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PENTECOST SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

“Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew’..., but you do not know where it (the wind) comes from or where it goes” (John 3:7-8). Although Luke places the sending forth of the Spirit on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection, John places it on Easter night. Each one, then, has his own way of portraying the glorification of Jesus. For John, this glorification took place when he was raised up on the cross. For both, the Spirit is the fruit of the victory Christ won by his death and resurrection. Pentecost cannot be separated from Easter. But why must the disciples receive the Spirit? From Luke's perspective, they must receive the Spirit to be able to speak to all in their proper language, gathering in all peoples, and thus inaugurate the universal mission of the Church. John does not say anything different, but he says it in a different way. The apostles are in the upper room with all the doors locked for fear of the Jews. They are afraid and their fear is contagious. They are attentive to every sound outside. They fear arrest. Suddenly, Jesus is there in their midst: “Peace be with you!” Peace is what they lack most in this atmosphere of anxiety. Jesus still carries the marks of his passion. He is there, alive and stronger than death. The doors which were once locked no longer hinder his mission. The hour is no longer one of self-centred fear. Now is the time to allow the Spirit to shatter all barriers and impel the Church to bring the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection to all.

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: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £578.06; Loose Plate: £260.09; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1348.15**

Mill End: Envelopes: £324.70; Loose Plate: £184.95; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £706.65**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of April - **£3119.46**

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

SUN 4TH JUNE	9.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 5TH JUNE	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 6TH JUNE	10.00am 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm	SJF Ladies Meeting - Church Lounge Youth Group (Year 7-8) - Hall Bible Study Course - St Matthew's Gospel - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
WED 7ST JUNE	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 8TH JUNE	6.00pm - 8.00pm 7.45pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Youth Group (Year 9-11) - Hall SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 9TH JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 10TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions New Altar Servers Training Session Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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
SATURDAY 3RD JUNE <i>St CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 4TH JUNE <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	8.30am Nuala & Gerry Corr RIP (Anniv.) 11am Henry Cutting & John Pugh (Ints.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Deirdre Robinson RIP	9am Jean Ryan RIP
MONDAY 5TH JUNE <i>St BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Sr Teresa McLoughlin RIP	9.30am Ronnie Barret RIP	
TUESDAY 6TH JUNE	9.30am Elizabeth Antwi-Darkwah RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 8TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 9TH JUNE	9.30am Private Intention		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 10TH JUNE	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11TH JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	8.30am Frank & Denise Waters RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Albert Kean RIP	10.30am John & Coral Draper RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Noel Jackson, Christina Thomas and Nalene Nixon.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor and Michael Dixon.

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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

THANK YOU

Richard and Angela Dumughn have been leading our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme for 25 years and 20 years respectively. They have now decided that the time has come for them to step down from this ministry. I wish to express, on my own behalf and on behalf of the three parishes, our sincere thanks to Richard and Angela for their commitment to this important ministry, which they have exercised so diligently and faithfully over such a long period. There will be many in our congregations whom they will have accompanied on the journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. I know that these people, now full members of the Church, will feel a debt of gratitude to Richard and Angela for the support, kindness and love they have received from them along the way. I am delighted to say that Paul Forrest and Julie Bryne will be continuing in their ministry as RCIA catechists, and that they will be joined by Samantha Benson from Our Lady's and Linda Yates from St John's, Mill End. I know that you will all join me in wishing them every blessing as they continue this important work within the three parishes. *Fr Shaun*

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Any children in the parish who have already received their first Holy Communion (thinking in particular of those who have just received their first Holy Communion) who would like to become altar servers are invited to attend the training sessions below in their respective parish. Servers for Our Lady's and St. John the Evangelist should, where possible, come to both sessions. Any children unable to attend any of the sessions but who would still like to become altar servers should speak to Fr. Mark:

Our Lady Help of Christians - Sunday 11th June, 4.30pm; Sunday 18th June, 4.30pm

St. John the Evangelist - Saturday 10th June, 4.30pm; Saturday 24th June, 4.30pm

St. John Fisher - Saturday 1st July, 4.30pm

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

In July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2018. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2017 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 4th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Monday 10th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 15th July – St John the Evangelist Hall, Mill End – 2.00pm to 3.00pm

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. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks' time to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*). Over the next few weeks please collect your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks. Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up *before* Mass starts on **Sunday 18th June** - by 9am at St John Fisher, 10.30am at St John the Evangelist and 11am at Our Lady's. Not only will you be getting rid of un-wanted clothes/bedding and giving yourself a little more space but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity. Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 14 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year!

THREE PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DI COMPOSTELA, VIA THE PORTUGUESE COASTAL ROUTE – 26TH MAY TO 2ND JUNE 2018

Booking is now open for our 2018 walking pilgrimage to Santiago via the last 100km of the Portuguese Coastal route. The shortest day's walk will be 9.3 miles and the longest will be 15.5 miles and the total distance walked will be about 79.5 miles (128km). The pilgrimage is being organised through *Camino Ways* and more details of the route can be found on their website at: <http://caminoways.com/ways/portuguese-coastal-way-caminho-da-costa/portuguese-coastal-way-section-2>

The cost of the pilgrimage will be €868 (c. £738) per person (sharing a twin room) or €1,052 (c. £894) for a single room.

Please note that there is only two single rooms available. Flights are **not** included and are being arranged separately.

Included in the price are local transfers between Porto airport and hotel (and return), a local tour guide, transfer of luggage along the route and half-board (breakfast and dinner) throughout. Information about the pilgrimage, about the arrangements being offered regarding the booking of flights and how to book a place on the pilgrimage are all available in the parishes this weekend and also on all three parish websites.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY – MONDAY 24TH JULY 2017

On Monday 24th July there will be a Three Parishes Day Pilgrimage to Canterbury. There will be Mass in Canterbury Cathedral in the morning, the possibility of a guided-tour of the cathedral in the afternoon, as well as free time to explore the city. *This pilgrimage is now fully booked.*

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 23rd 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday 9th July**, 12 noon at Our Lady's Rickmansworth, we're planning a BBQ and some games - a chance for young people to bring along their families, and for the wider parish community to get to know our young people.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (4TH JUNE)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need a few new people to join our dedicated team of church cleaners. If you would be willing to help please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or contact the Church Cleaning rota co-ordinator, Rowan Mangion at gourmetrowan@gmail.com.

CRECHE AT 11AM MASS

There is a crèche with toys and books for pre-school children (walking age upwards, as long as they're happy to be left) which runs throughout the year, usually alongside the Children's Liturgy, for the first half of the 11am Mass. This is not for school-aged children who can join the Children's Liturgy group in the small hall (during term time). We organise a rota on a two monthly basis and in September we will lose the majority of our volunteers when their youngest children start school so it may no longer be viable to run it. If you'd like to join us (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please pop into the hall or contact Helen Nolan on helenvnolan@ntlworld.com or 07980 600549.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

LADIES MEETING

Next TUESDAY 6th JUNE, in the CHURCH LOUNGE after the 9.30am Mass. (About 10.00am). All are welcome.

MISSIO RED BOXES

After the excitement of Christian Aid week we now turn our thoughts to our little red boxes. Please would you bring them to church on either of the next two weekends, 10/11 or 17/18 June. Thank you very much. *Mary*

PARISH BBQ – SUNDAY 2ND JULY

Please put the date of our lunchtime Summer BBQ in your diary. We will need volunteers to assist with the event, including help with the preparation of the food, drinks and setting up the garden. If you can help in any way, please add your name list to the list on the noticeboard.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you so much to each and every one of you who contributed in so many ways to help at our successful and happy Market and the house to house collections. I think nearly everyone who could joined in to help and the rest prayed for us. We are happy to be able to tell you that our total profit for the market has amounted to £3670. House to house figures later. On behalf of some of the poorest people in the world helped by Christian Aid we give you our warmest thanks - Eddie, Maureen and Mary.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
3/4 June	M Foggo	T Hartney	M Latimer	J Hale	A Opie	AM Farnsworth	Ann & Una	T Price
10/11 June	M Fields	S Hoy	P Goble	M Mackie	J Donohoe	E Price	Carolyn & Kate	J Whelan

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CALLED TO SERVE THE SICK ROADSHOWS

Three evening meetings have been arranged to allow clergy and laity an opportunity to discover and question.

What hospital chaplains do: St Dominic's Priory Haverstock Hill, Camden London Wednesday 7th June, 7pm for 7.30pm

How Catholics can realise their unique vocation of being of service to the sick: Our Lady and St Michael's, Garston, Watford, Hertfordshire Monday 19th June, 7pm for 7.30pm

How to think theologically about health: St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing, London Tuesday 27th June, 7pm for 7.30pm

For registration please email Fr Peter Scott: peterscott@rcdow.org.uk

GENERAL ELECTION

The Bishops of England and Wales have produced "*A Letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops*" for the forthcoming General Election. The letter is offered by the bishops as a resource for parishioners as they prepare to cast their votes, offering a framework for their own discernment of the issues at hand. Copies of the letter are available in the three parishes this weekend.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has expressed their interest in becoming a confirmation catechist. Praying for you as we look forward to journeying with next year's confirmandi.

Youth Groups

Year 7-8 will meet on Tuesday 6 June, 6-7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall. Come and beat me at four square or balloon stomp! Anyone in year 6 is most welcome to join us as well.

Year 9-11 will meet on Thursday 8 June, 6-8 pm @ Our Lady's parish hall. The evening will probably involve taking out stress and frustration on innocent piles of cards. Warning: rules of the game *may* change whilst playing. If this happens to be in my favour it will, of course, be entirely coincidental. — *Anke*