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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C) 15TH MAY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

What energises us? Rousing music. Inspiring words. Touch gestures. Successful ventures. Listening ears. Hearty laughter. Loving encounters. Loving actions. Loving responses. In all of this, something new happens within us. The energy generates new life. The most profound and all-embracing new life is generated by love.

Jesus makes a simple condition for the Father's love: we are to keep his word, his commandments. More than conformity to law, Jesus is inviting us to the kind of choices that make love the centre of our lives and the source of our energy. This love is made possible by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit dwells within us, empowering us to love with more energy, more enthusiasm, more confidence and courage. The Spirit enables us to see beyond present limitations to new possibilities. The Spirit of God's transforming life, God's creating energy, God's abiding love. Our choice? To trust that the Spirit moves our tentative discipleship from "if" to "I can, I choose, I will." Something new is happening.

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Response to Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14:15-16. 23-26

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (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: £521.00; Loose Plate: £437.86; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1468.87**

Mill End: Envelopes: £373.31; Loose Plate: £332.02; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £804.33**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of March amounted to **£1967.31**

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 15TH MAY	10.30am 12.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass SVP Community Lunch	St John the Evangelist St John's School Hall
MON 16TH MAY	10.00am 10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	SJF Ladies' Meeting Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Rehearsal Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Mary Latimer's home Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 17TH MAY	7.30pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 18TH MAY			
THU 19TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 20TH MAY	10.00am 10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Enid Covington RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 21ST MAY	10.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm 7.30pm	NO Holy Hour or Confessions this week First Holy Communion Mass Wedding - Forrest-Lyons / O'Connor Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Organ Recital by Martin Baker	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians 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 14 TH MAY <i>St MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</i>		6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 15 TH MAY <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	8.30am Edward O'Neill RIP 11am Barker / Rozwod Family - in thanksgiving 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Kathleen Donnelly RIP (Anniv.)	
MONDAY 16 TH MAY	9.30am Tony Doherty RIP	9.30am Mavis Livingston RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 17 TH MAY	9.30am Special Intention		
WEDNESDAY 18 TH MAY		9.30am Nesta Grace Smith RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 19 TH MAY	9.30am Anthony Grundy RIP		
FRIDAY 20 TH MAY	9.30am Enid Covington RIP		
SATURDAY 21 ST MAY		6pm (Vigil) Betty Linnane RIP	
SUNDAY 22 ND MAY <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	8.30am John & Margaret McGuinness RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Patrik Biel RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	

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, Olive Kiener and Jeannine Simonds

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Samantha Benson, who has been awarded the Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis, after a two year course of studies. Bishop Paul McAleenan will present Sam with her certificate at the **6.00pm** Mass at Our Lady's on **Sunday 17th July**.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

Readers and Ministers of Communion should now have received from your respective rota coordinators information about the arrangements for the Day of Recollection on **Saturday 4th June**. Please be sure to have returned your reply slips by **Saturday 28th May** at the latest.

THREE PARISH BARN DANCE – SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2016

After the great success of the 2014 Three-Parish Barn Dance, I have decided to have another one this year, to take place on the evening of Saturday 2nd July. Once again, St Joan of Arc School is very graciously allowing us to use the school hall for the occasion. This is a joint event for the three parishes, and so I am very grateful to Laura Sharp (for Our Lady's), Elaine Price (for St John Fisher, Chorleywood) and Natalie Zammit (for St John the Evangelist, Mill End) for accepting my invitation to become the co-ordinators for their respective parishes. They will need a great deal of help in planning, organising and running this event on the night. I hope that parishioners from all three parishes will give generously of their time and energy in helping them. Details of how you can do this will follow in the coming weeks. Any proceeds from the Barn Dance will be divided equally between Michael Sobel Hospice and St Joan of Arc School. *Fr Shaun*

ENID COVINGTON RIP

The ashes of Enid Covington RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass this Friday 20th May.

I AM A CATHOLIC

Wallet or purse-size cards are available at the back of church this weekend which say: *I am a Catholic – Please notify the Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy of my admission to hospital so that the priest or chaplain may visit.* We invite you to take one and keep it in your purse or wallet so that the hospital Catholic Chaplaincy team can be made aware should you be admitted to hospital.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 15 May** in St John's School Hall. Dinner is served at 12 noon. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

In June and July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2017. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2016 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Monday 11th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 16th July – St John the Evangelist Hall, Mill End – 10.30am to 11.30am

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

ORGAN RECITAL BY MARTIN BAKER

At **7.30pm** on **Saturday 21st May**, Martin Baker, the Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral will be coming to Our Lady's to give a recital on the new Skrabl pipe organ. We hope that many parishioners from the three parishes will come along to this special occasion. Martin is one of the finest organists in the country, with an international reputation, and so an evening of sublime organ music is guaranteed. No ticket is required for the recital, but there will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Chess Valley Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

GROWING IN FAITH: PARISH BULLETINS AND SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

The latest *Growing in Faith* Parish Bulletins are posted on the notice boards (the Chorleywood bulletin is posted both at Our Lady's and at St John's, Mill End). Also available this weekend is the Spring 2016 *Growing in Faith* Newsletter. We encourage you to take a copy home with you and read about how the funds raised through the *Growing in Faith* campaign are being used in exciting projects around the Diocese.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TRANSFER: September 2017 and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you are new to the parish, have not been issued by us with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2017** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY

There was a request at Our Lady's AGM that the Rosary be prayed after the weekday Masses throughout May. If you would be willing to lead the Rosary one or more Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (at Our Lady's) or a Wednesday (at John's, Mill End) please sign up on the list on the porch noticeboards at Our Lady's or at St John's Mill End.

YOUTH EVENT – HELP NEEDED

We are looking to organise a fun day for children in school years 6 to 9, with outdoor activities (weather permitting!!!) and make your own pizzas. We would welcome help to make this day a success, so if you have some ideas and can spare a few hours please contact katie: katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk or 07518 352478. If you're in years 10-13 we'd love to hear from you too!!!

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SUMMARY NOTE OF PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The Summary Note of the April PPC meeting is now available on the Pastoral Council page of the parish website and on the noticeboard. A few "hard copies" are available at the back of the church for those without internet access.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY AND JUNE

Due to First Holy Communion Masses and the Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Communion there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on the following Saturdays: **21st May, 28th May and 4th June.**

LOOK – NEW CHILDREN’S MASS LEAFLET

This leaflet has a number of fun activities for younger children, all of which are connected with the Sunday Gospel themes. If your child wasn't offered one as you came into Mass, please do collect one from one of the Welcomers.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 21st May and 28th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 5.30pm on a weekday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Monday 16th and 23rd May).

200 CLUB DRAW (APRIL)

Congratulations to the following winners: Sarah Bannister (£58), Christopher Knight (£43.50), Diane Passmore (£29) and Chris Doran (£14.50).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

STAINED GLASS WINDOW – THANKSGIVING BOOK

Once May is over (and we are out of "1st Holy Communion season") we will begin preparations for the Thanksgiving Book for the new stained glass window. We will produce a sheet for each pane sponsored and parishioners who have sponsored a pane will be able to write down the thanksgiving dedication that they wish to make. These dedications will then be typed up and displayed again so that any changes or corrections can be made before the pages are laminated and the thanksgiving book is produced.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN’S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon rolls) will take place on **Sunday 22nd May** 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!

PHOTOS OF THE MASS OF DEDICATION ON FLICKR

The official photographs taken at the Mass of Dedication at St John's last Saturday are now available to be viewed and downloaded on Flickr. The link is: flic.kr/s/aHskvXV6iL

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Communion Mass will take place this Sunday (15th May) at 10.30am.

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - FUNDRAISING

Declan Fagan is cycling the Velothon Wales, some 140km, on Sunday 22 May 2016 to raise money for this charity, to support his father Seamus who is currently suffering from this illness. If you would like to sponsor him there is a sponsor form at the back of the church or go to: www.justgiving.com/Declan-Fagan or text DECK88 to 70070 to give £5. Thank you.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Work on re-ordering the church is now progressing well and the major steel beam, which allows for the opening up of the loggia, has been fitted and the vast majority of the inner loggia wall removed. The floor in the loggia area has also now been raised to the level of the main church. We are expecting to be back in the church for the celebration of Mass on the weekend of **4/5 June**. This should provide the necessary time for the new tabernacle, carpets and window blinds to be fitted and for the church furnishings to be properly arranged in their new orientation before we begin celebrating Mass again at St John Fisher's.

NEXT LADIES' MEETING

This is on Monday 16th May, 10am, at Mary Latimer's home, 18 Turneys Orchard. All will be most welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This is CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. Many thanks to all the house to house collectors. Not an easy task but huge help to the poor of the world. For those collecting their plants they will be available from Eddie's house (65 Heronsgate Road) from **12 o'clock on Friday 20th May**. Any queries please call Mary Latimer on 07795 276728. Many thanks.

CHRISTIAN AID 'POP UP' MARKET - SATURDAY 21 MAY

This year there will be a small 'pop up' market at the Free Church, Hillside Road, on Saturday 21 May from 9am to about 12 noon. It will be selling homemade cakes, marmalade and other produce, but NOT books, ornaments, etc. If anyone can bake a cake or has any other homemade produce to bring along on the day to raise funds for Christian Aid, they would be very welcome! Please note that if homemade cakes, etc, are being sold, they now need to be accompanied by a list of their ingredients - health & safety apparently! We hope to see you there. *Mary & Maureen*

	Weekend church opens				Weekend after church opens			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	A Dennis	R Ellis	E Harris		D Gibney	GF	E O'Sullivan	
9am Mass	J Hale	S Marston	AM Farnsworth		D Treanor	L Munro	E Price	

GENERAL NOTICES

GUIDED TOUR

As part of Ricky week, there will be a guided tour of Our Lady's by the historian of the parish, Peter Waters at 3 o'clock this Sunday afternoon. Meet him outside the church porch or inside once started. No charge but donations to the church gratefully received.