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5th SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 22nd MARCH 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

How much some athletes, rock and movie stars, politicians, even ourselves sacrifice to achieve glorification that is, in the end, short-lived. This sacrifice and glorification is self-serving. Jesus indicates another kind of sacrifice and glorification that ultimately is also “self-serving,” but in another way.

Jesus teaches us that what leads to glorification is dying to self, losing our lives, serving him and others. He has shown us the way by being “lifted up from the earth.” Unlike the self-serving and short-lived glorification fabricated by human beings, the glorification Jesus promises is “eternal life” given by God. Seeking this glorification is “self-serving” in a good way: we become who God created and intends us to be.

Opportunities for dying to self, losing life for the sake of others, and serving Jesus in others are abundant; we need only to see them and respond. For example, parents giving time and energy to help their children to grow; employees speaking the truth even when there is personal cost; neighbours responding to the needs of the poor. The glorification we receive for being other-centred is given to us even now in the joy that comes from deepened relationships, from seeing the relief and gratitude of others, from our own satisfaction for having acted like Jesus. In such faithful discipleship, we grow toward the ultimate glorification of eternal Life.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning, rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Response to Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11; **Gospel:** Mark 14:1 - 15:47

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £642.08; Loose Plate: £408.18; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1549.26**

Mill End: Envelopes: £227.37; Loose Plate: £162.95; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £484.07**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 22ND MARCH	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 11.30am	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Meeting of St John the Evangelist's Parish Pastoral Council	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
MON 23RD MARCH	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Holy Hour with Benediction Youth Worker Meeting - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH MARCH	7.30pm 7.30pm	Confirmation Session - Hall Meeting of the Chairs of the three Pastoral Councils with Bishop John Sherrington	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 25TH MARCH	7.30pm	Lent with SS Francis and Clare	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 26TH MARCH	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Reconciliation Service Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH MARCH	10.00am 10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 28TH MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms	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
SATURDAY 21 ST MARCH	10am For the Sick and House-bound 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.)
MONDAY 23 RD MARCH	9.30am Martin & Nina Burke RIP	9.30am Ron Scahill RIP	
TUESDAY 24 TH MARCH	9.30am Bertie Fox RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 25 TH MARCH <i>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i>		9.30am John & Mary Gibson RIP	
THURSDAY 26 TH MARCH	9.30am Rahal & Ethan Gursahani (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 27 TH MARCH	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		9.30am Fr Jim Brand RIP (Anniv.)
SATURDAY 28 TH MARCH	10am Joe Stuart RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mary Gibbs RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 29 TH MARCH	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP	10.45am For the People of the Parish	9am Malcolm Stacey (RIP)

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

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

A reminder that the clocks go forward one hour next weekend.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offerings at the Easter Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Mark. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked *Easter Offering*. If you do not use Planned Giving, there are loose *Easter Offering* envelopes available at the back of church. If you know that you are going to be away for Easter you might wish to put your Easter Offering envelope into the collection either this weekend or next. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/16

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

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 third and final Scrutiny. This is 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.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 23rd March – Holy Hour with Benediction – St John Fisher, Chorleywood – 7.15pm

Wednesday 25th March – Lent with SS Francis and Clare – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm

Friday 27th March – Stations of the Cross – St John the Evangelist, Mill End – 8.00pm

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

There will be a Lenten Penitential service this **Thursday at 7.30pm** at 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.

Other local celebrations of the sacrament of Reconciliation will be at: Holy Rood, Watford – Wednesday 25th March – 10.30am and St Helen's, North Watford – Tuesday 31st March – 7.30pm

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

There will be a meeting at 7.30pm this Monday 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. We hope that a good number of interested parishioners will attend the meeting and become involved in carrying this important project forward.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL READERS

The rota for Holy Week is at the back of the Church. If you have not received an email with this rota please collect a copy. This is a very important rota so please let me know asap if there are any problems. Dee Barker 01923 710112.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If any parishioners would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the Easter flowers they are welcome to do so. Please put your offering in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and either hand it to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark or post it through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would Altar Servers wishing to serve at the Holy Week liturgies please come to the appropriate rehearsal(s):

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) – **Rehearsal: Thursday 2nd April – 10.30am**

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – **Rehearsal: Friday 3rd April – 10.30am**

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) – **Rehearsal: Saturday 4th April – 2.00pm**

Servers are invited to serve at more than one of these liturgies, if they are able.

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

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - a total of £849.64 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PALM SUNDAY – MORNING MASS

A reminder that Mass will begin at 10.45am **not 10.30am**. As we did last year, we will begin our celebration on the green space on Berry Lane with our brothers and sisters from St Peter's. If it is raining we will begin at St John's.

ROTAS - the new rota's for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Welcome, Readers and Offertory are available now at the back of the church.

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

APF/RED BOX HOLDERS - Spring Catalogues/Newsletters are now available. There are envelopes available for you to empty your box at home. Please bring your filled envelope back into church by this weekend - 21/22 March.

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - YOUTH WORKER PROJECT

There will be a meeting at 7.30pm this Monday 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

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - a total of £496.66 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

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.

FR JIM BRAND RIP

The 9.30am Mass next Friday, 27 March, will be offered for Fr Jim Brand on the second anniversary of his death. Coffee will be served after Mass.

PARISH WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce that Duncan Farnsworth, and his son James, have volunteered maintain the parish website. We also wish to express our sincere thanks to Phil Ellis for his many years of dedicated work on the parish website and for overseeing the transfer to the new website. If you have any items for the website please contact Duncan and James at sjf_web@yahoo.co.uk.

MARY'S MEALS

Hello mums, I am once again asking for backpacks and outgrown t-shirts, shorts and skirts to be sent to Africa. Please leave in the lounge. Thank you - Mary L.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with CAFOD, our Parish Garden, and 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 or Fr Mark.

EASTER CARDS - a good selection of cards is available in the lounge.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - a total of £293.00 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

	This Week 21 March / 22 March				Next Week 28 March / 29 March			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	G F	A Penn	P. Goble	Carolyn Opie	E O'Sullivan	R Ellis	M Latimer	Marguerite Watkins
9am Mass	M Leadbetter	J Donohoe	J Hale	Denis Gibney	M Gibson	J Hale	D Gibney	Ann Brew
22 March	Laundry: T Price			27 March	Church Cleaning: M Calvert			