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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 22ND APRIL 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, John's gospel moves to a parable on the person and work of Christ. The hired hand works only for money; he has no attachment, interest or love for the sheep in his flock. Jesus rightly claims the title "Good Shepherd" - he knows his sheep through a relationship of mutual affection and trust. He calls out to them by name, as though each were the only sheep in the world. In an act of unfathomable love, whilst we were out grazing in the fields, Christ willingly suffered and died for each of us - for the sinner, the atheist, the enemy. Jesus saw discrimination in his own time, and he sees it in ours - racial, educational, financial, religious, cultural barriers. But we are "one flock, one shepherd", and we must never become too comfortable within our own fold. We are *all* called to proclaim the Good News - some in smaller ways, some in far greater ways.

Hence today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we give thanks for those men and women who have willingly and lovingly laid down their lives in the vocations of priesthood and religious life. We know there is a critical shortage of vocations being answered. Let us consider, as we pray for them to increase - what is our relationship with the wider flock? Is our model the Good Shepherd... or the hired hand, who bears the sheep no malice but whose half-heartedness puts lives at risk? Do we include ourselves and our families in our prayers for vocations, or do we put souls in danger by leaving it to others to answer that call? Our society is arranged to keep us from hearing deep truths, there is so much noise. But the Shepherd never ceases to call us, and each message we are to hear is addressed to us by name.

Discipleship means that we listen when Jesus calls, and follow where he leads.

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Response to Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £435.50; Loose Plate: £379.24; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1517.82**

Mill End: Envelopes: £253.00; Loose Plate: £157.21; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £587.17**

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 22ND APRIL	8.45am 9.15am 11.30am 12.45pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 23RD APRIL	10.00am for 10.15am 7.15pm - 8.45pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space Confirmation Course - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 24TH APRIL		<i>NO First Communion Class this week</i>	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 25TH APRIL			
THU 26TH APRIL	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 27TH APRIL	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 28TH APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 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 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
MONDAY 23RD APRIL <i>St GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i>	9.30am John Rutland (Ints.)	9.30am Imelda Grasso RIP	
TUESDAY 24TH APRIL <i>SS ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, BISHOPS</i>	9.30am Michael Nicholas Townend RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL <i>St MARK, EVANGELIST</i>		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 26 TH APRIL	9.30am Bruce Dackowski RIP		
FRIDAY 27 TH APRIL	9.30am John Byrne RIP		9.30am Canon Digby Samuels RIP
SATURDAY 28 TH APRIL	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Maureen Bolitho RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 29 TH APRIL <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Margaret Breen RIP 11am Sonia Guce RIP 6pm Margaret Connor RIP	10.30am Siobhain Barnes RIP	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

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Today's second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at each parish. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU"

To all those of you who were able to share in the celebration of the Sisters' presence in the Ricky/ Mill End area last Friday evening: to Frs Shaun and Damian, and Fr Jim; to the Choir with its specially composed Responsorial Psalm, to the Social Club, and also to the many others who helped to make it such a prayerful and enjoyable evening. Those unable to come were remembered and prayed for. Our years of presence and shared blessings are summed up in your beautiful gift of the picture of Our Lady's Church. Thank you sincerely. From all the Daughters of Jesus.

"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 to explore more deeply together 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, priest and lay presentations, 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.

COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE TRAINING WALKS - ALL WELCOME!

The next walk is **Saturday 28th 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 5th, 12th and 19th May. All the walks depart from Our Lady's at 9am. All parishioners are welcome. to join us.

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.*

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Tuesday 1st May**. As there is currently no chair in post, if parishioners have any ideas or suggestions they would like discussed, please contact Fr Shaun - shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk or the parish office - rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - please note that there will be no First Communion class this coming Monday.

THE AFTERPARTY

The next Afterparty will be on **6th May** after 6pm Mass in the hall at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Starts 7.00pm-ish, finish 8.00pm. Ping pong, foosball, hot chocolate & tea. Everyone is warmly invited, especially families with teenagers.

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!

APF MISSIO - would promoters please collect the Spring Magazines from the church porch. Thank you.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MARKET – 17 & 18 MAY

Please start bringing all your gifts in and leaving them in the kitchen. Items could include good quality books, gifts, bric-a-brac, bottles, higher value silent auction goods (we have some interesting items already, more welcome) and good toys. How many cakes have you baked so far?! And have you put your name down yet for house-to-house collecting - see below! Thank you, more next week.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTORS NEEDED PLEASE

I still need volunteers to deliver and collect envelopes in these areas please: LHS Green Street (even numbers and collecting only as the Beavers will be delivering); Chenies Road (from traffic lights on A404 to St Clement Danes School); Woodland Lane + Common Road from junction with Woodland Lane to traffic lights + Rickmansworth Road from traffic lights at junction with Common Road to junction with Dog Kennel Lane. Envelopes need delivering between 6-12 May and collecting (I only go once) between 13-18 May. If you can help, please let me know. Thank you! Maureen (07989 067109)

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
21/22 April	D Gibney	GF	J McEwen	M Mackie	A Opie	E Price	Patsy & Alan	C Steet
28/29 April	GF	A Penn	D Gibney	J Hale	T D'Urso	F Holly	Marguerite & Yasmin	T Price



Saints (school year 7-9)

Games, food & reflection

Year 6's are invited to our youth group after Easter! Next one takes place Tuesday 1st May, 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.