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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) LAETARE SUNDAY - 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016

### MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN

In November 2015, I attended the *Proclaim '15 Westminster* Conference in Victoria together with a representative from each of the three parishes. *Proclaim '15 Westminster* is a Diocesan response to the national campaign by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales called *Proclaim '15 – Building Missionary Parishes*. The purpose of the *Proclaim '15 Westminster* conference was to help parishes of the Westminster Diocese to think about how we can respond generously to Pope Francis' request in *Evangelii Gaudium* to make a new beginning in building missionary parishes. At the Conference we were asked to come up with three evangelising initiatives which we might launch in our parishes in 2016. We were then asked to take these ideas for evangelisation back to our parishes for discussion and development.

The ideas with which we returned have now been discussed with the Pastoral Councils of the three parishes and are these:

- To invite parishioners to reach out to Catholics they know who no longer attend Mass through sharing with them the *Catholic and lost touch?* leaflet (available in each parish from this weekend). These leaflets will also be made available at baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- To develop a Three-Parish *Twitter* stream – so that news and initiatives from the parishes, the Diocese and the wider Church can be shared quickly and effectively in the parishes and beyond.
- To undertake a programme of reflection and development with our teams of Parish Welcomers on the importance of their ministry of welcome in the parishes.

These initiatives will be developed throughout 2016, but we make a firm beginning today, by inviting you to take a copy of the *Catholic and lost touch?* leaflet and consider sharing it with a Catholic you know who, for one reason or another, has lost touch with the Church. Pope Francis reminds us that "the new evangelisation calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptised. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelisation". Here is one very simple and practical way we can each respond to the call and challenge of his words.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12

**Response to Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (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: £767.90; Loose Plate: £357.07; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1634.97**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £257.25; Loose Plate: £234.24; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £590.49**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of January amounted to **£2434.01**

**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 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	8.45am 9.15am 9.30am	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Coffee and Tea and Traidcraft Stall after 8.30am Mass - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist  Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	10.00am 10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Edith Moid's home Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	7.30pm  7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues Course - Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents' Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm	Choir Practice Meeting for volunteers - Children's Good Friday Workshop	St John Fisher  St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Family Bingo Evening - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist 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> 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>10am</b> Stanislaus Stephen RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH <i>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Joan Marioni RIP <b>11am</b> Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Viner RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>9.30am</b> Caroline Kirwan RIP	<b>9.30am</b> John & Mary Gibson RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH		<b>9.30am</b> Malcolm Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Robinson RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>10am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH <i>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Bernie Waine RIP <b>11am</b> Ralph Kent RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Patrick Conway RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> 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 Margaret Taylor.

**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

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

We wish all mothers and grandmothers a wonderful Mothering Sunday. At the end of all the Masses this weekend there will be a special blessing for all the mothers and grandmothers present.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLET

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter leaflet, giving the times of all the Masses and liturgies over Holy Week and Easter are available this weekend. Please be sure to take one home with you.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm, as follows: **St John the Evangelist, Mill End: 11<sup>th</sup> March; St John Fisher, Chorleywood: 18<sup>th</sup> March; Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth: 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING WITH FR SHAUN

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Our Lady's Parish Hall parents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children meet with Fr Shaun at 7.30pm.

### FUNERALS

The funeral of **Owen Coyle** will take place at Breakspear Crematorium on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.**

The funeral of **Clare Schofield** will take place funeral **12 noon** on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Osborn Rd, Uxbridge UB8 1UE. Burial will follow at Woodcock Hill Cemetery and there is a reception at Marian House Nursing Home. All are welcome!

The funeral of **Jacqueline Grove** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

We commend them to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for their families at this sad and difficult time.

### RCIA: SECOND SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT (4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT)

This Sunday we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> March for a drink and a chat.

### LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Lenten Penitential services across the three parishes this year will be as follows: **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth; Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End; Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood.** Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions (at Our Lady's and St. John's, Mill End) 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. St Bede's, Croxley Green also has a Reconciliation service on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2016/17

The boxes of new planned giving envelopes will be available for collection in all three parishes next weekend.

### CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

Once again this year we are planning to have a Good Friday Workshop for the children of the three parishes in school years 1 to 6, to be held at St John's, Mill End. To make this event work we need a good number of adult helpers. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** in St John's Parish Centre at **7.30pm** for anyone who would like to help with the event.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH at St John's RC School – third Sunday of the month, starting 17<sup>th</sup> April.

The lunch is open to anyone who needs it, so if you know of somebody, please mention it to them. Donations on the day are welcome but not a requirement. You do not need to be a member of the SVP to help:

**Volunteers** are essential to make this venture a success. Help is needed for Saturday afternoon and Sunday, for food preparation (brief food safety training provided in-house), moving furniture, washing up, cooking and serving, welcoming and befriending our guests and looking after safety. For more information please ring Geraldine Page on 01923 776100 or email [geraldine.page21@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.page21@gmail.com) More details in next week's newsletter and sign-up lists available from next week in all three parishes. Thank you for your support.

### LENT PROGRAMME – SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

This week in his DVD series, *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues*, Bishop Barron discusses Avarice and Generosity. The programme will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End.

### LENTEN ALMS

Our 2016 Lenten Alms appeal is in support of Caritas Westminster, the official social outreach arm of the Diocese of Westminster. Caritas Westminster works across our Diocese, throughout London and Hertfordshire enabling and co-ordinating parish communities to find practical solutions that address a variety of local social needs. One of the money boxes in each of three parishes has been set aside for *Lenten Alms*, and any money placed there during Lent will be sent to Caritas Westminster. Alternatively you may wish to make a direct donation online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donation](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donation)

### 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.

### CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 3pm.**

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Mark the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

### 6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

**Spring Jumble Sale and Nearly New** will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. **Book Sale & Quality Items** will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 7 to 9pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### UPDATING SAFEGUARDING CLEARANCES

Westminster Diocese safeguarding policy is that clearances more than 3 Years old must be updated with a new clearance. Starting next week we will be placing names in the bulletin of those parish volunteers whose clearances need to be updated starting with the oldest. We will then repeat this process in future weeks until all are up to date. Safeguarding re-clearance packs, including instructions and forms, will be left in the rear of the church. Dave & Alison

**MONEY MATTERS** — the Summary of the 2015 Parish Annual Financial Return is available at the back of the church.

### FAMILY BINGO EVENING - SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 6.30PM

Please come and enjoy a family bingo evening with your fellow parishioners to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society. Tickets include pizza and a bingo book each. Ice cream and bar available on the night. £7.50 per adult, £5 per child. Extra bingo books £2 each. Tickets on sale after mass or contact Adrian on 07503 898689.

**EASTER CARDS** - on sale in the repository.

### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT / THE BIG FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST

We're now halfway through this year's Fairtrade Fortnight and this year's theme is the Big Fairtrade Breakfast. As Martin Luther King famously said, 'before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. The people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. After this Sunday's 8.30am Mass, as well as the usual first Sunday of the month tea and coffee, there will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall, with a particular focus on breakfast products. Why not join us?

### 200 CLUB DRAW (FEBRUARY)

Congratulations to the following winners: John Reid (£58), Maureen Koller (£43.50), Peggie Moss (£29) and Colette Williamson (£14.50).

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### PARISH AGM

Congratulations to Natalie Zammit, Siobhan Corcoran and Linda Yates who were elected as the new members of the Parish Pastoral Council at the AGM last Sunday. Fr Shaun's Report to the AGM and the AGM Minutes are available on the AGM tab of the parish website.

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### THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW – OUR THANKSGIVING WINDOW

This weekend and next parishioners will have the opportunity to choose the pane that they would like to sponsor. We would be grateful for payment at the time please, ideally by cheque made payable to St John the Evangelist, Mill End. We will not be able to hold a particular pane for you without payment at that time.

The window will contain 92 individual panes of coloured glass and we hope that parishioners will sponsor them in thanksgiving for loved ones, living or departed. We are asking a minimum donation of £15 to £55 depending on the size of pane. The total cost of the window (including the new window frames which will contain and support it) will be £31,000, so if parishioners wish to give a larger donation than the minimum donation, this would be very welcome.

### READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR HOLY WEEK – PLEASE SIGN UP!

Would Readers and Ministers of Communion who can exercise their ministries during Holy Week please sign up on the list on the porch notice board.

### 200 CLUB DRAW (FEBRUARY)

Congratulations to the following winners: Mrs Gibson (£25); Mrs Abel (£20) and Garry Beaton (£15).

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE FLAT AND RE-ORDERING THE CHAPEL

After Easter Sunday the church will be closed as the re-ordering work begins. This will mean that there will be no weekend Masses (as well as no weekday Masses) at St John Fisher for six to eight weeks. During that time, parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at Our Lady's in Rickmansworth, St John's in Mill End or one of the other local churches. We will coordinate travel to our sister parishes for parishioners with no access to a car. A list is on the noticeboard to try and pair up those who require help with travel with drivers who are willing to take passengers to a specific Mass. Any Readers or Ministers of Communion who would like to exercise their ministry at either Our Lady's or St John's, Mill End, should contact Fr Shaun. Members of St John Fisher choir will also be very welcome to come and sing with the choirs of the other two parishes whilst St John Fisher is closed for the re-ordering.

### COME AND JOIN THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK!

A very warm welcome is extended to any parishioners who would like to come and join the choir for Holy Week. Rehearsals take place on the Wednesdays of March at 7.30pm in the church and last usually less than an hour. You don't have to commit to anything beyond Easter and it doesn't matter if you can't read music, or read it well. So, why not come and give it a go!

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER SERVICES

We need help with the various Easter services please - welcomers, readers, Ministers of Communion and people willing to have their feet washed. Please sign up on the noticeboard. Thank you.

**NEXT LADIES' MEETING** - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am, at Edith Moid's home, No.2 Grenville Court. All very welcome.

### MISSIO/RED BOXES

Please would you bring your red boxes on the next two weekends, 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to collect the emptied boxes by Easter Sunday at the latest, as after that our chapel will be shut. Thank you very much.

	This week 5 / 6 March				Next week 12 / 13 March			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	M Fields	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	Marguerite Watkins	GF	C Pierce	C Johnson	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass	M Calvert	M Williamson	J McEwen	Don Williamson	A Opie	N Johnson	L Turnbull	Ann Brew
6 March	Laundry: V Terrill			12 March Church Cleaning: A Brew				