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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - 27TH MARCH 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The Gospel of Easter Sunday morning plays out like a Laurel and Hardy movie. We might picture Mary Magdalene, Peter and John running around, bumping into each other while they try to figure out what has happened to Jesus. Eventually they believe what they see: the body is gone. But they have not yet seen what they do not yet believe: the body has been raised from the dead.

Eventually, of course, they will all encounter the risen Jesus. Only an encounter with the risen body of Jesus can lead to the kind of belief that Jesus' whole life and ministry was preparing them for. Their belief no longer stops at the empty tomb, but grows to embrace what it means to rise from the dead.

Where does our belief in the resurrection begin and how does it grow? Not at an empty tomb, but through encounters with the risen Lord who now comes to us in word, sacrament, the goodness of the community of the faithful, and the witness of those who lead lives of self-giving service. Easter faith is never still because the risen Lord is always active. And this is the source of our Easter joy.

Easter Sunday Morning Readings

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Response to Psalm: This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with
the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

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: £1043.00; Loose Plate: £422.46; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1975.46**

Mill End: Envelopes: £317.83; Loose Plate: £308.79; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £725.62**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of February amounted to **£2088.90**

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

TUES 29TH MARCH	11.30am	Funeral of Thea Lake RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 31ST MARCH	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 2ND APRIL	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
SUN 3RD APRIL	9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 4TH APRIL	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Rickmansworth PPC Meeting - Presbytery Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUES 5TH APRIL	6.00pm	Reception of the body of Hannah Logan RIP	St John the Evangelist
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Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 26TH MARCH <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	8pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	8pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	8pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 27TH MARCH <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	8.30am Timothy Collins RIP 11am Albert Kean RIP	10.30am Kathleen Tydings RIP	9am Fr Jim Brand RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 28TH MARCH <i>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>		10am Jackie Grove RIP	
TUESDAY 29TH MARCH <i>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Bernard Eason (Ints.)		
WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH <i>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>		10am John Kissane RIP	
THURSDAY 31ST MARCH <i>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Malcolm Stacey RIP		
FRIDAY 1ST APRIL <i>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Nick Jackie & Family (Ints.)		
SATURDAY 2ND APRIL <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Stephen Birch (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 3RD APRIL <i>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Special Intention 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Anni Kate McManamon RIP	
MONDAY 4TH APRIL <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30am For Expectant Mothers	9.30am Jimmy Fortune RIP	
TUESDAY 5TH APRIL	9.30am For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life		
WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL		9.30am Declan McDermot RIP	
THURSDAY 7TH APRIL <i>ST JOHN THE BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Maurice Cruise RIP		
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL	9.30am For the Unity of Christians		
SATURDAY 9TH APRIL	10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 10TH APRIL <i>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Margaret O'Donoghue RIP	10.30am Peggy Sitkowski RIP	

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN AND FR MARK

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making our celebration of the Holy Triduum across the three parishes so very special. Music always plays a central part in our worship, but especially so in Holy Week, and so great thanks are due to Susana Tierney, Cormac Purtill, Katy Pione and Austin Finan and the choir and folk group at Our Lady's; Patricia O'Sullivan and the choir at St John Fisher and Anna Smith, Katy Pione and the choir at St John the Evangelist. The music in all three parishes has been wonderful and added greatly to the dignity of our celebrations.

We also wish to say thank you to Fr Graham Gillman for helping us with the celebration of the Triduum, making it possible for all three parishes to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in their own churches.

Our sincere thanks go to the sacristans of the three parishes, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for the celebration these holy days. We are thankful also for the ministry of our altar servers, readers, ministers of communion and welcomers, all of whom have played key roles in making our celebrations very worthy. Thanks, too, to everyone who helped with the Children's Good Friday Workshop, which was a great success and much enjoyed by all the children who took part in it.

All three churches look truly wonderful this Easter and that is thanks to our teams of church cleaners and to our talented teams of flower arrangers. We express special thanks to our RCIA team – to Richard and Angela Dumughn, Paul Forrest and Julie Byrne who, since September, have been guiding our catechumens and candidates on their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church. We rejoice with Lily Lewin, Natlaie Edwards, Beata Budzynska and Nicola Hayden who complete their initiation this Easter. We wish them joy and happiness in the faith.

If you are a visitor to the parishes, welcome! If you live in one of the three parishes, but this is your first visit in a while, you too are very welcome and we hope to see you again very soon.

Finally, thank you to everyone in all three parish communities who has journeyed with us through the mysteries of these holy days. We thank you, too, for your kindness and generosity to us and in our turn we wish each of you

A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PARISH NEWSLETTER - there will be no Parish Newsletter next week.

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

In April we will be launching an exciting study course on 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 will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (finishing at 9.00pm) at **St John's Parish Centre, Mill End**. The first session is on **Tuesday 19th April**. Don't miss this opportunity deepen your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible!

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH at St John's RC School

This is **your chance to help!** Without you, we cannot go ahead. The first of our lunches is on Sunday 17th April, and then every month on the third Sunday. You **do not** need to be a member of the SVP to help. **We need You!** Even half an hour will help. Please don't assume we have enough volunteers. We need help for Saturday afternoon and Sunday for: food preparation, moving furniture, washing up, cooking and serving, welcoming and befriending our guests and looking after safety. **Sign up today for any job, big or small.** Thank you for your support. For more information please ring Geraldine Page on 01923 776100 or email geraldine.page21@gmail.com

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offerings at the Easter Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Mark. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked *Easter Offering*. If you do not use Planned Giving, there are loose *Easter Offering* envelopes available at the back of church. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2016/17 - are now available for collection in all three parishes this weekend.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Kerry. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer. Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2015/16 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax. We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

Parents who will be applying for **September 2017** Nursery, Reception or Secondary places for their children at Catholic Schools and who haven't yet collected a letter about the Certificate of Catholic Practice and a Mass Attendance Card, should see Fr Shaun or Fr Mark today.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday 4th April 2016. If you have any suggestions you would like to be raised at the meeting please contact the PPC Secretary at ppcsec@rickmansworth.org.uk

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (3rd APRIL)

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ORGAN RECITAL – Saturday 21st May 2016

On Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm there will be an organ recital on our new Skrabl pipe organ given by Martin Baker, the Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, where he is responsible for directing the world renowned choir in its daily choral programme and busy schedule of concerts, tours and recordings. Martin is one of the finest organists in the country and is known particularly for his skill in organ improvisation. There will be no entrance fee for this recital, but there will be a retiring collect to support the work of our Chess Valley Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please make a note in your diary of the very exciting forthcoming event.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW – OUR THANKSGIVING WINDOW

All the panes have now been sponsored. Many of you gave far more than the requested minimum donation and I thank you, on behalf of the parish, for your amazing generosity. This means that, so far, we have been able to raise £5730.00. To this we will be able to add a further £983.75 thanks to those of you who have Gift Aided your donation. Once again, I express my deepest thanks to the incredible generosity of St John's parishioners. *Fr Shaun*

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE FLAT AND THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

After the Mass of Easter Sunday morning the church will be closed for approximately six to eight weeks while the work of re-ordering takes place. Whilst we are unable to be specific at this point, we hope to be able to celebrate Sunday Masses again at St John Fisher possibly as early as 28th/29 May, but with the possibility that it might be as late as 4th/5th June. Obviously, much depends on how smoothly the work of re-ordering progresses. Any parishioners who either require a lift or who can offer one to any of the Masses at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth, or St John's, Mill End should please sign up on the list on the notice board this weekend.

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*

CHRISTIAN AID MARKET 2016

We are very sorry that we will not be able to hold our usual market this year as the church will be closed. However, you will still be able to order your hanging baskets and bedding plants, nearly as usual! Order forms explaining all will be handed out after Mass today. Please order as much as you can and get orders from your family and friends.

N.B. House-to-house collections - these will be carried out as usual and are even more important this year. If you have any extra time to offer, please contact Maureen Foggo (284740). Thank you.

This week 26 / 27 March				
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	<i>See separate list on noticeboard</i>			Peter Mackie Don Williamson
9am Mass	<i>See separate list on noticeboard</i>			Peter Mackie Don Williamson
27 March	Laundry: I Schwartz			

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES (continued)...

FUNERAL OF HANNAH LOGAN RIP

The body of Hannah Logan will be received at St John the Evangelist, Mill End at 6.00pm on Tuesday 5th April and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated there at 11.00am on Wednesday 6th April, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

CHRISTIAN AID AT ST JOHN FISHER

Because of the building works, this year we cannot hold our usual market which some of you kindly attend. However, **we will still be endeavouring to sell as many plants and hanging baskets as possible**, but with slightly different collection and delivery times. For further information or to receive order forms to join with us in this good cause, please either email or phone Mary Latimer on marylatimer@sky.com or 01923 284975. Thank you.

CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

All of us will know Catholics who, for one reason or another, no longer come to Mass and have lost touch with the Church. We have made available in each of the three parishes a supply of the leaflet: ***Catholic and Lost Touch?*** which has been produced by the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. It addresses some of the issues of why people may have drifted away from the Church and offers a warm invitation to people to have a fresh look at the Church and give it another go. We invite you to pick up a copy and consider offering it to someone you know who has, for whatever reason, lost touch with the Church. It's a very simple gesture, but one which might touch the life of someone in a very profound way.