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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, popularly known as *Corpus Christi* (Latin for 'The Body of Christ'), is a devotional feast established in 1264 in order to celebrate the greatest gift Jesus Christ left us – his real and true presence among us under the appearance of bread and wine. Even more so than the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which also focuses on Christ's washing of his disciples' feet and the institution of the priesthood, *Corpus Christi* allows us to reflect on how Jesus has made himself so intimately available to us in the food and drink of his Body and Blood.

Not only does participating in Mass and receiving Jesus in his Body and Blood allow us to share in Christ's saving work, as all the sacraments do, but in receiving Holy Communion we receive the very source of our salvation, Jesus Christ himself. For this reason, Mass, the Eucharist, is the highest sacrament and the sacrament to which all the others are directed.

In receiving Holy Communion, not only do we share in Jesus' own divine life, but through him we also affirm our 'holy communion' with the Church which, as St. Paul tells us, is the mystical 'Body of Christ'. Our being part of the mystical 'Body of Christ' is effected by our receiving the physical Body of Christ. Receiving Holy Communion is therefore never a private devotion, a relationship just between Jesus and me. It takes part within the Church and includes all our brothers and sisters who are also members of the Church.

We should always make sure we are properly prepared to receive Jesus' Body and Blood by ensuring our 'holy communion' with him is strong; by committing our love to him, by turning away from our sins and asking for his forgiveness, and by our obedience to what he asks of us in his teachings through his Bride, the Church. In this way we are able to receive the full treasure of the priceless gift that is Jesus' real presence in his Body and Blood. 'O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.'

**Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

**Response to Psalm:** O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £422.00; Loose Plate: £436.27; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1368.27**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £324.50; Loose Plate: £125.22; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £646.72**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2528.02**

**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

<b>SUN 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	12.30pm 4.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall New Altar Servers Training Session	St John's School Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am - 12 noon 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Youth Group (Year 7-8) - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>WED 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b>	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
<b>THU 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	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
<b>FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 4.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Biel / Cella New Altar Servers Training Session Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>10.00am</b> Private Intention	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Jean Walsh RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Bernadette Mannion RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> Jim O'Connor	
<b>TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS</i>		<b>9.30am</b> John & Mary Gibson RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b> <i>SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP &amp; THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Carmen Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Private Intention	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) O'Grady Family (Ints.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Powell Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> Tom & Una Bugler RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### 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, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon and Pam Bell.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor 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

### NEW APPOINTMENT FOR FR. MARK

The Archbishop has given Fr. Mark a new appointment as the diocesan youth chaplain, where he will oversee the work of the diocesan youth service and assist with its pastoral and sacramental provision. He will begin his new appointment in September and will therefore leave Rickmansworth towards the end of August. A new assistant priest to the three parishes of Rickmansworth, Mill End and Maple Cross and Chorleywood will take up his appointment in September.

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Next week there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

### RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses this weekend.

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Any children in the parish who have already received their first Holy Communion (thinking in particular of those who have just received their first Holy Communion) who would like to become altar servers are invited to attend the training sessions below in their respective parish. Servers for Our Lady's and St. John the Evangelist should, where possible, come to both sessions. Any children unable to attend any of the sessions but who would still like to become altar servers should speak to Fr. Mark: Our Lady Help of Christians - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30pm; St. John the Evangelist - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30pm; St. John Fisher - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 4.30pm

### MARY'S MEALS - SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Mary's Meals will be at church this Sunday morning before Mass starts - by 9am at St John Fisher, 10.30am at St John the Evangelist and 11am at Our Lady's to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (*no duvets or pillows*). Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks - 4 full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you.

### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY.

It is official the sun will be out!! Come along for a couple of hours for a BBQ, with a glass of wine or soft drinks. Games for all ages!! A social gathering aimed at the young but open to all who are young at heart. Tickets are just £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for under 13s. To include BBQ and games. Where else can you have so much fun at such a bargain price. Tickets available after Masses at Our Lady's and St John the Evangelist or from Adrian 01923 773609

### REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

In July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2018. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2017 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 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – St John the Evangelist *Church*, Mill End – 2.00pm to 3.00pm

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. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

### THREE PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DI COMPOSTELA, VIA THE PORTUGUESE COASTAL ROUTE – 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 only one 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.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch will be this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 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.

**SVP APPEAL** - could we please ask for empty, clean plastic boxes, preferably of ice-cream tub size.

### 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.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND WELCOMERS

The annual Day of Recollection, to which Welcomers are now invited, in addition to Readers and Ministers of Communion, will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**. Once again we will be joined by Fr John Hemer from Allen hall Seminary, who will share with us some of his extensive knowledge and insights into an aspect of scripture. Please make a note in your diary of this important event.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

The Parish Pastoral Council has been considering how we might better commemorate all those whose ashes lie in our Garden of Rest and it has been decided to commission two “boulder-like” stones, each of which will have a flat stone plate affixed to the front of it, to be inscribed with the names of those whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Rest. We are now trying to contact the next of kin to ask two things: firstly, whether they would like the name of their departed loved one(s) added to the stone and, if so, how you would wish the name to be commemorated on the plaque. There will only be room for a first name and a surname. Secondly, the two stones and the inscribed plaques will cost in the region of £3,500 and so we would like to invite those with a loved one buried in the garden to consider making a donation toward this. We are not suggesting any particular amount but would simply ask families to consider what they feel might be possible and appropriate. Unfortunately we do not have all of the details for all of the next of kin in the parish records. If you are in contact with someone who has moved away from the parish or who doesn't attend Mass here and whom you know has a loved one interred in our Garden of Rest, we would be most grateful if you could ask them to contact Kerry in the Parish Office. In the coming few weeks we will be writing directly to the next of kin for whom we have addresses. We hope that the memorial stones, with the inscribed names, will be installed later this year.

*Fr Shaun*

### 200 CLUB DRAW (MAY)

Congratulations to Theresa Jubber (£40); Chris Doran (£30); Timothy McCarthy (£20) and Martin Brady (£10).

### 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](mailto:gourmetrowan@gmail.com).

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### READERS, MINISTERS OF WELCOME AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

New rotas are available now at the back of the church.

### 200 CLUB - MAY

Congratulations to M Lavery (1<sup>st</sup> prize); Christine Partridge (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) and Sonya Mulvihill (3<sup>rd</sup> prize).

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** 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

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOHN FISHER

The Parish Pastoral Council has been discussing ways to increase the participation of children at Sunday Mass. As a result of those discussions we would like to create a Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9.00am Mass, whereby the children would have their own Liturgy of the Word (in the lounge) before re-joining the rest of the congregation at the Offertory. In order to facilitate this we will need a group of adult volunteers who would be willing to become Children's Liturgy catechists and share in this important ministry on a rota basis. Volunteers would need to have a parish DBS clearance, if they do not already have one. We would organise some training for the new catechists and draw on the experience of the very successful Children's Liturgies at our sister parishes. We hope to launch this new initiative in the autumn. If you would be interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy catechist please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

**COFFEE AND TEA** - there will be no coffee and tea after Mass next Saturday.

### SUMMER BBQ - SUNDAY 2 JULY, 1PM

We hope that many parishioners, families and friends join us for the Summer BBQ, which is always a very special occasion for the Parish. Please sign up on the noticeboard as soon as possible as we need to confirm the numbers to order sufficient food and drink. Adults £10, Children Under 16 £5, Under 5s Free. The food is always delicious and a well-stocked bar will serve wine, beer and soft drinks.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MINUTES

The Minutes of the PPC meeting which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 are now available on the lobby notice board and also on the parish website. A few “hard” copies are also available for those without internet access.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** - please bring your boxes to church this weekend 17/18 June. Thank you very much. *Mary*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
17/18 June	GF	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	H McGrath	J Hale	Ann & Marguerite	S Tarrant
24/25 June	A Dennis	E Page	C Johnson	A Opie	D Treanor	F Holly	Francis & Patsy	S Treanor

### Youth Groups

Year 7-8 (Tuesdays, Mill End, 6-7.30 pm) meet on 20 June and 4 July. Anyone in **year 6** is most welcome to join as well. This week (20 June) Callum from the diocesan youth service will hopefully be able to visit us!

Year 9-11 (Thursdays, Our Lady's, 6-8 pm) meet on 22 June and 6 July.

PS Hope to see you for the BBQ on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, then we can play splat!

### 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) on **Sunday 25 June** for a drink and a chat.