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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 15TH APRIL 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

It was essential to God's plan of salvation that the apostles fully understood and believed the astounding reality - Jesus Christ is *truly* risen! The faith of all future generations was dependent on their witness. As Jesus ate with them and invited them to touch him, the disciples finally understood that through the Son of Man, the material world and the supernatural world are now united. God functions in both parts of this one real existence. He is revealed in and through created order, but he is not bound by it. He has a real body, but is not subject to the laws of time and space.

We hear how the risen Jesus had been journeying with his disciples, but they had not recognised him. It is painful to realise how we too fail to recognise the Lord. Perhaps we recognise him in Scripture, in the Eucharist, but do we recognise him in the events of our day and the world around us? Do we recognise him in our priests, and in every person? Do we recognise him in ourselves? If we are unable to look beyond the material world, we will neither see Christ nor recognise that holiness is all around us.

If we love Jesus, if we love others, then we must be the witnesses for our time. Let us pray for our hearts to be opened so that, like the apostles, we may encounter the Risen Lord, and grow in a reciprocal relationship with him. Then we must simply and courageously, with love, share with the world our own witness of the Good News.

"How then shall they call upon him into whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe into Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without one who proclaims him?" Rm. 10:14

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Response to Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £401.00; Loose Plate: £336.40; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1440.48**

Mill End: Envelopes: £251.00; Loose Plate: £177.81; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £605.77**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of March - **£2555.35**

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 15TH APRIL	8.45am 9.15am 12.30pm 7.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adult Pub Social	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School Coach & Horses
MON 16TH APRIL	7.15pm - 8.45pm 8.00pm	Confirmation Course - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 17TH APRIL	5.30pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall Saints (school year 7-9 youth group) - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
WED 18TH APRIL			
THU 19TH APRIL	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 20TH APRIL	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 21ST APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptism Preparation - Hall 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 14 TH APRIL	10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Paddy Lewin RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Patty Breen RIP 11am Mike Townend RIP 6pm Peter Robert Mann RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Billy Osborne RIP	9am Private Intention
MONDAY 16 TH APRIL	9.30am Teresa Cawley RIP	9.30am Cyril Borthwick RIP	
TUESDAY 17 TH APRIL	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		9.30am Canon Digby Samuels RIP
WEDNESDAY 18 TH APRIL		9.30am Margaret Connor RIP	
THURSDAY 19TH APRIL <i>St ALPHEGE, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP		
FRIDAY 20 TH APRIL	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 21 ST APRIL	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Frank Linnane RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 22 ND APRIL <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Tom Byers RIP 11am Dan & Anne O'Sullivan RIP 6pm Mary Thomson RIP	10.30am Patrick Conway RIP (Anniv.)	9am Private Intention

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, Audrey Lewin and Mary Gardner.

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in each parish. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

“DIVINE RENOVATION” READING GROUPS

The Lenten Reading Groups were very well received, and enjoyed by around 60 parishioners across the three parishes - Fr Shaun and Fr Damian are now working through your feedback! Thank you to all who supported this event, and in particular the Group Hosts who so generously gave of their time and their homes.

Due to popularity of the Reading Groups, we are now planning to re-run the 6 week programme for those who were previously unable to join in. As before, *times and venues will be agreed once we know the level of interest*, so please do sign up on the sheets provided in the churches, before Sunday 29th April.

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THE THREE PARISHES - FRIDAY 4TH MAY, 7.00PM

It is our commission and our vision to become parishes that make and send forth missionary disciples: so that all can form living, loving relationships with Jesus Christ and each other. There will be an Evening of Prayer for the Three Parishes in continued support of this vision at **Our Lady's, Rickmansworth on Friday 4th May, 7.00pm**. Please do join us for an hour of Scripture, Adoration, reflection and hymns of praise and worship; followed by tea, coffee and cake in the Hall. We hope the evening will also provide an opportunity for Lenten Reading Group members to reconnect and share their experience with others.

A SPECIAL VISITOR

At the 6.00pm Mass at Our Lady's on **Sunday 6th May** we will be joined by Fr Simon Lobo. Fr Simon is now the Pastor (Parish Priest) at St Benedict's Parish, Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada. Fr Simon was previously the Associate Pastor in that parish, working with Fr James Mallon, the author of *Divine Renovation: Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission*. Fr Simon continues to work with Fr Mallon in sharing and developing this exciting vision of parish renewal with parishes in North America and around the world. Fr Simon has recently had his own book published: *Divine Renovation Apprentice: Learning to Lead a Disciple-Making Parish*. I am delighted to say that Fr Simon will be staying with us for a few days in the presbytery and that he has very kindly agreed to preach at the 6.00pm Mass at Our Lady's on 6th May. We very much look forward to welcoming him and hearing him. I hope that many of you will come and share in our celebration of Mass that evening and hear first-hand from Fr Simon how 'Divine Renovation' is being lived out at St Benedict's, where it all began! *Fr Shaun*

DIVINE RENOVATION - VISION DAY – SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

On Saturday 9th June there will be a Divine Renovation Vision Day at the Niland Centre, Bushey. This will take the place of the Day of Recollection for Readers, Ministers of Communion and Welcomers, and will be open to all parishioners who exercise any ministry at all in the parish. The day will be an opportunity for Fr Damian and I to share with you more deeply the vision of Divine Renovation for the spiritual renewal of our three parishes and also an opportunity for you to hear more about Alpha and how it will work in our parishes. The day will take the form of prayer, presentations by Fr Shaun and Fr Damian, group discussions and Q&A. There is no charge for the day; we simply ask that everyone bring something for our shared lunch together. Forms are available in each parish this weekend for you to book your place. We are limited to a maximum of 100 places, so don't miss out – get your completed form back to us as soon as possible in order to secure your place. Places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. If we are oversubscribed we will have a reserve list, in case of later cancellations.

DIVINE RENOVATION VIDEO PODCAST

Fr James Mallon and his team at Divine Renovation are now producing a weekly video podcast on various themes closely connected with bringing parishes from maintenance to mission. Each week the podcast includes an interview with someone outside of the team about an aspect of parish renewal. This week's podcast includes an interview with Kate Pinto, a relatively new parishioner at St Benedict's parish, about 'Living as a Missionary Disciple'. We encourage parishioners to watch the podcast, which is available for download on YouTube at **Divine Renovation**. If you are a regular YouTube user why not subscribe so that you can be alerted about new video podcasts as they are published. Following these podcasts would be a great way to find out more about parish renewal in general and about how the Divine Renovation model works in practice.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Damian or Fr Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is **Saturday 21st April at 2pm** in Our Lady's hall. *Please come to the presbytery first to meet with Fr Damian.*

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We have been asked whether any parishioner might have a room to available to rent to two French 19 year old interns (female), sharing one room preferably. The accommodation is required for six weeks from 21st May to 29th June 2018. The girls will be spending most of their time working in Rickmansworth, so a place in this area will be preferred. If you think you might be able to help please contact Mrs Debra Gorick - Director, The Language School at www.ilschool.co.uk or on 07763813340.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 15th April 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.

COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE TRAINING WALKS - ALL WELCOME!

The next walk is **Saturday 21st 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 28th April, 5th, 12th and 19th May (details to follow in due course). All the walks depart from Our Lady's at 9am. All parishioners are welcome.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - Friday 20th April, 11am-12.30pm

Upper Room at Rickmansworth Parish. A representative will be sharing about the L'Arche community

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COME AND JOIN THE 11.00AM MASS CHOIR!

Would you like to sing in the 11am choir? We practise from 10 most Sundays (restarting on May 13th). It's a lovely way to contribute to the Mass - no experience needed, and you don't need to read music. Contact Cormac on 07759 118770 or cormac.purtill@gmail.com, or just turn up!

PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

As part of the re-decoration of the church, we have commissioned two new chairs to go on either side of the presidential chair (the chair from which the priest celebrant presides). These new chairs will match the presidential chair in style and colour. In order to ensure a good match, our presidential chair has been taken to the workshops while the new chairs are being fashioned. We have been provided with a temporary presidential chair in the interim.

200 CLUB - congratulations to P Waters £39, I Barrett £29.25, R Dumughn £19.50, M Bridge Madden £9.75.

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 22nd April** 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!

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

PENTECOST NIGHT OF ECUMENICAL PRAYER AND WORSHIP EVENT

There will be a night of praise and worship on Saturday 19th May from 7.30pm at Hillside Baptist Church, Chorleywood for all the churches in the local area. A warm invitation is extended to come and join us in seeking the Lord, glorifying his precious name and praying for his kingdom to come!

LADIES' MEETING

The next meeting has been rescheduled from 23rd to 30th April, still at Ilona's home, 10 Green Street at 10.00am. Thank you.

RED MISSIO BOXES - thank you all for the March collection which amounted to £92.02.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 13 – 19 MAY

Easter has now passed and Christian Aid Week is looming on the horizon!

Our market is on Thursday 17 & Friday 18 May. Thank you for taking so many plant ordering forms last weekend. There are still a few left in the lobby. We look forward to receiving them back later. Please now consider searching your cupboards for good books, bric-a-brac, gifts, bottles & silent auction items and please start baking and freezing. Also, will you please consider volunteering to help with the numerous jobs, including the most important house-to-house collections (Maureen Foggo, 07989 067109), internal market (Ann Penn, 01923 283053), plants and anything else (Mary Latimer, 01923 284975). Watch for next week's fascinating article. Thank you.

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 this Sunday. 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*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
14/15 April	A Roberts	C Pierce	P Goble	U Lean	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Don & Marguerite	V Terrill
21/22 April	D Gibney	GF	J McEwen	M Mackie	A Opie	E Price	Patsy & Alan	C Steet

Young Adult Pub Socials

Pub socials for young adults every third Sunday of the month. Next one on 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



Year 6's are invited to our youth group after Easter! Next one takes place Tuesday 17th April, 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. You're so welcome! No need to sign up, just come along on the evening.