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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 10TH MAY 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

From whom do we learn the real meaning of joy and love? From self-giving parents, the serenity of those who suffer chronic pain, from patient teachers, from hospice caregivers, from those who are faithful to their life commitments, from someone who lives out of deep faith.

Jesus is the master teacher of the real meaning of joy and love. He faithfully kept his Father's commandments, he loved unconditionally, he revealed his Father's plan of salvation, he appointed his followers to continue his saving mission and bear fruit, he laid down his life for us.

The joy of Easter exhibits itself in the persistent, quiet ways we lay down our lives for others. We lay down our lives when we take time to have eye contact and really listen to another, when we spend time with the lonely or seemingly friendless, when we uncomplainingly pursue the mundane tasks of daily living. In these and many other ways we reveal that we have learned the real meaning of joy and love. We reveal that we are living the Easter mystery.

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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Response to Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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)

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-13; **Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £520.35; Loose Plate: £456.37; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1457.72**

Mill End: Envelopes: £263.43; Loose Plate: £150.40; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £507.58**

Chorleywood: Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 10TH MAY	8.45am - 9.30am	First Holy Communion Class	St John Fisher
MON 11TH MAY	10.00am 8.00pm 8.00pm	Rosary Choir Practice Chorleywood Finance Committee Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
TUE 12TH MAY	7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall Mill End Finance Committee Meeting RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady's Presbytery Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 13TH MAY	7.30pm	SJF Music Group	St John Fisher
THU 14TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 15TH MAY	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 16TH MAY	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Baptism Preparation Course - Hall Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - David Tuck and Caroline Bruce Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians 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 9 TH MAY	11.00am First Holy Communion Mass	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Michael Fields RIP
SUNDAY 10 TH MAY <i>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Heather Kean (Ints.)	10.30am Patrick O'Connor RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 11 TH MAY	9.30am Patricia Montesdeoca (Ints.)	9.30am Peggy O'Connor RIP	
TUESDAY 12 TH MAY	9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish		No Mass this week
WEDNESDAY 13 TH MAY		9.30am John & Kevin Tydings RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 14 TH MAY ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	9.30am Andrew Dumughn RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 15 TH MAY	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP	7.30pm	No Mass this week
SATURDAY 16 TH MAY	10.00am Margaret Connor RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17 TH MAY <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP and Fabby Montesdeoca (Ints.) 6pm Margaret Connor RIP	10.30am Margaret Connor RIP	9am Rosanna Hanson 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, Maureen Douglas and Maria Wallis.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Margaret (Meg) Cunningham, Imogen Bailey and Harry Lennon.

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

CAFOD NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. There will be a retiring collection this weekend in support of CAFOD's appeal.

RUNNING CLUB

A parishioner from Our Lady's (Maria Gilmore) has suggested the idea of starting a Running Club for the parishes. It will be a group for runners of all abilities from 18 years old upwards. Distances and routes will be negotiated. Maria proposes that would-be runners meet outside Our Lady's on a Monday evening at 7.00 pm. The first run will take place on **Monday 18th May**.

FR GRAHAM GILLMAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

This summer Fr Graham celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. To mark this special anniversary Fr Graham will be celebrating the **11am Mass on Sunday 28th June** at Our Lady's. Fr Graham has played an important part in the life of Our Lady's parish for many years and over the last 18 months or so has become a familiar figure at both St John Fisher, Chorleywood and St John, the Evangelist's, Mill End, where he has celebrated Masses when Fr Shaun or Fr Mark have been away. There will be a special collection for anyone who would like to contribute to a gift for Fr Graham to mark this important anniversary. Special envelopes are available this weekend marked **Fr Graham's 40th Anniversary Gift**. Any contributions should be either posted through the Presbytery letterbox or handed to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. Cheques should be made payable to **Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth**.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING

On **Friday 22nd May, 7.30pm**, there will be a meeting in Our Lady's hall for those coming on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will be an opportunity to meet each other over some light refreshments and find out a little more about Lourdes, what we can expect on the pilgrimage and the significance of Lourdes as a pilgrimage destination.

REGISTRATION FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

In June and July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in **2016**. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2015 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Saturday 27th June – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Monday 29th June – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Wednesday 1st July – St John the Evangelist Church, Mill End – 5.30pm to 6.30pm

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate.

You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance. **First Communion preparation will continue to take place in the three parishes.**

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 16th May at 10.00am in Our Lady's hall.

FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Faith Matters Discussion Group is a forum to reflect, discuss and debate different aspects of our Catholic faith and life. The group meets at St John the Evangelist's parish hall, Mill End every Tuesday. This week the discussion will be on Marian Apparitions - Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY

Due to 1st Holy Communion Mass and the Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Communion there will be **no** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on **Saturday 23rd May** and **Saturday 30th May**.

RICKMANSWORTH CHURCHES HOUSING ASSOCIATION - Wensum Court, 221 High Street.

Are holding their coffee morning for Ricky Week on **Wednesday 13th May at 10.30am**. Everybody welcome.

RICKY WEEK - SUNDAY 10TH MAY

Peter Waters (author of the histories of Our Lady's and St John's, Mill End) will be giving a conducted tour of Our Lady's at **3pm** (meet outside the porch or in the church once started). **No charge** but donations to Our Lady's welcome.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The school is planning to mark the occasion with some great events which will include a tea party for all the children and staff. A logo designing competition for the children which will be used on all our materials for this year and going forward. There is a family fun day planned in the summer term and many more besides.

We are trying to track down old pupils, governors, parents, teachers and staff who were at the school back in 1965. I am putting together a booklet recounting the events of the school from 1965 along with old photos of the school and pupils' that attended back then. If any one has any stories, photos, articles or documents referring to the school from 1965 I would love to hear from them, my contact details are Annettelounaughton@gmail.com Mobile: 07875409860.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Stephanie Caw and David Flavin who were married here on Saturday 2nd May. May they be blessed with many years of happiness and be a witness and reminder to us of God's faithful love, made present in the sacrament of their marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sam McColgan who was baptised here on Sunday 26th April. Please pray for him, that he will grow to be a faithful disciple of the Lord in the years ahead, and that his parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

APF MISSIO - would promoters please collect the Spring magazine from the church porch for distribution.

GARDEN OF REST

A new fountain has been installed in the central flowerbed and the flowerbed has been replanted. This has been made possible thanks to a donation by the Montesdeoca family, in memory of Ramiro Montesdeoca, whose ashes are buried in the Garden of Rest. We are very grateful to the Montesdeoca family for their generosity. The new fountain and the new planting (which will be a blaze of colour as the spring progresses) will greatly add to the beauty and tranquillity of this peaceful and prayerful place.

MORNING PRAYER AT OUR LADY'S

Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated at **9.10am** at Our Lady's on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We encourage parishioners who will be attending the 9.30am Mass on those days to come along and take part. At first it can be a little confusing to find the correct pages in the breviary, but guidance is always given and the more regularly you join in the more familiar you will become with how the celebration of the Daily Office works.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 19TH MAY

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about parish life that you would like discussed please contact either Samantha Benson (Chair) at rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk or Michael Curtin (Secretary) at rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk. If you don't have access to the internet you can write to either Samantha or Michael c/o The Presbytery, 5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Parishioners will remember that the Growing in Faith project chosen by Fr Peter was the re-ordering of the sanctuary with a new stone floor, ambo and altar. I am very keen to move this project forward, but feel that we need to look at the church as a whole. With the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee I've been developing plans for improvements to the church, including new stained glass and lighting, as well as developing the original plans for the sanctuary. I would like to share these plans with you and so there will be a meeting at **4pm** on **Sunday 24 May** in the church. All parishioners are invited to come along and see and hear about the plans for the re-ordering of the church. This is a very exciting project which will transform the interior of the church and greatly enhance it as the centre of our worshipping life as a parish community. *Fr Shaun*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BEFORE THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Beginning this weekend there will be 25 minutes of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the 6.00pm Mass each week. Exposition will begin at 5.30pm and will conclude at 5.55pm. Prayer before Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, is an important part of Catholic worship and devotion. We hope that parishioners who attend the 6.00pm Mass will avail themselves of this weekly opportunity for quiet and reflective prayer. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar it is important that those arriving at the church for Mass try to be as silent as possible so that we can maintain an atmosphere of prayer and devotion.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES - the 10.30am Mass this Sunday and on 17th May will be First Communion Masses.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be **no 9.30am** Mass at St John Fisher, Chorleywood on **Tuesday 12th May** or **Friday 15th May** due to preparation for the Christian Aid events.

CHRISTIAN AID MARKET AT ST JOHN FISHER

The market at SJF will be held on Friday 15 May from 10am to 5pm and Saturday 16 May from 10am to 1pm. Please continue to search your cupboards for good bric-a-brac, books & items for the silent auction. Please also get ready to bake cakes and savouries! Most importantly, come along and enjoy. *Mary Latimer*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BEFORE THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Beginning on **Saturday 6th June** there will be 25 minutes of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the 6.00pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Exposition will begin at 5.30pm and conclude at 5.55pm. Prayer before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament is an important part of Catholic worship and devotion. We hope that parishioners who attend the 6.00pm Mass will avail themselves of this monthly opportunity for quiet and reflective prayer. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar it is important that those arriving at the church for Mass try to be as silent as possible so that we can maintain an atmosphere of prayer and devotion.

FR PETER STEVENS

Fr Peter is rather poorly in St Anne's Care Home, Stoke Newington, but he sends us his love. Please remember him in your prayers. *Mary Latimer*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM - will be held on **Monday 18 May** at **8.00pm**. All parishioners are welcome.

	This Week 9 / 10 May				Next Week 16 / 17 May			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	M Foggo	S Hoy	P Goble	Peter Mackie	A Dennis	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	Mark Gibson
9am Mass	J Hale	K Cottingham	E Price	Francis Holly	D Treanor	J Whelan	F Holly	Una Lean
10 May Laundry: T Price		15 May Church Cleaning: Volunteer						