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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

1ST MAY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

All our lives, we teach and learn. Our first teachers are parents and school teachers. Maturing into adulthood, our teachers are honest friends, loving spouses, those who challenge us and our way of living. But how many of us think very often of the Holy Spirit as our teacher?

When we hear the “believe”, we often think of the Creed. But this is only one part of our believing. The Holy Spirit is our constant teacher who guides us in our daily choices, bringing us to the kind of believing made visible in the way we live. Believing is living what the Spirit teaches us.

The easier challenge is believing in the tenets of the Creed. The difficult challenge is experiencing how the Spirit who dwells within us actually guides us. Sometimes this guidance comes through good counsel of spouse, friends, colleagues. At other times this guidance becomes apparent through quiet moments of reflection on our lives. Sometimes this guidance is experienced through our witnessing the good others do. Our responses to these promptings of the Spirit are expressions of believing. Believing is living what the Spirit teaches 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 15:1-2. 22-29

Response to Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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; Luke 24:46-53 (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: £551.76; Loose Plate: £403.63; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1465.39**

Mill End: Envelopes: £257.10; Loose Plate: £203.56; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £559.66**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of March amounted to **£1967.31**

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

SUN 1ST MAY	9.30am 9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall First Communion Class (St John Fisher) - Upper Room (Hall)	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 2ND MAY	7.00pm	Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 3RD MAY	5.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal First Holy Communion Rehearsal Confirmation Session - Hall Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
WED 4TH MAY			
THU 5TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 6TH MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 7TH MAY	10.30am 2.30pm 5.30pm	NO Holy Hour or Confessions this week First Holy Communion Mass First Holy Communion Mass (St John Fisher) 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 30 TH APRIL		6pm (Vigil) Betty Linnane RIP	
SUNDAY 1 ST MAY <i>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Margaret O'Donoghue RIP 6pm Margaret Breen RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Frank McHugh RIP	
MONDAY 2ND MAY <i>St ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP (Ints.)	9.30am Martin McCarron (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 3RD MAY <i>SS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES</i>	9.30am Marcelle Farrow (Ints.)		
WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i>		9.30am Anni Kate McManamon RIP	
THURSDAY 5 TH MAY	9.30am Frank Waters RIP		
FRIDAY 6 TH MAY	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		
SATURDAY 7 TH MAY		6pm (Vigil) Frank Page RIP (Anniv.)	
SUNDAY 8 TH MAY <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am Rosanna Hanson RIP 11am Michael Fields RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am 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 Jeannine Simonds

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

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

Readers and Ministers of Communion should now have received from your respective rota coordinators information about the arrangements for the Day of Recollection on **Saturday 4th June**. Please be sure to have returned your reply slips by **Saturday 28th May** at the latest.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

In June and July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2017. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2016 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:

Tuesday 5th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Monday 11th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 16th July – St John the Evangelist Hall, Mill End – 10.30am to 11.30am

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.

ORGAN RECITAL BY MARTIN BAKER

At **7.30pm** on **Saturday 21st May**, Martin Baker, the Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral will be coming to Our Lady's to give a recital on the new Skrabl pipe organ. We hope that many parishioners from the three parishes will come along to this special occasion. Martin is one of the finest organists in the country, with an international reputation, and so an evening of sublime organ music is guaranteed. No ticket is required for the recital, but there will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Chess Valley Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

THREE PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT

As one of our three evangelisation projects for the *Proclaim Westminster* initiative we have now established a three-parish Twitter account. Our Twitter account can be accessed at "**@ChessValleyRC**". We will be regularly "tweeting" information about events in the parishes, in the diocese and in the wider Catholic Church. It's a great way for you to stay up to date with what's happening in the Church both locally and further afield. I am very grateful to Samantha Benson (Our Lady's), Duncan Farnsworth (St John Fisher) and Roisin McAleavy (St John the Evangelist) for setting up the Twitter account and for agreeing to administer it on behalf of the three parish communities. We encourage parishioners to sign up to our exciting new venture into the world of social media!

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TRANSFER: September 2017 and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you are new to the parish, have not been issued by us with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2017** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY

There was a request at Our Lady's AGM that the Rosary be prayed after the weekday Masses throughout May. If you would be willing to lead the Rosary one or more Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (at Our Lady's) or a Wednesday (at John's, Mill End) please sign up on the list on the porch noticeboards at Our Lady's or at St John's Mill End.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – SATURDAY 27TH MAY TO SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2017

In the May half term of 2017 I will be offering you the opportunity to take part in a special version of the final week of the Camino pilgrimage (St James' Way) walking from Sarria into Santiago de Compostela. During this eight night (six days walking) pilgrimage we will complete the final 100km (70 miles) of the St James' Way - all you need to walk to become an official Pilgrim in Santiago and qualifying for a Pilgrim Certificate. The days are shorter than the full version of this pilgrimage leaving you plenty of time to complete each day at your own pace and still have time to explore your destination before dinner. Walking this section of the Camino involves average daily distances of about 11 miles (longest day 15 miles) and follows well marked paths with good surfaces. Walkers' luggage will be transported from each hotel to the next enabling you to travel with a day rucksack.

The estimated cost for the pilgrimage will be around £1,150 per person (plus single room supplement, if required). This price include flights, transfers, baggage transfers, 8 nights in higher grade hotels and 8 breakfasts and dinners.

At this stage I am seeking only an expression of interest (**absolute commitment is not necessary at this stage**). If you have a **serious interest** in joining this pilgrimage, please sign up on the lists available at Our Lady's and at St John's, Mill End. Once I have an idea of the likely numbers of potential pilgrims, I will be able to confirm prices and provide firm details, itineraries and booking forms. *Fr Shaun*

YOUTH EVENT – HELP NEEDED

We are looking to organise a fun day for children in school years 6 to 9, with outdoor activities (weather permitting!!!) and make your own pizzas. We would welcome help to make this day a success, so if you have some ideas and can spare a few hours please contact katie: katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk or 07518 352478. If you're in years 10-13 we'd love to hear from you too!!!

BIBLE STUDY COURSE FOR THE THREE PARISHES – UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an eight-part DVD study course, which provides an easy way to understand the Bible. It will help you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. It will help you to make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life; to discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testament; to see how the Sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture ... and much more! You will be given a copy of the Bible Timeline – a fold-out Timeline of Salvation History - which tracks the growth of God's family from Creation to the establishment of the Church. You just need to bring along a Bible. The course is currently taking place on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (finishing at 9.00pm) at **St John's Parish Centre, Mill End**. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible!

CHORLEYWOOD CHRISTIAN AID, HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTS

This is your very last chance to order. Please ring Mary Latimer on 01923 284975 this weekend. The order is processed on Monday!! Many thanks to all who have ordered so far.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY AND JUNE

Due to First Holy Communion Masses and the Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Communion there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on the following Saturdays: **Saturday 7th May, Saturday 14th May, Saturday 21st May, Saturday 28th May and Saturday 4th June.** Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 11th June.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (1st MAY)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday.

LOOK – NEW CHILDREN’S MASS LEAFLET

This weekend we are introducing a children’s Mass leaflet, entitled **Look**. The leaflet has a number of fun activities for younger children, all of which are connected with the Sunday Gospel themes. If your child wasn’t offered one as you came into Mass, please do collect one from one of the Welcomers.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

Two of the members of the Sunday money counting team are stepping down. We thank John Wilson and Roy Langdale for their time and support. Roy has been on the Sunday rota for many, many years and continues to be a part of the Monday counting/banking team. We are looking for two or three people to join the team. The Sunday count takes place after the 11.00 am mass and takes approximately 30-45 minutes. With a full team you would only have to count every 7-8 weeks.

If you are able to join us, please contact Carol Bartlett on 01923 773841 or e-mail her at carolbart37@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 7th May, 14th May, 21st May 28th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 5.30pm on a weekday preceding your child’s First Communion Mass (Tuesday 3rd May; Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd May).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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CHILDREN’S LITURGY AT THE 10.30AM MASS

The Children’s Liturgy during the 10.30am Mass is designed to help younger children understand the message of the Sunday gospel at a level they can understand. The activities that the children undertake require a certain level of development and so the Children’s Liturgy is open to children **aged four and above** (until they begin their preparation for 1st Communion). We kindly ask that parents keep children younger than four with them in the church. Thank you.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Work on re-ordering the church is now progressing well and the major steel beam, which allows for the opening up of the loggia, has been fitted and the vast majority of the inner loggia wall removed. The floor in the loggia area has also now been raised to the level of the main church. We are expecting to be back in the church for the celebration of Mass on the weekend of **4th/5th June**. This should provide the necessary time for the new tabernacle, carpets and window blinds to be fitted and for the church furnishings to be properly arranged in their new orientation before we begin celebrating Mass again at St John Fisher’s.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

The First Communion Mass will take place at Our Lady’s on 7th May at 2.30pm.

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MASS DUTY ROTAS AFTER ST JOHN FISHER RE-OPENS

Would all welcomers, readers and Ministers of Communion please be aware that when the church re-opens after the building work, the current Mass duty rotas will re-commence from where we left off. Those of you currently scheduled for 2/3 April will be on duty the first weekend that the church is open again, with the remaining 7 weeks of the current rotas rolling forward accordingly. Once we have a date for the re-opening, I will try to email all those concerned to remind them what’s happening! *Maureen Foggo*

	Weekend church opens				Weekend after church opens			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	A Dennis	R Ellis	E Harris		D Gibney	GF	E O’Sullivan	
9am Mass	J Hale	S Marston	AM Farnsworth		D Treanor	L Munro	E Price	

GENERAL NOTICES

SAINT PEREGRINE

This week we celebrate the feast of St Peregrine - Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE, OR DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD?

Do you (or do you know of a family who could) give hospitality (of course with remuneration) to an Italian boy aged 16 who is coming to study English in Rickmansworth from 1st of June to mid July? He will be at St Joan of Arc in Rickmansworth for the month of June, and still needs to find another school for the first two weeks of July. Thank you - Fr Ivano.

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