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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) - 21ST MAY 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Love can sometimes be used to manipulate others to do something we want. We might say, "If you love me, you'll give me this" ... "if you will love me, you'll do that for me". However, when Jesus says to us, "If you love me," he is not manipulating us. Instead, he is inviting us into the life and love of the Holy Trinity.

Jesus begins this discourse to the disciples with "If you love ..." Of course we love Jesus! But there is more to what Jesus is saying than meets the eye. When Jesus says to keep his commandments as a sign of our love for him, he is not speaking only about the Ten Commandments. He is saying that *if* we love him, we will live as he lived. We are able to live in this way and, therefore, show our love for him, because the Father sends the Spirit to dwell within us.

The kind of loving and living Jesus commands of us is not easy. Loving Jesus demands that we, for example, comfort others who feel alone, live the truth of the Gospel no matter the cost, take time to remain with those who are sick and suffering, and see the goodness and inherent dignity in others. In our loving, believing, and living we are not orphans: Jesus, his Father, and the "Spirit of truth" are in us and acting through us.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Response to Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings (during the day)

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £504.23; Loose Plate: £553.49; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1567.72**

Mill End: Envelopes: £265.50; Loose Plate: £343.15; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £805.65**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of April - **£3119.46**

Priest Training Fund: £1118.62 (Rickmansworth); £256.23 (Mill End); £287.50 (Chorleywood).

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 21ST MAY	8.45am 12.30pm 7.15pm	First Communion Class SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John Fisher St John's School Coach & Horses
MON 22ND MAY	7.30pm 8.00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 23RD MAY	10.00am 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm	SVP Meeting - Hall Easter Catechesis & Crafting (Year 7-8) - Hall Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
WED 24TH MAY	8.00pm	Chorleywood PPC Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 25TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH MAY	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Confirmation	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 27TH MAY	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 4.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation Rehearsal for 1 st Communion Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tea and Coffee after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
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 (Anniv.)
MONDAY 22 ND MAY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Margaret Connor RIP	
TUESDAY 23 RD MAY	9.30am Mazurkiewicz Family RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 24 TH MAY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 25 TH MAY <i>PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 26 TH MAY <i>St PHILIP NERI, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Ann Parker RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 27 TH MAY <i>St AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP</i>	10.00am Stephen Birch RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28 TH MAY <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am Bridget Neary RIP (Anniv.) 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm John P Tighe RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Patricia Ryan RIP (Anniv.)

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

THREE PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DI COMPOSTELA, VIA THE PORTUGUESE COASTAL ROUTE – 26TH MAY TO 2ND JUNE 2018

Booking is now open for our 2018 walking pilgrimage to Santiago via the last 100km of the Portuguese Coastal route. The shortest day's walk will be 9.3 miles and the longest will be 15.5 miles and the total distance walked will be about 79.5 miles (128km). The pilgrimage is being organised through *Camino Ways* and more details of the route can be found on their website at: <http://caminoways.com/ways/portuguese-coastal-way-caminho-da-costa/portuguese-coastal-way-section-2>

The cost of the pilgrimage will be €868 (c. £738) per person (sharing a twin room) or €1,052 (c. £894) for a single room. **Please note that there is now only one more single room available.** Flights are **not** included and are being arranged separately. Included in the price are local transfers between Porto airport and hotel (and return), a local tour guide, transfer of luggage along the route and half-board (breakfast and dinner) throughout. Information about the pilgrimage, about the arrangements being offered regarding the booking of flights and how to book a place on the pilgrimage are all available in the parishes this weekend and also on all three parish websites.

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 envelope 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. There are now only 7 places left.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JIM!

Saturday 20th May 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Fr Jim's ordination to the priesthood. We congratulate Fr Jim on this special anniversary, remembering with grateful thanks his ministry here as Parish Priest. The 11.00am Mass at Our Lady's this Sunday will be offered for Fr Jim's intentions.

GROWING IN FAITH - UPDATE

The quarterly *Growing in Faith* newsletter is available in all three parishes this weekend and the latest *Growing in Faith* parish bulletins are also posted on the noticeboards of their respective parishes.

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday 9th July**, 12 noon at Our Lady's Rickmansworth, we're planning a BBQ and some games - a chance for young people to bring along their families, and for the wider parish community to get to know our young people.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2018 and Secondary Transfer 2018

If you are new to the parish, and have not been issued with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2018** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a **September 2018** place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Purtill on lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk or 01923 897957.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

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.

CRECHE AT 11AM MASS

There is a crèche with toys and books for pre-school children (walking age upwards, as long as they're happy to be left) which runs throughout the year, usually alongside the Children's Liturgy, for the first half of the 11am Mass. This is not for school-aged children who can join the Children's Liturgy group in the small hall (during term time). We organise a rota on a two monthly basis and in September we will lose the majority of our volunteers when their youngest children start school so it may no longer be viable to run it. If you'd like to join us (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please pop into the hall or contact Helen Nolan on helenvnolan@ntlworld.com or 07980 600549.

MISSIO - would promoters please collect Spring Magazines from the church porch. Thank you.

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!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING – WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

The next meeting of the PPC will take at 8pm on Wednesday 24th May. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should submit these to Malcolm Golin (PPC Secretary) malcolmgolin@outlook.com. Alternatively, parishioners can approach an individual PPC member (the names of all PPC members are listed on the parish website).

COFFEE AND TEA

All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass next **Saturday 27th May**.

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 27th May at 4pm.

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:

With grateful thanks to all who offered their help so willingly in both the house to house collections and in our market. As I am writing this, rain is being forecast, so I hope we have not been washed away down the hill. We hope to have interim market results for you this weekend and final figures next weekend with the full Chorleywood figures later. With renewed thanks from Eddie, Maureen and Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
20/21 May	J Ingham	M Foggo	C Johnson	A Opie	L Munro	F Holly	Patsy & Peter	V Terrill
27/28 May	E O'Sullivan	A Roberts	J McEwen	U Lean	J Donohoe	L Turnbull	Francis & Una	C Steet

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!

We're going trampolining!

Year 6-13, Sat 10 June @ Gravity Force St Albans

All young people are very welcome, and you are very welcome to bring friends as well! If you want to come but struggle to get the form in on time (forms are in the porch/in the back of the church), just email me (ankevos@rcdow.org.uk) before **Sunday 28 May** to let me know and we can sort out the other bits later.

Easter Catechesis & Crafting

This **Tuesday 23 May**, 6-7.30 pm
@ Mill End parish hall
for all year 7 and 8s.

We've got lots of tissue paper, PVA glue and bits of cardboard all ready for some crafting! And for a making a bit of a mess, maybe. Just a little bit.

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) **this Sunday 21 May** for a drink and a chat.