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4th SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 15TH MARCH 2015 LAETARE SUNDAY - SUNDAY THOUGHT

The word “verdict” derives from the Latin dicere, to speak, and veritas, truth. Those engaged in a trial by jury anxiously wait for the verdict, hoping it will be in their favour even if it is not actually the truth. Today’s gospel (“on these grounds is sentence pronounced...”) tells us that a life giving verdict only comes to those who live in the truth and come to the light.

Jesus clearly says that believing “in the name of God’s only Son” is necessary if we are not to “be condemned.” What is this believing? Jesus makes this clear, as well: coming “out into the light” by living “the truth” is the evidence that brings favourable judgement. The verdict: “eternal life.”

It is really easy to fool ourselves about living “the truth” when actually we have chosen darkness. For example, we choose to engage in idle gossip, convincing ourselves that we need to be better informed about others. We know, however, we are living “the truth” when what we do stands up to the light of Christ and is consistent with “the truth” of gospel values. For example, we choose forgiveness rather than retaliation, we welcome the outsider rather than ignoring those not in our inner circle of friends, we choose words that uplift rather than those that hurt. This kind of living gives evidence of our believing in Jesus and leads us to the verdict we desire: “eternal life.”

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Response to Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Next Sunday’s Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34; **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9; **Gospel:** John 12:20-30

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £626.90; Loose Plate: £354.92; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1480.82**

Mill End: Envelopes: £296.50; Loose Plate: £151.31; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £541.56**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 15TH MARCH	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
MON 16TH MARCH	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.15pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Holy Hour with Benediction Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 17TH MARCH	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Session - Hall Reconciliation Service RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 18TH MARCH	7.30pm	Lent with SS Francis and Clare	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 19TH MARCH	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Reconciliation Service Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 20TH MARCH	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
SAT 21ST MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Meeting for volunteers - Children's Good Friday Workshop Charity Fundraising Quiz - Hall	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 14 TH MARCH	10am Ranjit & Kiril Gursahani (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Joe Moloney	6pm (Vigil) Joe McGuinness RIP (Anniv.)
SUNDAY 15 TH MARCH	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Aldo & Mary De Michiel RIP 6pm Paul Rayner RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 16 TH MARCH	9.30am John & Margaret McGuinness RIP	9.30am Phyllis & Derek Humphries RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 17 TH MARCH <i>St. PATRICK</i>	9.30am Infante Family RIP		9.30am Stephen Birch (Ints.)
WEDNESDAY 18 TH MARCH		9.30am James Clark (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 19 TH MARCH <i>St JOSEPH</i>	9.30am Ralph Kent (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 20 TH MARCH	9.30am Nalene (Ints.)		9.30am For the Sick and Household of the Parish
SATURDAY 21 ST MARCH	10am For the Sick and Household of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 22 ND MARCH	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Frank Shaw RIP 6pm Jimmy O'Brien RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Katarzyna Borkowska RIP	9am Ava Philipa Smyth (Ints.)

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 and Maureen Douglas.

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday. We wish all mothers a very happy and joyful day of celebration with their families. At the end of each Mass there will be a special blessing for all mothers.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/16

The boxes of new planned giving envelopes will be available for collection in all three parishes next weekend (21st/22nd March).

HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue and Customs to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. So, if you have stopped paying tax, please would you contact our Parish Administrator, Kerry Van Rensburg, so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it. We will also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

RCIA – THE SCRUTINIES

This Sunday at the 8.30am Mass at Our Lady's, our elect, Colin Dodson will take part in the Second Scrutiny. This is part of the final stage of his preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We pray for Colin and for our eight adult Candidates who are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

CARPENTER NEEDED!

Would any parishioner with a talent for carpentry who might be willing to help Fr Shaun with a couple of small projects, please speak to him after Mass or drop him an email.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

This Good Friday we are going to run a Good Friday Workshop for the children of the three parishes. The workshop will be open to children in school years 1 to 6. The Workshop will be hosted in alternate years by St John's, Mill End and Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Another event at St John Fisher on Good Friday morning means unfortunately that the event can't be hosted there, but the children of St John Fisher parish are warmly invited to come and take part in the workshop. We need the help of a good number of adult volunteers. There will be a meeting at **2.30pm on Saturday 21st March** at St John the Evangelist, Mill End (in the church) for any adults willing to help with the workshop.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 16th March – Holy Hour with Benediction – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.15pm

Wednesday 18th March – Lent with SS Francis and Clare – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm

Friday 20th March – Stations of the Cross – St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 8.00pm

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Lenten Penitential services across the three parishes this year will be as follows:

Tuesday 17th March – 7.30pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

Thursday 19th March – 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Thursday 26th March – 7.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions as well as the parish clergy. Fr Shaun or Fr Mark are also available each Saturday for hearing confessions between 10.30am and 11.30am during the Holy Hour at Our Lady's.

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.

PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES

Since the new Mass schedule was introduced last March a number of parishioners have been regularly attending Mass in one of the other two parishes. Planned-giving envelopes are always returned to the originating parish for counting and banking. However, with the time for the issue of new planned-giving envelopes for 2015/16 approaching, there is now the opportunity for those parishioners who might wish to financially support the parish which they now most regularly attend to do so by switching to the planned-giving envelopes for that parish. For those who gift aid their offering, and wish to continue to do so, there would also be the need to sign a new Gift Aid form. **There is no obligation at all for anyone to switch their envelopes if they prefer to continue with their present arrangement, and the envelopes of such parishioners will continue to be returned to the originating parish.** However, if any parishioners would like to make the change at this time they are free to do so. Please contact Mrs Kerry Van Rensburg, our Parish Administrator, who will work with the Gift Aid promoters of each parish to provide the appropriate planned-giving boxes and Gift Aid forms as appropriate.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION

The Bishops of England and Wales have produced an online survey in order to aid responses to this spiritual reflection document on the gift of marriage and family life. This will help Cardinal Vincent Nichols, ahead of the Ordinary Synod on the Family in Rome in October, to discern where in your family life "God is at present and at work." The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LaityEW2015>. Responses to the spiritual reflection document can also be sent in the usual way by post or email to the Marriage and Family Life Office, 46 Vaughan House, London, SW1P 1QN or family@rcdow.org.uk. The deadline for the online surveys is the 17th April 2015.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - YOUTH WORKER PROJECT

The parish project for *Growing in Faith* is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee of St John's, Mill End have agreed that they will share the resource and the costs of the Youth Worker. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone interested in helping us to develop the vision and the practicalities of employing a Youth Worker. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. I hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this important project forward. *Fr Shaun*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robyn Starke who was baptised here last Sunday. Please pray for her, that she will grow to be a faithful disciple of the Lord in the years ahead, and that her parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

REPOSITORY - Easter Cards and First Holy Communion items now available.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

REPOSITORY - Easter Cards, First Holy Communion Cards and Confirmation Cards now available.

APF/RED BOX HOLDERS - Spring Catalogues/Newsletters are now available in the porch. There are also envelopes available for you to empty your box at home. Hopefully this will be more convenient for you, as you will not need to bring your box to church with you, and no one will need to visit you at your home. Simply bring your filled envelope back into church by next weekend - 22 March.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - YOUTH WORKER PROJECT

The *Growing in Faith* parish project at Our Lady Help of Christians is to provide funds to employ a Youth Worker in the parish. The Youth Worker will be shared between Our Lady's and St John's. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd March** in Our Lady's Hall for anyone (from either parish) interested in helping us to develop the vision of employing a Youth Worker in the two parishes. Phil Ross, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry will be attending the meeting to help us discern how we would like to see the role of the Youth Worker develop. *Fr Shaun*

200 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to the following **February Draw** winners: 1st Prize - Jennifer McEwen (£35); 2nd Prize - Jane Castellot (£20) and 3rd Prize - Taperell family (£15).

CHARITY FUNDRAISING QUIZ - 21ST MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

Thank you to everyone who is coming to the quiz this Saturday. All available tables have been booked. Quick reminder to bring your own snacks and drinks, however tea and coffee will be available. Look forward to seeing you, Nikki Tew.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE EASTER SERVICES

Can you help with being a welcomer, reader or Minister of Communion at the Easter services? If so, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the lobby. 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 April.

APF/MISSIO RED BOXES - please will you bring your red boxes to church by this weekend (14th/15th March) at the latest for Mary Latimer to complete the March collection. Thank you.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Parish Music - as our Music Coordinator will be leaving this summer, the Parish is looking for more people to support in any of three musical roles: Playing the organ; Leading, organising and coordinating the choir; Selecting appropriate hymns and music to complement the liturgy. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Patricia O'Sullivan.

Parish Website - the Parish is looking for someone to maintain its website. It is not an onerous task and no previous experience is necessary as the current website administrator will provide instruction. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Alan Opie.

CAFOD Volunteer - the Parish is looking for a CAFOD volunteer who would be responsible for promoting the Lent and Harvest Fast days. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Alan Opie.

Parish Garden - Peter Mackie has kindly taken on responsibility for the Parish garden. If you are able to help with grass cutting, leaf collection and tidying up the garden, please contact Peter or Alan Opie.

ST PATRICK'S DAY AND EASTER CARDS - a good selection of cards is available in the lounge.

	This Week 14 March / 15 March				Next Week 21 March / 22 March			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	R Ellis	M Herbert	E O'Sullivan	Carolyn Opie	G F	A Penn	M Latimer	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	J Hale	T Hartney	F Holly	Mark Gibson	M Leadbetter	J Donohoe	J Hale	Denis Gibney
15 March	Laundry: C Steet			20 March	Church Cleaning: A Brew			