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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) - 14TH MAY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The conversation in this Sunday's gospel resembles something of a comedy double act routine: *You know the way; we don't know the way; I am the way. Show us the Father; whoever sees me has seen the Father; show us the Father; the Father is in me.* Jesus and the disciples are on two different wavelengths. Jesus is revealing who he and the Father are; the disciples are just not getting it. Hence the almost manic tone of the circular conversation.

This gospel's seemingly circular conversation reveals how persistent Jesus is in leading the disciples and us home to his Father. We tend to imagine in heaven, a distant place high above the earth. But in Jesus we discover God in human flesh, and we see God face-to-face. How do we encounter this God who is so near us? Through Jesus, "the way, the truth and the life."

What is the path around the bases of life that leads us to our eternal home? Believing. Taking up Jesus' way. Living his truth. Receiving his Life.

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
In the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Response to Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia!

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £613.50; Loose Plate: £512.24; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1635.74**

Mill End: Envelopes: £388.28; Loose Plate: £315.20; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £900.48**

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 14TH MAY	8.45am 10.30am 12.30pm	First Communion Class First Holy Communion Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
MON 15TH MAY	11.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Funeral Mass - Georgina Griggs RIP Rehearsal for 1 st Communion Mass (20 th May) Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 16TH MAY	6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm	Youth Group (Year 7-8) - Hall Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
WED 17TH MAY	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 18TH MAY	6.00pm - 8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Youth Group (Year 9-11) - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 19TH MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH 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 St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 13 TH MAY	NO 10.00AM MASS TODAY	6pm (Vigil) Nellie Clifford RIP	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 Margaret Connor RIP	9am Michael Fields RIP
MONDAY 15 TH MAY	9.30am Private Intention	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 16 TH MAY	9.30am Kathleen Donnelly RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 17 TH MAY		9.30am Ann Parker RIP	
THURSDAY 18 TH MAY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 19 TH MAY	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 20 TH MAY	NO 10.00AM MASS TODAY	6pm (Vigil) Nesta Grace Smith RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21 ST MAY <i>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Patrik Biel RIP (Anniv.) 11am Fr Jim Duffy - 50 th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood 6pm Nancy Lannon RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Rosanna Hanson 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

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.

PREPARING FOR AND CELEBRATING PENTECOST

The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 5:22)." Pope Francis, Homily Pentecost Sunday 2015.

In response to the invitation of Pope Francis to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church there will be an evening of prayer incorporating a Pentecost Novena on Thursday 1st June from 8pm in Our Lady's church. In addition and in solidarity with celebrations being held in Rome there will also be an opportunity to celebrate the feast of Pentecost by enjoying refreshments and cake in Our Lady's church hall after 6pm Mass on 4th June.

All are very welcome.

REQUESTS FOR REFERENCES

From time to time parishioners ask the parish clergy to act as a referee on their behalf. Fr Shaun and Fr Mark are happy to help with this where possible. However, as a matter of courtesy, and in order to make the reference process run smoothly, parishioners should please contact the priest from whom they are requesting a reference *prior* to submitting their application form. Thank you.

GEORGINA GRIGGS RIP

The Funeral Mass of Georgina Griggs will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 15th May at 11.00am**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

SISTER TERESA McLOUGHLIN RIP

Sister Teresa McLoughlin, Daughter of Jesus, formerly known as Sister Mary Anthony, died on 4th May 2017. Sister taught mainly in S.E.London, but for a brief period she worked in the Primary School here at St John's, 1964-1967. Her funeral will take place in the Ursuline Chapel in Westgate on Sea, Kent. We commend her to your prayers.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It's not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.redow.org.uk/donations

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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21st May at 12.30pm** in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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 27th May at 2.00pm** in Our Lady's hall.

GUIDED TOUR - SUNDAY 14TH MAY

As part of Ricky Week, there will be a guided tour of Our Lady's by the historian of the parish, Peter Waters, at 3 o'clock. Meet him outside the church porch or inside once started. No charge but donations to the church gratefully received.

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.

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.

Youth Group

Year 7-8 will meet on **Tuesday 16 May, 6-7.30 pm @ Mill End.**

Year 9-11 will meet on **Thursday 18 May, 6-8 pm @ Rickmansworth.**

Easter Catechesis

All year 7 & 8's are invited to come along for some crafting and catechesis, and lots of chatting. Our final session will be on **Tuesday 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

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need a few new people to join our dedicated team of church cleaners. If you would be willing to help please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or contact the Church Cleaning rota co-ordinator, Rowan Mangion at gourmetrowan@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Communion Mass will take place on 20th May at 10.30am. The rehearsal will take place in the church at **5.30pm** on 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

Due to the First Holy Communion Mass there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on **Saturday 20th May**. Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 27th May.

200 CLUB DRAW (APRIL)

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 28th May** 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!

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Communion Mass will take place on 14th May at 10.30am.

200 CLUB DRAW (APRIL)

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

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

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.

NO COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY 14th

As we'll be preparing the church for the Christian Aid market. Please stay and help with that instead!

PARISH BBQ – SUNDAY 2ND JULY

Please put the date of our lunchtime Summer BBQ in your diary. We will need volunteers to assist with the event, including help with the preparation of the food, drinks and setting up the garden. If you can help in any way, please add your name list to the list on the noticeboard.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS HERE!!!

Thanks for all you have done so far, a record number of hanging baskets and plants pre-ordered and promises of goods and help. Here is how you can give further help:

1. **Sunday 10am.** Set up market : move chairs, bring in tables, books and bric a brac.
2. **Bake and bring in your lovely cakes and goodies on the Friday and Saturday 19th and 20th.** Also any time bring your books, bric a brac, silent auction items and plants.
3. **Silent Auction.** Our beautiful donated oil painting by Sheila MacLeod Robertson, member of the Royal Society of Maritime Artists, is now on display over our piano at the rear of the church. Personal or telephone bids will be accepted by Mary Latimer 284975 until Thursday evening. Then silent bids take over at the market and it closes at 12.30pm on Saturday 20th. Reserve price £200.
4. **Most importantly** – do bring yourselves and your children to enjoy the fun of our market. Meet your friends for coffee and cake, preorder (Juliet 283602 or Mary 284975) a delicious ploughman's lunch on Friday, marvel at the wonderful books, bric a brac and cakes and prepare to be amazed at our beautiful plant stall.
5. **After the Show!!!** The clear up. Please come at 1pm on Saturday 20th to return our church into its proper state. With a large enough number of people, we can be cleared up by 2.30pm latest. Thank you very much.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
13/14 May	A Dennis	GF	C Johnson	M Calvert	C Holly	E Price	Ann & Marguerite	S Treanor
20/21 May	J Ingham	M Foggo	M Fields	A Opie	L Munro	F Holly	Patsy & Peter	V Terrill

GENERAL NOTICES

YOUNG ADULTS MEET UP

There is a meet up for 20s and 30s organised by the young people of St Bede's Church to take place on **22nd May** at **7.30pm** in Hidden Bar in Watford and we hope that young people from Our Lady's, St John the Evangelist, St John Fisher and other local parishes will be able to attend. Please contact Sophie if needed, for any more details on 07969 648166. Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible!