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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A) - 11TH JUNE 2017

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Human beings often celebrate the anniversary of an event: a birth, a famous victory or the founding of a nation. Only seldom do we celebrate an idea. Today is one of the few feasts in the Christian calendar that commemorate an idea, a doctrine, rather than an event. An ancient creed tells us that 'The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God' (Athanasian Creed). That sounds like just words, telling us that God is beyond our understanding. Doctrines are expressed in words, and words are useful because they draw boundaries. If we go beyond them we are no longer on home ground – no longer talking about the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ. But the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is not an intellectual conundrum. We are talking about the existence of the world and the way our lives are changed by Jesus Christ.

When we ask what difference the Trinity makes to our lives we are not asking about a doctrine beyond our understanding; we are asking about how we experience the new life Jesus came to bring. The Holy Trinity changes our lives – not as something we understand but as something we experience. The Trinity is about the way we pray – through Jesus to the Father, in the power of the Spirit. Of course it is good to pray to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but the model of prayer in scripture and in the worship of the Church is usually to pray to God in the Holy Spirit through Jesus who is our brother.

The doctrine of the Trinity is about our changed relationship with God and each other. It is about the way we live our lives. We are not celebrating a doctrine about a God who is beyond all telling so much as the love and peace that is beyond all telling, that has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Response to Psalm: To you glory and praise for evermore.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £519.56; Loose Plate: £401.62; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1431.18**

Mill End: Envelopes: £306.50; Loose Plate: £141.22; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £644.72**

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 11TH JUNE	12.45pm 4.30pm	Baptisms New Altar Servers Training Session	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 12TH JUNE	10.00am - 12 noon 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 13TH JUNE			
WED 14TH JUNE			
THU 15TH JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 16TH JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 17TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 10 TH 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 11 TH 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
MONDAY 12 TH JUNE	9.30am In Thanksgiving	9.30am James Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 13 TH JUNE <i>St ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 14 TH JUNE		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 15 TH JUNE	9.30am Mary Jo Donnelly RIP		
FRIDAY 16 TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 17 TH JUNE	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 18 TH JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Jean Walsh RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	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, Nalene Nixon and Pam Bell.

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

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of 17th/18th June (Corpus Christi).

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 24th June, 4.30pm

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

MARY'S MEALS—SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

Mary's Meals will be here next Sunday *before* Mass starts - by 9am at St John Fisher, 10.30am at St John the Evangelist and 11am at Our Lady's. Please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*) in tied black sacks. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

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 *Church*, 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.

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 one single room 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

This pilgrimage is now fully booked.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch will be on Sunday 18th June at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

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.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – Nursery/Reception 2018 and Secondary Transfer 2018

If you are new to the parish, and have not been issued with a Mass Attendance Card, and will be seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a **September 2018** reception or nursery place in a Catholic primary school or a **September 2018** place in a Catholic Secondary school, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark as soon as possible.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

The Parish Pastoral Council has been considering how we might better commemorate all those whose ashes lie in our Garden of Rest and it has been decided to commission two "boulder-like" stones, each of which will have a flat stone plate affixed to the front of it, to be inscribed with the names of those whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Rest. We are now trying to contact the next of kin to ask two things: firstly, whether they would like the name of their departed loved one(s) added to the stone and, if so, how you would wish the name to be commemorated on the plaque. There will only be room for a first name and a surname. Secondly, the two stones and the inscribed plaques will cost in the region of £3,500 and so we would like to invite those with a loved one buried in the garden to consider making a donation toward this. We are not suggesting any particular amount but would simply ask families to consider what they feel might be possible and appropriate. Unfortunately we do not have all of the details for all of the next of kin in the parish records. If you are in contact with someone who has moved away from the parish or who doesn't attend Mass here and whom you know has a loved one interred in our Garden of Rest, we would be most grateful if you could ask them to contact Kerry in the Parish Office. In the coming few weeks we will be writing directly to the next of kin for whom we have addresses. We hope that the memorial stones, with the inscribed names, will be installed later this year. *Fr Shaun*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the 11.00am on Sunday 18th June we will conclude the Mass (weather permitting) with a Corpus Christi procession around the grounds and Benediction at the Calvary. All the children in the parish who have made their First Holy Communion this year have been invited to attend this Mass in their First Communion clothes, so that the whole parish can celebrate with them.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION PARTY

Parents of the First Communion children are reminded that the children will be having a party after the 11.00am Mass and Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 18th June. Please bring a plate of food for the children to share and a change of clothes for the children, so that they can change out of their First Communion clothes for games.

200 CLUB DRAW (MAY)

Congratulations to Theresa Jubber (£40); Chris Doran (£30); Timothy McCarthy (£20) and Martin Brady (£10).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 25th June** 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!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOHN FISHER

The Parish Pastoral Council has been discussing ways to increase the participation of children at Sunday Mass. As a result of those discussions we would like to create a Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9.00am Mass, whereby the children would have their own Liturgy of the Word (in the lounge) before re-joining the rest of the congregation at the Offertory. In order to facilitate this we will need a group of adult volunteers who would be willing to become Children's Liturgy catechists and share in this important ministry on a rota basis. Volunteers would need to have a parish DBS clearance, if they do not already have one. We would organise some training for the new catechists and draw on the experience of the very successful Children's Liturgies at our sister parishes. We hope to launch this new initiative in the autumn. If you would be interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy catechist please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MINUTES

The Minutes of the PPC meeting which took place on 24th May 2017 are now available on the lobby notice board and also on the parish website. A few "hard" copies are also available for those without internet access.

SUMMER BBQ - SUNDAY 2 JULY, 1PM

We hope that many parishioners, families and friends join us for the Summer BBQ, which is always a very special occasion for the Parish. Please sign up on the noticeboard as soon as possible as we need to confirm the numbers to order sufficient food and drink. Adults £10, Children Under 16 £5, Under 5s Free. The food is always delicious and a well-stocked bar will serve wine, beer and soft drinks.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Please bring your boxes to church either this weekend or next, 10/11 or 17/18 June. Thank you very much. *Mary*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
10/11 June	M Fields	S Hoy	P Goble	M Mackie	J Donohoe	E Price	Carolyn & Kate	J Whelan
17/18 June	GF	A Roberts	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	H McGrath	J Hale	Ann & Marguerite	S Tarrant

Youth Groups

Year 7-8 (Tuesdays, Mill End, 6-7.30 pm) meet on 20 June and 4 July. Anyone in **year 6** is most welcome to join as well! Just come along on the evening.

Year 9-11 (Thursdays, Our Lady's, 6-8 pm) meet on 22 June and 6 July.

Young Adult Pub Social

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to meet up at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6 pm Mass) on **Sunday 25 June** for a drink and a chat.