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## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Deep grief can often paralyze a person. We can be numb. We seem to be in a trance. We become unaware of what is going on around us. We do not hear. We are blind. After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples must have felt paralyzed with grief, with dashed hopes, with utter anxiety about what to do next. How quickly an empty tomb shakes them out of their numbness and inaction and makes them run!

Mary Magdalen's first hint of the resurrection was of an empty tomb. She ran to Peter and "the other disciple, the one Jesus loved" to tell them. Was her haste due to human anguish: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb"? These two disciples run to the tomb. Was their haste due to anguish or hope? When they saw the empty tomb, what did they believe? The gospel leaves open the answer to these questions. Belief in the resurrection takes time. It takes an encounter with the risen One.

We will not run to an empty tomb. Yet we believe in the resurrection. We believe because of the witness of disciples, beginning with those first ones who did see the empty tomb. Like them we must *run* – to seek and encounter the risen One who enables us to witness to the new life of resurrection.

### 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 4:32-35; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £682.77; Loose Plate: £314.83; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1496.60**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £269.66; Loose Plate: £123.35; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £486.76**

**Chorleywood:** Recorded monthly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>			
<b>TUE 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>			
<b>WED 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	12.00pm	Funeral - Frances Reynolds RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am 2.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Doreen Mes RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.30am - 11.30am	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

### Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	<b>8pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Stephen Birch (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Isabel Montesdeoca-Roy (Ints.)	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Margaret Curran RIP	<b>9am</b> Lily & Colm Heron RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	<b>10am</b> Peter & Frances Reynolds RIP		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>			<b>10am</b> For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>		<b>10am</b> Nora O'Shea (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	<b>10am</b> Biddy Woods RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	<b>10am</b> Sarah Jones (Ints.)		<b>10am</b> Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	<b>10am</b> Gerard Koller RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Dennis & Joyce Humphreys RIP <b>6pm</b> Wanda Alves Da Silva RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Patrick James Conway RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> Fr Jim Brand RIP

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Maureen Digges, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Peter Czarniecki, Tony Infante, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles and Maureen Douglas.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Margaret Sweeney; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Margaret (Meg) Cunningham and Imogen Bailey.

**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, Barbara Marke and Paddy Holly.

## 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 catechumen and eight candidates on their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church. We rejoice with Colin Dodson, Sharon Petrie, Gemma Driscoll, Stephanie Goodchild, Robert Songhurst, Jim Elsdon, Raymond Widdowson, Serena Williams and Annabel Lewak-Steed 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 turn we wish each of you

**A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!**

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: PRIEST REFERENCES FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER (ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RICKMANSWORTH)**

Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Joan of Arc's Catholic School in Rickmansworth are required to seek a priest's reference as part of their application. The priest signing the form is asked to confirm whether the child is a member of a practising Catholic family. For the purposes of St Joan of Arc's policy Catholic practice will be identified as a person who attends Sunday Mass (including Saturday Vigil Mass) weekly for a sustained period (where 'sustained' will usually be considered to be in excess of 12 months unless there are exceptional circumstances preventing this).

### **FAITH MATTERS GROUP**

The Faith Matters Group will start meeting again from **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** in St John the Evangelist's Parish Centre at **7.30pm**. We will begin by reflecting on the Bishop's document for Marriage and the Family. All are warmly welcome.

### **FUNERALS**

The funeral of Frances Reynolds will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 12.00pm this Wednesday followed by committal at Chorleywood Old Cemetery.

The funeral of Doreen Mes will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 2.30pm this Friday followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium.

We commend them to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for their families at this sad and difficult time.

### **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 2015/16** - the new boxes are available for collection this weekend.

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May**

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. Why not escape for a few days of spiritual refreshment in the foothills of the Pyrenees? There will be opportunities to experience the famous Lourdes torchlight procession, international Mass and baths and see the sites associated with St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady, as well as time for relaxation and personal devotions. If interested, do help yourself to an itinerary and booking form from the back of the church, or speak to Fr. Mark for more details.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL)

The coffee morning after Mass this Sunday will be Easter themed. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Once a month after the 10.30am Mass we are planning to have a "brunch" of bacon rolls and tea and coffee in the parish hall. This is being organised by a small team of parishioners. All proceeds will be donated to *Aid to the Church in Need*, which supports persecuted or oppressed Christians in over 130 countries around the world. The first "Sunday Brunch at St John's" will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – we hope that you will come and join us!

### PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AFTER 10.30AM MASS

Following on from the success of previous picnics we are happy to announce we will be organising one this year. Please make a note in your diaries. More details will follow. If you attend the Saturday Mass please do come along to the picnic. It is a great opportunity for us all to get together as a parish.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### NEW WELCOMERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to volunteer for the Saturday or Sunday rota for Mass welcomers? You'd need to be at church 20-25 minutes before Mass and to stay 10 minutes afterwards, but it's a lovely way to meet your fellow parishioners! If we could recruit 2 more people for Saturday and 3 for Sunday, then welcomers would only need to do a duty about once every two months. If you can help, please speak either to Maureen Foggo (Saturday Vigil Mass, tel 284740) or Juliet Hale (Sunday Mass, tel 283602) or to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. Thank you very much.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM

The AGM of the PPC will be held on Monday 18 May at 8.00pm; all parishioners are welcome. The PPC represents the Parish community as a whole in promoting the mission of Christ and his Church in the Parish and in the local community. To refresh the membership of the Council, four new members join the Council each year at the AGM. If you think you may be able to help the PPC, please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Mark by 30 April.

### PARISH WEBSITE

If you have any items for the website please contact Duncan and James Farnsworth at [sjf\\_web@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sjf_web@yahoo.co.uk).

**RED BOX HOLDERS** - thank you for your March quarterly collection which amounted to £144.83.

### MARY'S MEALS

Hello mums, I am once again asking for backpacks and outgrown t-shirts, shorts and skirts to be sent to Africa. Please leave in the lounge. Thank you - Mary L.

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with CAFOD and our Parish Garden. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

	This Week 4 / 5 April				Next Week 11 / 12 April			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	<b>See separate list on noticeboard.</b>			Mark Gibson	M Fields	G F	E Harris	Carolyn Opie
9am Mass				Una Lean	D Treanor	H McGrath	J McEwen	Peter Mackie
5 April Laundry: S Tarrant      10 April Church Cleaning: T Barrett								

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The school is planning to mark the occasion with some great events which will include a tea party for all the children and staff. A logo designing competition for the children which will be used on all our materials for this year and going forward. There is a family fun day planned in the summer term and many more besides.

We are trying to track down old pupils, governors, parents, teachers and staff who were at the school back in 1965. I am putting together a booklet recounting the events of the school from 1965 along with old photos of the school and pupils' that attended back then. If any one has any stories, photos, articles or documents referring to the school from 1965 I would love to hear from them, my contact details are [Annettelounaughton@gmail.com](mailto:Annettelounaughton@gmail.com) Mobile: 07875409860.

### DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

Administrative Accounts Assistant - Vaughan House, closing 6 April

Caritas (x2) Support Worker (x4) and Night Concierge (x2) - Bakhita House, closing 7<sup>th</sup> April

Pastoral Worker - Ruislip, closing 9 April

Assistant to the Cathedral Sub-Administrator - Westminster Cathedral, closing 15 April

Go to <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> for full job descriptions and application form for all vacancies.