday Masses throughout May. If you would be willing to lead the Rosary one or more Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (at Our Lady's) or a Wednesday (at John's, Mill End) please sign up on the list on the porch noticeboards at Our Lady's or at St John's Mill End.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – SATURDAY 27TH MAY TO SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2017

Do you wish to complete a lifelong ambition in walking part of the St James' Way (el Camino) to Santiago de Compostela but have concerns about your ability to do so? In the May half term of 2017 I will be offering you the opportunity to take part in a special version of the final week of the Camino pilgrimage walking from Sarria into Santiago. During this eight night (six days walking) pilgrimage we will complete the final 100km (70 miles) of the St James' Way - all you need to walk to become an official Pilgrim in Santiago and qualifying for a Pilgrim Certificate. The days are shorter than the full version of this pilgrimage leaving you plenty of time to complete each day at your own pace and still have time to explore your destination before dinner. Walking this section of the Camino involves average daily distances of about 11 miles (longest day 15 miles) and follows well marked paths with good surfaces. Walkers' luggage will be transported from each hotel to the next enabling you to travel with a day rucksack.

For those unable to undertake the 70 mile walking pilgrimage, but who would like to join us in Santiago for the weekend at the end of the pilgrimage, I am hoping to be able to offer a "weekender pilgrimage package" from Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June. Walkers and 'Weekenders' would share a meal together on the Saturday evening, attend Mass in the Cathedral of Compostela on the Sunday morning and then all return home together.

The estimated cost for the walking pilgrimage will be around £1,150 per person (plus single room supplement, if required) and the cost of the weekender pilgrimage will be around £590 per person (plus any single room supplement required). These prices include flights, transfers, baggage transfers (for walkers), 8 nights in higher grade hotels and 8 breakfasts and dinners (for walkers) and two nights, two breakfasts and two dinners in a higher grade hotel in Santiago (for the weekender pilgrims).

At this stage I am seeking only an expression of interest (**absolute commitment is not necessary at this stage**) from parishioners who would be interested in taking part in either the full (nine day pilgrimage) or the "weekender pilgrimage" (two nights in Santiago). If you have a **serious interest** in joining either version of this pilgrimage, please sign up on the lists available at Our Lady's and at St John's, Mill End. Once I have an idea of the likely numbers of walking and weekender pilgrims, I will be able to confirm prices and provide firm details, itineraries and booking forms. *Fr Shaun*

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTION

Congratulations to the staff, students and governors of St. John's, our local Catholic primary school, at the news that the school has been judged 'good' in all areas at their recent Ofsted inspection. This is the culmination of a number of years of hard work and commitment by many people, including parishioners. Please pray that the school will continue to go from strength to strength in providing the Catholic education and formation that's so important for our children.

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 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 23rd 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 24th 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 this **Tuesday 19th April**. Don't miss this opportunity deepen your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible!

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.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

Two of the members of the Sunday money counting team are stepping down. We thank John Wilson and Roy Langdale for their time and support. Roy has been on the Sunday rota for many, many years and continues to be a part of the Monday counting/banking team. We are looking for two or three people to join the team. The Sunday count takes place after the 11.00 am mass and takes approximately 30-45 minutes. With a full team you would only have to count every 7-8 weeks.

If you are able to join us, please contact Carol Bartlett on 01923 773841 or e-mail her at carolbart37@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 7th May, 14th May, 21st May 28th 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 3rd May; Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd May).

MISSIO PROMOTERS

Would Missio promoters please collect the Spring Magazines from the church porch. If anyone wishes to have a Red Box at home or become an annual subscriber, please contact Maurice Delaporte on 01923 774855.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW

There will be no Mass at St John's on Monday 18th April as the window works still need to be completed. There will be Mass on Wednesday, as usual.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

After the Consecration of the church on Saturday 30th 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 30th 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.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICES FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

Given that the rite of dedication of a church is one of the most complicated liturgies it's possible to celebrate, we need as many altar servers to help out as possible! Could all servers who will be serving at the dedication Mass on Sunday 30th April please therefore attend two practices at St. John's church, the first on Friday 22nd April at 7pm, the second on Friday 29th April, 7pm. Thank you in advance for your help.

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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.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S (24TH APRIL)

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place next Sunday 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!

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 1st Communion). We kindly ask that parents keep children younger than four with them in the church. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 8th May and 15th 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).

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 4th/5th 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 MASS

The First Communion Mass will take place at Our Lady's on 7th May at 2.30pm. A rehearsal will take place on Saturday 23rd April at 2.00pm at Our Lady's.

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

	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	