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PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C) - 20TH MARCH 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday has two very distinctive moods. We begin with the blessing of palms, joining with the enthusiastic crowds that greeted Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as they sang Hosanna to the Son of David. And then with the Opening Prayer of the Mass the mood dramatically changes by speaking of Jesus' giving of his life on the cross. The readings which follow will lead us deep into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death, culminating in the drama of Jesus' arrest, trial, sufferings and crucifixion as it unfolds in St Luke's account of the Passion.

The Church leaves us in no doubt that we have now set out on the solemn journey of Holy Week. How will you mark this journey in the coming days? Will you let it pass by with little interruption to your normal routine? Or will you seriously, attentively, prayerfully walk with Jesus to the cross and beyond?

These holy days that we celebrate this week are without question for all Christians the most important days of the whole year: we have spent the whole of Lent preparing for them. How will you mark these days? Perhaps in the past you have never attended the liturgies of the Triduum – the three holy days – the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. If not, then maybe you could this year.

St Matthew tells us that in the Garden of Gethsemane, just moments before his arrest, Jesus asked his sleepy disciples, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" Perhaps Jesus is asking you a similar question this Holy Week? Maybe he is asking you: "Will you not walk with me in these holy days of my passion, death and resurrection?" What answer will you give him?

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: Luke 22:14 - 23:56
Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Sunday's Readings (Easter Sunday Morning)
Acts 10:34. 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 (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: £539.00; Loose Plate: £428.99; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1531.99**

Mill End: Envelopes: £191.50; Loose Plate: £240.84; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £531.34**

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

SUN 20TH MARCH			
MON 21ST MARCH	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 22ND MARCH	12.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Chrism Mass 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues Course - Hall RCIA Rehearsal for Easter Vigil	Westminster Cathedral St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
WED 23RD MARCH	7.30pm 8.00pm	Lent Penitential Service Choir Practice	St John Fisher St John Fisher
THU 24TH MARCH	3.00pm 5.00pm	Altar Servers' Rehearsal for Holy Thursday Mass Altar Servers' Rehearsal for Holy Thursday Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
FRI 25TH MARCH	10.15am 10.30am 11.00am 8.00pm	Children's Good Friday Workshop Altar Servers' Rehearsal for Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness for Good Friday Stations of the Cross	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Crossroads in Chorleywood Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH MARCH	10.00am 12 noon	<i>No morning Mass or Holy Hour</i> Altar Servers' Rehearsal for Easter Vigil Altar Servers' Rehearsal for Easter Vigil	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH <i>St JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10am Francis, Peter and Jean Reynolds RIP	6pm (Vigil) John & Mary Gibbs RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the Sick and House-bound of the Parish
SUNDAY 20TH MARCH <i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am Peggy Screeche-Powell RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Jim O'Brien RIP	10.45am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 21ST MARCH	9.30am Jane King-Haughey RIP	9.30am Teresa Forrestal (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 22ND MARCH	9.30am Martin & Nina Burke RIP		
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH		9.30am Mary Patricia McLaughlin RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i>	8pm For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish
FRIDAY 25TH MARCH <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> <i>THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>	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 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.)

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 and Olive Kiener.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan, Betty Page and Joe Donnelly.

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 and Susan Maynard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

On Good Friday morning we will be running a Children's Good Friday Workshop at St John's, Mill End for children from all three parishes in school years 1 to 6. There will be a series of engaging activities to help the children focus of the meaning and significance of Good Friday. The Workshop begins at **10.15am**. We would be very grateful for the assistance of any parents who are able to stay and help with this event. The Workshop will conclude with a brief act of worship at 12.00 noon. Parents are invited to return in time attend this with their children.

RCIA

At the Easter Vigil next Saturday, Lily Lewin and Natalie Edwards will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, and with Beata Budzynska and Nicola Hayden will be Confirmed. Please pray for them and their godparents and sponsors at this important stage of their faith journey.

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

CHESS VALLEY SVP

There will be no SVP meeting on the morning of Tuesday 22nd March as it is Holy Week.

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 this weekend. 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.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER - UPDATE

In January and February, I conducted a second round of recruitment for the post of Parish Youth Worker, assisted by Phil Ross, the Director of Youth Ministry in the Diocese. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to appoint anyone at this time. While this is obviously disappointing news, we were advised during our research phase that it might take several attempts to find the right person for the role and that it was important to take our time and make the right appointment for the parish. We have now advertised the job again and I will update you once there is some more news. *Fr Shaun*

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Our Lady Help of Christians 25th March (Good Friday) at 8.00pm.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLET

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter leaflet, giving the times of all the Masses and liturgies over Holy Week and Easter are available this weekend. Please be sure to take one home with you.

LENT PROGRAMME – SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

This week in his DVD series, *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues*, Bishop Barron discusses **Lust and Chastity**. The programme will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at St John's Parish Centre, Mill End.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

We are once again 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2016/17

Are now available for collection in all three parishes this weekend.

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

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.

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.

EASTER CARDS - on sale in the repository.

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*

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.

READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR HOLY WEEK – PLEASE SIGN UP!

Would Readers and Ministers of Communion who can exercise their ministries during Holy Week please sign up on the list on the porch notice board.

SPRING MAGAZINES FOR APF/RED BOX HOLDERS - are now available in the porch.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE FLAT AND RE-ORDERING THE CHAPEL

After Easter Sunday the church will be closed as the re-ordering work begins. This will mean that there will be no weekend Masses (as well as no weekday Masses) at St John Fisher for six to eight weeks. During that time, parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at Our Lady's in Rickmansworth, St John's in Mill End or one of the other local churches. We will coordinate travel to our sister parishes for parishioners with no access to a car. A list is on the noticeboard to try and pair up those who require help with travel with drivers who are willing to take passengers to a specific Mass. Any Readers or Ministers of Communion who would like to exercise their ministry at either Our Lady's or St John's, Mill End, should contact Fr Shaun. Members of St John Fisher choir will also be very welcome to come and sing with the choirs of the other two parishes whilst St John Fisher is closed for the re-ordering.

GOOD FRIDAY - COFFEE AND HOT CROSS BUNS

Once again we will be welcoming everyone after the 11am service at the Crossroads. Could helpers please arrive by 10.45am. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER SERVICES

We need help with the various Easter services please - welcomers, readers, Ministers of Communion and people willing to have their feet washed. Please sign up on the noticeboard. Thank you.

MISSIO/RED BOXES

Please would you bring your red boxes by this weekend, 19th/20th March. Please remember to collect the emptied boxes by Easter Sunday at the latest, as after that our chapel will be shut. Thank you very much.

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 19 / 20 March				Next week 26 / 27 March			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	R Ellis	E Page	P Goble	Francis Holly Una Lean	<i>See separate list on noticeboard</i>			
9am Mass	U Lean	A Opie	J Hale					
20 March	Laundry: T Price		26 March		Church Cleaning: A Dennis			

GENERAL NOTICES

CARE4CALAIS

Is a volunteer-led charity that helps people in the Calais refugee camps, working on the belief that every human has the right to be treated in a fair and dignified way. The refugee camp is very muddy and wet, so decent, sturdy, waterproof men's shoes are urgently needed. Collection boxes are in the church porches.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

A reminder that the clocks go forward one hour next weekend.