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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 18TH MARCH 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The arrival of the God-fearing Greeks confirms to Jesus that his message has now reached the wider world. It is the sign he had been waiting for - the hour of his glorification has come. Our Saviour - for whom the weakest is the strongest, the last always first - will typically turn his torturous, shameful death into triumph. Through the Cross he will accomplish everything he was sent to achieve, everything the Father had planned from the beginning - to save the whole of mankind from sin, forever. Jesus is glorified in his sacrificial obedience to this plan, and the Father too is glorified by this sacrifice, by Jesus's complete co-operation while asking nothing for himself.

"Sir, we should like to see Jesus". Do *you* want to see Jesus - why? Perhaps you are in mourning, worried about someone you love, or burdened with hopelessness? Or do you want to see him just for himself - to adore him, giving yourself to him in love? Yes, God created us weak and needy; he loves us and desires to help us. But we should always guard against becoming consumers of Christ, rather than participants sharing in his life, death and resurrection. By submitting to death, be it physical or spiritual, we entrust everything we are and have to God. By dying to ourselves and the secular world, following Jesus's example, we draw others to him as God promises.

Do you want to see Jesus, on his terms? Do you want the change this meeting will bring - humility, service, and a new, purposeful life? There are people in every town and country on earth seeking this new life - in schools, workplaces, prisons, families. For their salvation and the glory of God, we *must* be disciples of Jesus, continuing his work - dying to ourselves in order that others may have eternal life.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Response to Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47: (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £435.12; Loose Plate: £432.41; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1570.61**

Mill End: Envelopes: £379.00; Loose Plate: £201.89; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £757.85**

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

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 18TH MARCH	8.45am 9.15am 7.15pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Coach & Horses
MON 19TH MARCH	10.00am 8.00pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Choir Practice	Patsy and Jo's house St John the Evangelist
TUE 20TH MARCH	5.30pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 8.00pm	First Communion Class - Hall Saints (school year 7-9) Annual Parish Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
WED 21ST 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 22ND MARCH	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 23RD MARCH	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	St John Fisher
SAT 24TH 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 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 18TH 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
MONDAY 19TH MARCH <i>St JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am Rita Pignone	
TUESDAY 20TH MARCH	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Mike Townend RIP
WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH		9.30am Paddy Lewin RIP	
THURSDAY 22ND MARCH	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am Fr Timothy McCarthy RIP	
FRIDAY 23RD MARCH	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 24TH MARCH	10am Mike Townend RIP	6pm (Vigil) Paddy Lewin RIP	6pm (Vigil) Patrik Biel RIP
SUNDAY 25TH MARCH <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	8.30am Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm James O'Brien RIP	10.45am 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: 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

COMBONI MISSION APPEAL

This 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.

THE VEILING OF CROSSES AND STATUES

From the 5th Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday the crosses and statues of our churches are veiled in purple cloths. The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offerings at the Easter Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Damian. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. **If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Easter Offering.** Those of you who make your offering to the parish by standing order might also wish to use the loose Easter Offering envelopes available at the back of the church for your Easter offering to the clergy of the parish. If you know that you are going to be away for Easter you might wish to put your Easter Offering envelope into the collection either this weekend or next. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2018/19

Are available for collection this weekend. Please make sure that the address on your box of envelopes is correct.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLET

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter leaflet, giving the times of all the Masses and liturgies over Holy Week and Easter are available this weekend. Please be sure to take one home with you.

COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE TRAINING WALKS - ALL WELCOME!

Commencing in April there will be a series of "training" walks for those taking part in the pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela at the end of May. These walks will take place in the local countryside and parishioners interested in joining us for any of these walks would be most welcome. The first walk will be on **Saturday 14 April**. The route will be: Our Lady's Church - Chess Valley - Croxley Green - Dell Wood - Cassiobury Lock - Stockers Lake - Our Lady's Church. This will be about 9 miles, with a shorter alternative route back to the church from Lot Mead Lock (G.U. Canal) reducing the walk to about 7.5 miles. Future walks will take place on 21st and 28th April, 5th, 12th and 19th May (details to follow in due course). All the walks depart from Our Lady's at 9.00am.

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 21st March St John's, Mill End (Sacristy) 7.30pm to 8.30pm Fr Graham Gillman

Saturday 24th March Our Lady's (Confessional) 10.30am to 11.30am Fr Graham Gillman

Wednesday 28th March St John's, Mill End (Sacristy) 7.30pm to 8.30pm Fr Shaun

MONICA CLATWORTHY RIP

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.

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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for additional people to join our team of adult leaders working with children in any of our three sections Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. ***This could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.*** New leaders will have plenty of support from the other leaders within the Group. If you would like to know more about what is involved in a leadership role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736. For places in Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, please register your interest via our website: www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk

DIOCESAN NOTICES

THE PASSAGE

The Passage, working with homeless people, is raising funds through the Big Give from 12pm (midday) Thursday 22 March - 12pm Thursday 29 March to support its work with homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

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 **Sunday 15th April**: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

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*

HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF FEET

There is a list in the porch for anyone willing to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please do sign up.

EASTER CARDS available in the repository.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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MASS ROTA'S

Would readers and Ministers of Communion who can exercise their ministry during Holy Week please sign up on the special sheet on the porch noticeboard.

Copies of the rota's for April - June available now at the back of the church for those who haven't received them by email.

MISSIO RED BOXES - please bring your boxes to church within the next couple of weeks. Thank you. *Geraldine*

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 25th March** after 10.45am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

EASTER CARDS available in the repository.

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

EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - please sign up on list on the noticeboard if you can be welcomer, reader, Minister of Communion or have your feet washed.

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

LADIES MEETING

This will be next Monday (19th March), 10.00am at Patsy and Jo's house, 62 Clements Road. All are very welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 9.00AM MASS

I am delighted to be able to announce that a Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass will begin on **Sunday 15th April**. The Children's Liturgy will be for children in Reception upwards. The children will begin the Mass with us in the church, proceed to the lounge area for their own Liturgy of the Word and then re-join us at the Offertory. I am very grateful to the group of parishioners who have agreed to take on this important new ministry in the parish. *Fr Shaun*

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**. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
17/18 March	C Pierce	M Fields	C Johnson	J Whelan	J Donohoe	F Holly	Francis & Don	T Price
24/25 March	M Foggo	A Roberts	J Biel	M Calvert	J Hale	L Turnbull	Una & Ann	A McReynolds

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!