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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

It is interesting that at Christmas most shops close for Christmas Day, with only more essential services remaining open. Easter Sunday, however, this is largely not true. Few stores and other retail establishments close down on Easter Sunday. Perhaps part of the reason for this is that it is generally easier to believe and celebrate the birth of a baby (this is much more within the realm of our experience) than it is to celebrate Jesus rising to new life from the tomb.

Easter is a many-faceted festival. It celebrates Jesus' risen life, but it also celebrates our own share in it. It celebrates Jesus' love for all of humanity, but also celebrates our call to love as Jesus did. It celebrates darkness giving way to light, death giving way to life, sacrifice giving way to love.

We are the "disciple whom Jesus loved" who see the emptiness of falsity and sinfulness and obstinacy of those who see but do not believe. The goodness with which we try to live our lives challenges others to see and believe, to see and love, to see and come to the Light.

### 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 10:34. 37-43

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £591.50; Loose Plate: £486.81; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1588.41**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £244.56; Loose Plate: £187.62; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £629.18**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of March - **£2105.14**

**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>MON 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>		<b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK</b>	St John the Evangelist
<b>THUR 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 3.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL</b>	8.45am	First Communion Class	St John Fisher
<b>MON 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class Rickmansworth Parish PPC Meeting - Presbytery Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUES 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am	SVP Meeting	St John Fisher
<b>WED 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7.30pm	Mill End Parish PPC Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THURS 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.30am 10.30am - 11.30am 1.30pm 5.30pm	Burial of Ashes - Maureen Koller RIP Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Christie Stott & Jodie Vincent 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 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> <b>8.30pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>8.30pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>8.30pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Patricia Breen RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Kevin Ford RIP <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Cyril Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>10am</b> Douglas Gardiner RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>			<b>9.30am</b> Ann Stewart RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Mary McLaughlin RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>10am</b> Dessree Addison RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>10am</b> David & Simon Gardiner (Ints.)		
<b>SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>10am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Neville Mathews (Ints.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL</b> <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Tess & Jimmy Logan RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Dan & Ann O'Sullivan <b>6pm</b> Margaret Connor RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Bernadette Lister RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Donal Donoghue (Ints.)	
<b>TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>ST MARK, EVANGELIST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Jim Fanning RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
<b>THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Suzanne Heather RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Robinson RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>10am</b> Maureen Koller RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Lenny Bauersachs RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Lenny Bauersachs RIP
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Margaret Breen RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Henry Cutting (Ints.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

## 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 role in our worship, but especially so in Holy Week, and so great thanks are due to Susana Tierney, Cormac Purtill, Katy Pione and the choir and folk group at Our Lady's; Patricia O'Sullivan, Sue Treanor, Caroline Holly and the choir at St John Fisher and Katy Pione and Jo Rodrigues 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 Bishop Paul McAleenan 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.

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: 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 Ryan Allen, Stacie Allen, Richard Booth, Samantha Davies, Colin Grant, Tony Lloyd, Rowan Mangion, Ann Marie Sugrue, Christie Stott, Jodie Vincent and Charlene White 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

#### **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.

#### **MAUREEN KOLLER RIP**

The ashes of Maureen Koller will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 10.00am Mass on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

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

#### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2017/18**

Are available for collection this weekend. Please make sure that the address on your box of envelopes is correct.

#### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE – MAY/JUNE 2017**

There will be a pilgrimage to Northumbria and Holy Island from **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. The itinerary and booking forms are available in the parishes this weekend and are also downloadable from the parish websites. *Fr Shaun*

#### **DAY PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY – 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

I have arranged a day pilgrimage by coach to Canterbury for **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**. The day will include Mass in Canterbury Cathedral, the possibility of a tour of the cathedral in the afternoon and plenty of free time to explore this historic city. The pilgrimage has been arranged for the very beginning of the school summer holidays, so I hope that families with children will be able to join us. The cost of the trip will be £12 for adults and children over 12 and £6 for children 12 or under. The cost of the tour of the cathedral (optional) will be £6 per person. Booking forms will be available shortly after Easter and places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Please make a note in your diary now! *Fr Shaun*

#### **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

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Chair at [rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk). Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April** 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!

### BOOK OF THANKSGIVING – STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Our Book of Thanksgiving for the new stained glass window has now been completed and rests up its new lectern, just in front of the sanctuary. Here you will find the thanksgivings associated with the 92 panes of glass in our new stained glass window. Once again, we thank all parishioners who made such generous donations towards the cost of this window, which has truly transformed our church. Please feel free to leave the book open on the page of your thanksgiving.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

At the Annual Parish Meeting, there was a discussion about the recitation of the Responsorial Psalm at Sunday Mass. There was a general consensus that the current way of reciting the psalm altogether does not foster meditation on the word of God in the way that the Church intends that it should. Therefore, it was agreed that from Easter Sunday morning we will revert to saying (or singing) the Responsorial Psalm as it is set out in the Lectionary, namely: with the Reader reading the verses and the congregation joining in with the response after each stanza, rather than with the congregation joining in throughout.

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

A selection of children's bibles and religious story and picture books are now available for use by small children during Mass. The books are in a clear plastic box in the lounge. Please feel free to take some into the church. We would be grateful if you could return them to the box at the end of Mass.

**COFFEE AND TEA** - all are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

### CHESS VALLEY RC TWITTER FEED

The *Chess Valley RC* Twitter feed is a great way of keeping in touch with news and issues in our 3 Parishes, the wider Church and Society at large. For example, recent articles have included:

- The Pope's intentions for the month
- Background to the daily Feast Days.
- An excellent explanation of the Eucharist.

Alan Opie or Duncan Farnsworth are happy to help if you would like to know how to register for Twitter and follow the Chess Valley RC account.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (14<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY)

Christian Aid Week is just around the corner. Please be ready to volunteer your time and your offerings to support some of the most disadvantaged people in our world. Please volunteer to be a house-to-house collector (great Christian witness) and also help at our Market, once more back at St John Fisher, on Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 May. As well as baking your delicious cakes and breads and searching your cupboards for good bric-a-brac and Silent Auction items, we also need helpers at all stalls. We will also shortly be handing out order forms for our hanging baskets and bedding plants. Please offer your help to your own Church Rep Eddie, Maureen or Mary, or respond willingly if approached. Thank you.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
15/16 April	<i>See separate list on noticeboard</i>						Peter & Una	C Steet
22/23 April	M Fields	E Page	J McEwen	U Lean	T D'Urso	L Turnbull	Kate & Ann	T Price
29/30 April	E O'Sullivan	C Pierce	P Goble	J Hale	K Cottingham	AM Farnsworth	Marguerite & Francis	J Whelan

#### Youth Group

Hope you enjoyed the holidays and have a very happy Easter!

Year 7-8 will meet on

Tuesday 18 April, 6-7.30 pm  
@ Mill End.

Year 9-11 will meet on Thursday

20 April, 6-8 pm  
@ Rickmansworth.



#### Easter Catechesis Year 7-8

25 April, 9 May and 23 May  
6-7.30 pm @ Mill End

Crafting and catechesis.  
And splat!

P.S. We're going **trampolining** (year 6-13) Saturday 10 June, you'll be able to sign up after Easter.

#### Young Adult Pub Socials

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 30 April**, 21 May and 25 June for a drink and a chat.