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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR C)

22ND MAY 2016

SUNDAY THOUGHT

When do we hold back? When we don't quite trust the other or ourselves. When we are hesitant about outcomes. When another has hurt us. When we don't have all the facts. When we are too selfish to care about others. We human beings all know that at times each of us holds back. Our triune God, however, holds nothing back from us.

The dynamism of the divine life within the Trinity cannot be held back. God desires to guide each of us to all truth which is the fullness of life. This life empowers us to hold nothing back and aptly describes discipleship.

The first task of a faithful disciple is to become aware of God's life within and live accordingly. So gifted, a faithful disciple begins to trust more freely, becomes bold in living the Gospel, lives out of the certainty that the outcome of faithful discipleship is eternal life, moves beyond hurt to forgiveness, has the freedom to act without all the facts because the truth has been given, responds in love to the needs of others. Because we have been given so much – God's very life – faithful disciples need to hold nothing back.

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: Proverbs 8:22-31

Response to Psalm: How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17 (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: £662.57; Loose Plate: £430.42; Standing Orders: £510.00 **Total: £1602.99**

Mill End: Envelopes: £279.53; Loose Plate: £313.58; Standing Orders: £99.00 **Total: £692.11**

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 22ND MAY	10.30am 11.30am 12.45pm	Baptisms (during Mass) Sunday Brunch (proceeds donated to Aid to the Church in Need) Baptisms	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 23RD MAY	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Rehearsal Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH MAY	7.30pm	NO SVP meeting at Our Lady's today Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
WED 25TH MAY			
THU 26TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 28TH MAY	10.30am 5.30pm	NO Holy Hour or Confessions this week First Holy Communion Mass 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 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	
MONDAY 23 RD MAY	9.30am Jerzy Mazurkiewicz RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Anni-Kate McMenamin RIP	
TUESDAY 24 TH MAY <i>OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS</i>	9.30am Laura Hails RIP		
WEDNESDAY 25 TH MAY <i>ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR</i>		9.30am Mary O'Donnell RIP	
THURSDAY 26 TH MAY <i>ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Barker / Rozwod Family (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 27 TH MAY <i>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Amory Lindbøl RIP		
SATURDAY 28 TH MAY		6pm (Vigil) Maurice O'Connor RIP	
SUNDAY 29 TH MAY <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</i>	8.30am Martin & Catherine Earley RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm John P Tighe 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, Joe Donnelly and John Conner.

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

DAVID GOBLE RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of David Goble, husband of Patricia (Paddy) Goble, a St John Fisher parishioner. We offer our deepest condolences to Paddy and her family at this sad and difficult time. David's funeral will take place on Our Lady's on a date yet to be confirmed.

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 28th/29th May (Corpus Christi).

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – POSTPONED

Due to the very low numbers able to attend the Day of Reflection scheduled for 4th June, I have decided to postpone the event for a day when, hopefully, a larger number of Readers and Ministers of Communion might be able to attend. I have now confirmed a booking with the Niland Centre for **Saturday 17th September**. I am delighted to say that Fr John Hemer will be able to join us that day. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. *Fr Shaun*

PADUA PILGRIMAGE

This Sunday twenty-one pilgrims will set off with Fr Shaun on pilgrimage to Padua, Venice and Verona. Please remember the pilgrims in your prayers during the course of this week. Fr Shaun will offer Mass for the three parishes in the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua on Monday morning.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to join Fr Mark at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) on Sunday 29th May for a drink and a chat.

THREE PARISH BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 2ND JULY - CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Natalie, Elaine and Laura have met to start planning the barn dance. Please get in touch with your parish coordinator if you can help with any of the following:

Volunteers to sell tickets after each Mass at each parish

Help on the day/night - setting up, clearing up, general help on the night

We'd really like to be able to offer a face painter on the night. If you think you could help, please get in touch.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the church to register your interest in tickets. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass from the first weekend in June. You can also email to reserve tickets. They will be the same price as the 2014 barn dance, £15 per adults and £5 per child under 12 years. Cash and cheque accepted. Many thanks in advance for your support.

St John the Evangelist - Natalie - cnlzammit@hotmail.co.uk, St John Fisher - Elaine - elaineprice@me.com, Our Lady's - Laura - laura.sharp@live.co.uk

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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!!!

GENERAL NOTICES

FLOWER FESTIVAL TO MARK THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth. Friday 10th June 1-5pm, Saturday 11th June 10am-5pm and Sunday 12th June 1-5pm. Displays from local churches and organisations themed to link to the past 90 years. All welcome – entry free.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

This year we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians at the **9.30am Mass on Tuesday 24th May**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the 11.00am on Sunday 29th May 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 1st 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 29th May. 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.

LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: NEXT ROTA

The next rota will run from 19th June until 16th October inclusive. Please email awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk or phone 770826 with any unavailable dates by Sunday 22nd May. Thank you. *Richard and Angela*

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY

Due to the First Holy Communion Mass there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on **Saturday 28th May**.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Communion Mass will take place on 28th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 5.30pm on Monday 23rd May.

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 (Mighty Oaks from little Acorns grow!) It can be a good and fun way of teaching our Children about the Missions if they take on their own project within family and friend circles. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila (Harrington)*

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 this **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

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - FUNDRAISING

Declan Fagan is cycling the Velothon Wales, some 140km, on Sunday 22nd May 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

UPDATE ON THE RE-ORDERING OF THE CHURCH

Work on the re-ordering of St John Fisher church is making excellent progress. The new windows and doors on the garden side of the house have been fitted this week, the plastering of the walls is mostly finished and the first coat of wall paint has been added. The new layout is really taking shape and will greatly enhance our sacred space in a way that will enable all parishioners to participate more fully in the celebration of Mass. We are still on course to be back in the church for the weekend of **4th/5th June**, though it will be a couple more weeks at least after that before we will be able to resume weekday Masses, while the work on the refurbishment of the flat continues.

1st COMMUNION BREAKFAST – SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

On Saturday 7th May, seven children of St John Fisher parish received their first Holy Communion in a special Mass at Our Lady’s. We made the decision to delay their “1st Communion breakfast” until it can be celebrated back in the parish. This has now been scheduled for **Sunday 19th June**. All the children will attend the 9.00am Mass, which will be followed by a celebration for the children in the garden. We hope that you can join us for this special occasion.

DETONATE 2016

Detonate is a Christian Holiday Club run every year by volunteers from the Churches in Chorleywood for local children. It is held at Russell School and will be held from Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July. It relies on helpers from across the Christian community to do a wide range of jobs such as running activities, security at the site and being small group helpers. If you would like further information about this amazing event, would like to help, or wish to register your child, please visit the website www.detonate.org.uk or contact Anne Maria Farnsworth (amfarnsworth@yahoo.co.uk). Forms will also be available at church once it re-opens.

	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	