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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 29TH MAY 2016

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.

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Response to Psalm: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Communion Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17 (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: £589.12; Loose Plate: £642.17; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1741.29**

Mill End: Envelopes: £282.00; Loose Plate: £255.11; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £636.11**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of April amounted to **£1447.65**

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 29TH MAY	12.15pm 1.00pm 7.15pm	Baptisms Baptisms Pub Social with Fr Mark	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Coach and Horses
MON 30TH MAY			
TUE 31ST MAY	7.30pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 1ST JUNE			
THU 2ND JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 3RD JUNE	10.00am 12.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - De Cruz Longras / Hannibal	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 4TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 28 TH MAY		6pm (Vigil) Maurice O'Connor RIP	
SUNDAY 29 TH MAY <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</i>	8.30am Martin & Catherine Earley RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm John P Tighe RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 30 TH MAY	9.30am Fr Fred de L'Orme RIP	9.30am John & Kevin Tydings RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 31 ST MAY <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
WEDNESDAY 1 ST JUNE <i>ST JUSTIN, MARTYR</i>		9.30am Clare Curran RIP	
THURSDAY 2 ND JUNE	9.30am Private Intention		
FRIDAY 3 RD JUNE <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	9.30am Nuala & Gerry Corr RIP (Anniv.)		
SATURDAY 4 TH JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</i>	10.00am Fr Anton Cowan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Patrick Meegan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 5 TH JUNE <i>10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Joan Marioni RIP	10.30am Joan Lombard RIP	9am Bertil Tyden RIP (Anniv.)

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, Joe Donnelly and John Conner.

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, Susan Maynard and Don Williamson.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

OLD PRESBYTERY, MILL END

Fr Philip Knights has now been appointed as Parish Priest of Royston and will be moving out of the Old Presbytery on 1st June. We express our sincere thanks to Fr Philip for all his help across the three parishes during the time of his sabbatical and wish him and Jane every happiness and blessing in their new parish and home. It is the intention to now rent out the Old Presbytery on the open market. If parishioners know of anyone who might be interested in renting the property (a three bedroomed semi-detached house) they should contact Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

ORGAN RECITAL – THANK YOU

A word of thanks to the members of the choir who organised the refreshments after Martin Baker's organ recital last Sunday. The recital was excellent and much enjoyed by everyone, as were the delicious refreshments!

CONFIRMATION AWAY DAY

Please could all our newly-confirmed young people return their reply forms for the away day on 2nd July to the presbytery at Our Lady's by next Sunday so that transport can be arranged. Many thanks. *Fr. Mark*

DAVID GOBLE RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of David Goble, husband of Patricia (Paddy) Goble, a St John Fisher parishioner. We offer our deepest condolences to Paddy and her family at this sad and difficult time. There will be a service at Chilterns Crematorium on Friday 10th June at 2.45pm.

MARGARET PARTRIDGE RIP

The funeral of Margaret Partridge will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Wednesday 8th June at 11.00am. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – POSTPONED

Due to the very low numbers able to attend the Day of Recollection scheduled for 4th June, I have decided to postpone the event for a day when, hopefully, a larger number of Readers and Ministers of Communion might be able to attend. I have now confirmed a booking with the Niland Centre for **Saturday 17th September**. I am delighted to say that Fr John Hemer will be able to join us that day. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. *Fr Shaun*

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) this Sunday 29th May for a drink and a chat.

THREE PARISH BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 2ND JULY - CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Natalie, Elaine and Laura have met to start planning the barn dance. Please get in touch with your parish coordinator if you can help with any of the following:

Volunteers to sell tickets after each Mass at each parish

Help on the day/night - setting up, clearing up, general help on the night

We'd really like to be able to offer a face painter on the night. If you think you could help, please get in touch.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the church to register your interest in tickets. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass from the first weekend in June. You can also email to reserve tickets. They will be the same price as the 2014 barn dance, £15 per adults and £5 per child under 12 years. Cash and cheque accepted. Many thanks in advance for your support.

St John the Evangelist - Natalie - cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk, St John Fisher - Elaine - elaineprice@me.com, Our Lady's -

Laura - laura.sharp@live.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Samantha Benson, who has been awarded the Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis, after a two year course of studies. Bishop Paul McAleenan will present Sam with her certificate at the **6.00pm** Mass at Our Lady's on **Sunday 17th July**.

I AM A CATHOLIC

Wallet or purse-size cards are available at the back of church this weekend which say: *I am a Catholic – Please notify the Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy of my admission to hospital so that the priest or chaplain may visit.* We invite you to take one and keep it in your purse or wallet so that the hospital Catholic Chaplaincy team can be made aware should you be admitted to hospital.

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.

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!!!

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk and toilet rolls for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes are in the church porches. Thank you.

GENERAL NOTICES

FLOWER FESTIVAL TO MARK THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth. Friday 10th June 1-5pm, Saturday 11th June 10am-5pm and Sunday 12th June 1-5pm. Displays from local churches and organisations themed to link to the past 90 years. All welcome – entry free.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (5TH JUNE)

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the 11.00am on Sunday 29th May we will conclude the Mass (weather permitting) with a Corpus Christi procession around the grounds and Benediction at the Calvary. All the children in the parish who have made their First Holy Communion this year have been invited to attend this Mass in their First Communion clothes, so that the whole parish can celebrate with them.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION PARTY

Parents of the First Communion children are reminded that the children will be having a party after the 11.00am Mass and Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 29th May. Please bring a plate of food for the children to share and a change of clothes for the children, so that they can change out of their First Communion clothes for games.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for two or three people to join the team. The Sunday count takes place after the 11.00am 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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

200 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to Rosemary Coker £25; E Kondys £20; A Lewin £15.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW – THANKSGIVING BOOK

Once May is over (and we are out of “1st Holy Communion season”) we will begin preparations for the Thanksgiving Book for the new stained glass window. We will produce a sheet for each pane sponsored and parishioners who have sponsored a pane will be able to write down the thanksgiving dedication that they wish to make. These dedications will then be typed up and displayed again so that any changes or corrections can be made before the pages are laminated and the thanksgiving book is produced.

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-OPENING OF THE CHURCH – 4th/5th JUNE

Work on the re-ordering of St John Fisher Church is now drawing to a conclusion and we are still on schedule to be able to celebrate the 6.00pm and 9.00am Masses there next weekend (4th/5th June). Weekday Masses will not resume until the end of June when the work on the refurbishment of the flat has been completed

1st COMMUNION BREAKFAST – SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

On Saturday 7th May, seven children of St John Fisher parish received their first Holy Communion in a special Mass at Our Lady’s. We made the decision to delay their “1st Communion breakfast” until it can be celebrated back in the parish. This has now been scheduled for **Sunday 19th June**. All the children will attend the 9.00am Mass, which will be followed by a celebration for the children in the garden. We hope that you can join us for this special occasion.

PATRICIA RYAN RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Patricia Ryan, mother of Fiona Ryan-Watson. We offer our deepest condolences to Fiona and her family at this sad and difficult time. May her soul rest in peace.

CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

A very big 'thank you' to Ann Brew, Anne Dennis, Toni D'Urso, Rosemary Ellis, Mary Fraser, Juliet Hale, Mary Latimer, Jennifer McEwen, Edith Moid, Ann and Martin Penn, Frankie Rich and Maggie Stacey for doing the house-to-house collection for Christian Aid this year in the various roads covered by St John Fisher. Your time and effort are really appreciated. *Maureen Foggo*

CHRISTIAN AID - PLANT SALES

Grateful thanks to everyone from our three parishes who bought plants this year. A total of £714.17 will be donated to Christian Aid as a result of your generous support. *Mary Latimer*

CHRISTIAN AID 'POP UP' MARKET

And finally, thanks to everyone who donated produce and came along to support the 'pop market' at the Free Church on Saturday 21 May. A total of £115 was raised which is wonderful! *Mary and Maureen*

DETONATE 2016

Detonate is a Christian Holiday Club run every year by volunteers from the Churches in Chorleywood for local children. It is held at Russell School and will be held from Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July. It relies on helpers from across the Christian community to do a wide range of jobs such as running activities, security at the site and being small group helpers. If you would like further information about this amazing event, would like to help, or wish to register your child, please visit the website www.detonate.org.uk or contact Anne Maria Farnsworth (amfarnsworth@yahoo.co.uk). Forms will also be available at church once it re-opens.

	4 / 5 June				11 / 12 June			
	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	
Laundry:	TBA							
Church Cleaning:	TBA							