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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B) - 29th MARCH 2015

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The better we know someone, the better we understand that person. The better we understand someone, the deeper our relationship can be. This Holy Week calls us to know Jesus better, understand him more clearly, and relate to him more perfectly.

We know Jesus better through his yes to suffer and die for us. We understand Jesus better through those who reveal him to us. We relate to Jesus more deeply by choosing to stand at the foot of the cross. Even more, by joining him on the cross – and being raised to new life with him.

I encourage each and every one of you to respond generously to Jesus' invitation to walk with him through the solemn celebration of his Passion and Resurrection: The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

The Lord never fails to give graces to those who journey faithfully and sacrificially with him. There is no more holy time in the life of the Church than this HOLY WEEK. Embrace it; immerse yourself in it; allow these precious and holy days to truly move you. If you do so, you will find that you will be able to celebrate the joys of Easter knowing, understanding and relating to Jesus in a more perfect way.

Fr Shaun

- 1st Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7
Response to Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47
Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Sunday's Readings (Easter Sunday Morning)

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43; **2nd Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4; **Gospel:** John 20:1-9

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £678.30; Loose Plate: £431.61; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1608.91**

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

SUN 29TH MARCH			
MON 30TH MARCH	7.15pm	Holy Hour with Benediction	St John the Evangelist
TUE 31ST MARCH	12.00pm 8.00pm	Chrim Mass RCIA Rehearsal for Easter Vigil	Westminster Cathedral Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 1ST APRIL	7.30pm	Lent with SS Francis and Clare	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 2ND APRIL	10.30am	Rehearsal for Altar Servers (Mass of the Lord's Supper - Holy Thursday)	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 3RD APRIL	10.15am 10.30am 11.00am 3.00pm 8.00pm	Children's Good Friday Workshop Rehearsal for Altar Servers (Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday) Ecumenical Walk of Witness for Good Friday The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Crossroads in Chorleywood All Three Parishes Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 4TH APRIL	2.00pm	<i>No morning Mass or Holy Hour</i> Rehearsal for Altar Servers (Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday)	Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 28 TH MARCH	10am Joe Stuart RIP	6pm (Vigil) Mary Gibbs RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 29 TH MARCH PALM SUNDAY	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP	10.45am For the People of the Parish	9am Malcolm Stacey (RIP)
MONDAY 30 TH MARCH	9.30am Tommy Feeney RIP	9.30am Phyllis Higginbottom RIP	
TUESDAY 31 ST MARCH	9.30am Ann Mooney RIP		9.30am For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 1 ST APRIL		9.30am Gertrud Schäffer RIP	
THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL MAUNDY THURSDAY	8pm For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish
FRIDAY 3 RD APRIL GOOD FRIDAY	3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
SATURDAY 4 TH APRIL HOLY SATURDAY	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 5 TH APRIL SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	8.30am Stephen Birch (Ints.) 11am Isabel Montesdeoca-Roy (Ints.)	10.30am Mary Margaret Curran RIP	9am Lily & Colm Heron (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.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

RCIA

At the Easter Vigil next Saturday, Colin Dodson will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, and with Annabel Lewak-Steed; Serena Williams, Sharon Petrie, Gemma Driscoll, Stephanie Goodchild, Robert Songhurst, James Elsdon and Raymond Widdowson will be Confirmed and they will join us in the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them and their sponsors at this important stage of their faith journey.

FRANCES REYNOLDS RIP

The funeral of Frances Reynolds will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 12.00pm on Wednesday 8th April, followed by committal at Chorleywood Old Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

DOREEN MES RIP

The funeral of Doreen Mes will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 2.30pm on Friday 10th April, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family 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. If you know that you are going to be away for Easter you might wish to put your Easter Offering envelope into the collection either this weekend or next. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/16

The boxes of new planned giving envelopes are available for collection in all three parishes this weekend.

HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue and Customs to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. So, if you have stopped paying tax, please would you contact our Parish Administrator, Kerry Van Rensburg, so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it. We will also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

On Good Friday morning there will be a workshop for the children of the three parishes to help them, through fun activities, to reflect on the meaning of Good Friday. The workshop will be held at St John's, Mill End and is open to children in school years 1 to 6. Registration begins at 10.15am and the workshop commences at 10.30am. The workshop will conclude with a short family service in the church at 12 noon and the parents of the children are encouraged to attend. We would be grateful for the help of a few parents who would be willing to stay throughout the morning to help with the running of the workshop.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 30th March – Holy Hour with Benediction – St John the Evangelist – 7.15pm

Wednesday 1st April – Lent with SS Francis and Clare – Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm

Friday 3rd April – Stations of the Cross – Our Lady Help of Christians – 8.00pm

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

After the very successful Day of Recollection for the Readers and Ministers of Communion of the three parishes earlier this year, we are planning another one for next year. This will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23rd May 2015**. We will be joined by Fr John Hemer, who lectures in Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will give us a couple of talks on some aspects of scripture. He is a very inspiring and insightful speaker, so and this will be a real highlight of our day together. After Easter, Fr Shaun will be writing to all Readers and Ministers of Communion with more information about this day.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 26th to 29th 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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM BETHANY TO THE CROSS - Monday 30th March at 6.30pm.

The Brompton Oratory (St Wilfrid's Hall, Brompton Road, London, SW7 2RP). Drawing on images from the Holy Land, lecturer and photographer Serena Fass takes us back to the places touched by Christ's presence as he completed his mission on earth. Free Entry (refreshments served) with a collection on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need's work supporting Christians in Syria and Iraq. ACN's John Pontifex will give a brief overview of ACN's help for suffering Christians in the region. Serena's book – *The Cross, Meditations and Images* will be available to purchase on the night. Please register your interest by contacting Johnny Dowling at john.dowling@acnuk.org or call 020 8661 5154

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF FEET

There is a list in the porch for anyone willing to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please do sign up.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL READERS

The rota for Holy Week is at the back of the Church. If you have not received an email with this rota please collect a copy. This is a very important rota so please let me know asap if there are any problems. Dee Barker 01923 710112.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If any parishioners would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the Easter flowers they are welcome to do so. Please put your offering in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and either hand it to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark or post it through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would Altar Servers wishing to serve at the Holy Week liturgies please come to the appropriate rehearsal(s):

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) – **Rehearsal: Thursday 2nd April – 10.30am**

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – **Rehearsal: Friday 3rd April – 10.30am**

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) – **Rehearsal: Saturday 4th April – 2.00pm**

Servers are invited to serve at more than one of these liturgies, if they are able.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (5TH APRIL)

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

REPOSITORY - Easter Cards and First Holy Communion items now available.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - a total of £849.64 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

ROTAS - the new rota's for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Welcome, Readers and Offertory are available now at the back of the church.

REPOSITORY - Easter Cards, First Holy Communion Cards and Confirmation Cards now available.

PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY 28TH 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.

CHARITY FUND RAISING QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz last Saturday or has donated in aid of Volunteer Uganda, a staggering £1300 was raised. I really appreciate everyone's support and generous donations. Thanks again, Nikki.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - a total of £496.66 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE EASTER SERVICES

Can you help with being a welcomer, reader or Minister of Communion at the Easter services? If so, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the lobby. Thank you.

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.

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.

EASTER CARDS - a good selection of cards is available in the lounge.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - a total of £293.00 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

	This Week 28 / 29 March				Next Week 4 / 5 April			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Sunday Counters
6pm Vigil	E O'Sullivan	R Ellis	M Latimer	Marguerite Watkins	See separate list on noticeboard.			
9am Mass	M Gibson	J Hale	D Gibney	Ann Brew				
29 March	Laundry: I Schwartz			3 April Church Cleaning: A Dennis				