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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 11TH MARCH 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (Jn 3:16)

John paints a picture of God, the Father who sent his only Son not to condemn the world, but so that it may be saved through him. A loving God longing for his people to have eternal life, not eternal punishment. Jesus’ words are clear: God’s mission is salvation, not condemnation. He sent the light of Jesus to expose all our sins - because only if they are seen can they be forgiven. Those who willingly “do wicked things” turn away from the light, preferring to hide their sins in the darkness. In this way they reject the Son and condemn themselves. Surely none of us would condemn ourselves in this way?

Yet some people live in a darkness not of their choosing. They live in the darkness of shame - sometimes from their own sins, but often not. They prefer to live there because of their fear of judgement and rejection. Our natural response to sin in others is to point at them, to condemn. It deflects attention from us and keeps us from confronting our own shortfalls. Those who sit in judgement - and so many of us do - are themselves living in a darkness of prejudice, fear and insecurity. During Lent we remember our sins. Our own sins. We do not repent by condemning others - all that does is perpetuate the world’s darkness.

Let us always remember we are called to be Christ-like, to live the truth and to reach out to those in darkness. We are not called to keep salvation for ourselves, but to share it - is there anyone we can bring with us into light this Easter?

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Response to Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £619.89; Loose Plate: £307.06; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1630.03**

Mill End: Envelopes: £274.42; Loose Plate: £242.53; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £693.91**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of February - **£2358.75**

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Rickmansworth £780.60, Mill End £442.11, Chorleywood £392.57

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 MARCH	8.45am 9.15am	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
MON 12TH MARCH	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 13TH MARCH	11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral - Mike Towend RIP First Communion Class - Hall Saints (school year 7-9) RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 14TH MARCH	7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Lenten Holy Hour Confessions - Sacristy Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
THU 15TH MARCH	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 16TH MARCH	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	St John the Evangelist
SAT 17TH MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 MARCH	10am Michael Townend RIP	6pm (Vigil) Paddy Lewin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11 TH MARCH <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Jacqueline Grove RIP (Anniv.) 11am Julie Seibold RIP 6pm Dolly Mullich RIP	10.30am Malcolm Borthwick RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 12 TH MARCH	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Patsy Collins RIP	
TUESDAY 13 TH MARCH	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am Monica Clatworthy RIP
WEDNESDAY 14 TH MARCH		9.30am Julie Butcher RIP	
THURSDAY 15 TH MARCH	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am David & Rina DeBartolo	
FRIDAY 16 TH MARCH	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am John & Margaret McGuinness RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Mike Townend RIP
SATURDAY 17TH MARCH <i>St PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND</i>	10am Joe Fallon RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Bridget Cremin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 18 TH MARCH <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Fr Billy Hughes RIP 11am Hannah Logan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Albert Kean RIP & Heather Kean (Ints.)	10.30am Brian Feehley RIP	9am Claude Hûret RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell and Joan Townend.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Pat Beaton and Audrey Lewin

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, 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

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

You may remember that in his Pastoral Letter given on the weekend before Ash Wednesday, Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke about his 2018 Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, which funds the work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities in London and Hertfordshire contributing to three fundamental mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation and the Church's Social Outreach within Civil Society. Please consider making the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal part of your Lenten Almsgiving for the benefit of others. Copies of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet are available in each parish this weekend. One of the money boxes in each church has also been set aside for this appeal.

COMBONI MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Mill End, the 9.00am Mass at Chorleywood, and the 11.00am Mass at Rickmansworth, we will be joined by Sr Michela Pirra of the Comboni Sisters, who will be making an appeal on behalf of the work of their missions in the developing world.

LENT – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday mornings at Our Lady's and during the Wednesday evening Lenten Holy Hours at St John's, Mill End, as follows:

Wednesday 14 th March	St John's, Mill End (Sacristy)	7.30pm to 8.30pm	Fr Shaun
Saturday 17 th March	Our Lady's (Confessional)	10.30am to 11.30am	Fr Shaun
Wednesday 21 st March	St John's, Mill End (Sacristy)	7.30pm to 8.30pm	Fr Graham Gillman
Saturday 24 th March	Our Lady's (Confessional)	10.30am to 11.30am	Fr Graham Gillman
Wednesday 28 th March	St John's, Mill End (Sacristy)	7.30pm to 8.30pm	Fr Shaun

CHESS VALLEY SVP

Members of the SVP will be selling Raffle tickets for the National SVP Raffle after all Masses this weekend. 20% of the ticket sales will fund our work in the local community. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book.

FUNERALS

The funeral of **Mike Townend RIP** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Tuesday 13th March at 11.00am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

The funeral of **Monica Clatworthy RIP** will take place at Chilterns Crematorium on **Wednesday 21st March at 11.30am**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

EASTER GREETING TO SEBEYA

We will be sending an Easter Greeting to our twin community in Sebeya in mid-March. We would love to be able to give them a broad picture of life in our parishes, and so if you work in any parish catechesis, youth group, choir, folk group, reading group or any other parish initiative, it would be great if you could send us a short update of what sort of things you're doing (a few sentences) and possibly even a picture or two if you've got them! Please email your parish co-ordinator by Monday 12th March - stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk (Rickmansworth), geraldine.page21@gmail.com (Mill End), or malcolmgolin@outlook.com (Chorleywood). Thank you! Steph

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on Sunday 18th March 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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF JESUS

As many of you will know, the Daughters of Jesus are sadly leaving the parish after over 100 years of service the Catholic community in this area. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for them at 7.00pm on **Friday 13th April** at Our Lady, Help of Christians. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

MONDAY TODDLER GROUP 10AM-12 NOON IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Boshoff on caitbos22@gmail.com or 07484 754843.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Book Sale & Quality Items will be held on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th March from 7 to 9pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Damian the following details by **Tuesday 20th March**: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Young Adult Pub Socials

Pub socials for young adults every third Sunday of the month (Sunday **18th March** and Sunday **15th April**), from 7.30 pm to 9 pm at the Coach & Horses in Ricky. Everyone age 18-35ish is very welcome to come along for a drink & a chat.



Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

Tuesday 20th March, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall. We get together, share good news, have a chat, play some crazy games and eat delicious pizza & sausage rolls. For anyone in school year 7-9. You're so welcome to join us!

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our Social Events Committee for organising the Family Bingo evening last Saturday and to all those who came along to support it. A fun evening was had by all.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the repainting of the church has been completed, ahead of schedule, and Our Lady's is now looking bright, clean and beautiful! Weekday Masses will take place here on Monday and Tuesday of this week. However, the new lighting system needs to undergo some commissioning works, which require the power to be off for a couple of days and so there will be no weekday Masses here on Thursday 15th or Friday 16th March. Once again these Masses will be transferred to Mill End. From Monday 19th March until Friday 23rd March the parquet flooring will be sanded and re-varnished and the new carpets will be laid. Consequently, there will be no weekday Masses from Monday to Friday of that week. The wonderful news is that all the major works of the redecoration will have been completed in time for our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. I am very grateful to all parishioners for their patience and cooperation during this time of refurbishment. *Fr Shaun*

READERS ROTA

The Readers Rota is now available at the back of the church. Please collect and let me know if there are any problems asap. Thank you. Dee Barker 01923 710112.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Pauline Starck (£39), Sean Godfrey (£29.25), Christopher Knight (£19.50) and Judy Gordon (£9.75).

EASTER CARDS available in the repository.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

HEALTH AND SAFETY – FIRE PROCEDURES

As a parish we are constantly reviewing safety including the risk of fire at our church. As with any public building we are developing a fire plan and will in some point in the future have a fire drill. Please take the time over the next few weeks to familiarise yourself with the fire precautions already in place. There are 3 green marked designated fire exits in the main church area, through the front door and through the sacristy and into the hall. Once in the hall area, there is an exit from the hallway, and in the hall itself exits on both sides of the hall. The designated meeting point is at the top of the hill up towards the entrance to the church, this is where for children in the liturgy group and any altar servers will be taken for parents to collect. All other parishioners, head away a safe distance from the church or leave the site to allow quick access for firefighters, do not return to the church or car park until the all clear is given. We are also setting up roles of fire wardens to help if the situation ever occurs, they are aware of all exits, and where extinguishers and fire blankets are placed around the buildings. There will be a fire warden at each Mass, they will be distinguished by an armband and an extra fire blanket, they are there to guide, check only if safe that the church is empty and liaise with the fire fighters. A designated parish member on the Sunday Mass will have the role to solely alert the children's liturgy. There is a possibility that you are familiar with this scenario through your workplace. We are in need for more volunteers to share the load, so please speak to Father Shaun if you can assist. Full fire safety details will be available on the outside noticeboard and in the hallway and also designated meeting points displayed around the buildings.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS - copies for welcomers, readers and Ministers of Communion are in the lobby.

COFFEE & TEA AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 11 MARCH

Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the 9 o'clock Mass. Everyone is welcome. We are seeking some new volunteers to help with the tea and coffee after the 9.00am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. If you would be willing to help by joining the rota of parishioners who help with this, please sign up on the list in the porch. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MINUTES

The Minutes of the PPC meeting 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.

MISSIO RED BOXES - please bring your boxes to church by next weekend for the March collection. Thanks, Mary

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Agenda for the APM is now posted on the lobby notice board and available on the Annual Parish Meeting page of the parish website. The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will take place on **Tuesday 20th March at 8.00pm**. We are now inviting nominations for **two** places on the pastoral council. Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner (please be sure to ask them before doing so). The new members elected at the APM in 2018 will serve on the existing pastoral council for one year, and then a further two years on the new joint pastoral council from February/March 2019. During 2018 the three pastoral councils will work with me to determine how the joint pastoral council will be constituted, function and ensure that the "everyday" business of the three parishes can be discussed in appropriate forums. As the new members to be elected in 2018 will serve a further two years on the joint pastoral council, I particularly encourage nominations from those who feel a passion for helping us to build parishes of missionary disciples. This will be the principle task of the joint pastoral council. Our focus will be on 'mission' not 'maintenance' and I ask you to please keep this in mind when nominating yourself or another parishioner. Nominations for the pastoral council will remain open until one week before the APM. Nominations should be submitted to the Chair, Peter Mackie – chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk. Written nominations can also be submitted to the Chair c/o The Parish Office at Rickmansworth. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
10/11 March	V & A Cray	M Williamson	M Latimer	M Fields	L Munro	E Price	Carolyn & Peter	C Steet
17/18 March	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	C Johnson	J Whelan	J Donohoe	F Holly	Francis & Don	T Price