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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 1ST APRIL 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Christ is Risen! Through the darkness of Lent has come the Light of the World. This weekend we celebrate together the greatest miracle ever known - the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, freeing us from sin and death. The body is intimately connected to the soul - a gift from God, made in his image. Physical death separates what God intended to be joined together. Now, through his resurrection, the glorified Christ in his inconceivable mercy promises to take us with him to eternal life in God's kingdom. This life is no longer the end, but the beginning!

In this way the first Easter changed mankind for ever, bringing hope and meaning to our existence, and purpose to our suffering. It revealed a new way to be human. When we "*think of what is above, not of what is on earth*", everything changes. When our lives are "*hidden with Christ in God*", we live in his truth and love, with peace in our hearts. We don't have to walk another day carrying the weight of our sins because Jesus has lifted them from us. We don't need to seek frivolous and transient pleasures. We don't need to be selfish with our time or resources. We don't need to pass judgement on our brothers and sisters. When we truly believe that death holds no power over us, we can walk each day in the grace being offered us - to give away this life in love.

We exist to bring this Easter message to those who have not yet heard it, or do not yet believe it; anyone who is empty, directionless, incomplete. Let us bring them all into the loving, saving relationship with Jesus that both he and they long for. Christ did not keep the promise of the resurrection for himself, and nor should we - every person on earth needs to know that they are adored, loved, forgiven and worth dying for. Alleluia!

Easter Sunday Morning Readings

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Response to Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £668.34; Loose Plate: £368.08; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1739.50**

Mill End: Envelopes: £254.00; Loose Plate: £251.40; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £682.36**

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

Comboni Mission Appeal: Rickmansworth £965.66; Mill End £349.78; Chorleywood £238.20

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

MON 2ND APRIL		NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK	St John the Evangelist
SAT 7TH APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
SUN 8TH APRIL	12.45pm 7.00pm	Baptisms The Afterparty - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 9TH APRIL	10.00am	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUES 10TH APRIL	7.30pm	Mill End Parish PPC Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
THURS 12TH APRIL	2.15pm for 2.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Quiet Space Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 13TH APRIL	10.45am for 11.00am 7.00pm	Lectio Divina - Upper Room Mass of Thanksgiving & Farewell for the Daughters of Jesus	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 14TH APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Aaron Farrell & Naomi Lilley Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SUN 15TH APRIL	12.30pm 7.15pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall Young Adults Pub Social	St John's School Coach & Horses

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 31ST MARCH <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	NO MORNING MASS 8.30pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	8.30pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	8.30pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 1ST APRIL <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	8.30am Tess & Jim Logan RIP 11am Henry Cutting (Ints.) NO EVENING MASS	10.30am Joe Donnelly RIP	9am Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP
MONDAY 2ND APRIL	10am Tom Byers RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
TUESDAY 3RD APRIL	NO MASS TODAY		10am Canon Digby Samuels RIP
WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL		10am Mike Towend RIP	
THURSDAY 5TH APRIL	10am Jim Casey RIP		
FRIDAY 6TH APRIL	10am Jim Casey RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 7TH APRIL	10am Nancy Lannon RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Heather Cunningham RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8TH APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Colette Donnigan RIP 11am Isabel Montesdeoca (Ints.) 6pm Martin McCann RIP	10.30am Joe Donnelly RIP	9am Peter Price RIP
MONDAY 9TH APRIL <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30am Monica Clatworthy RIP	9.30am Peggy O'Connor RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 10TH APRIL	9.30am Tom Byers RIP		9.30am Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP
WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL		9.30am Francis Linnane RIP	
THURSDAY 12TH APRIL	9.30am Kathleen Quirk (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 13TH APRIL	9.30am Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 14TH APRIL	10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Paddy Lewin RIP	6pm (Vigil) Canon Digby Samuels RIP
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Patty Breen RIP 11am Mike Townend RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Billy Osborne RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN AND FR DAMIAN

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making our celebration of the Holy Triduum across the three parishes so very special. Music always plays a central role in our worship, but especially so in Holy Week, and so great thanks are due to Susana Tierney, Cormac Purtill, Katy Pione, Austin Finan and the choir and folk group at Our Lady's; Patricia O'Sullivan, and the choir at St John Fisher and Katy Pione and Jo Rodrigues and the choir at St John the Evangelist. The music in all three parishes has been wonderful and added greatly to the dignity of our celebrations.

Our sincere thanks go to the sacristans of the three parishes, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for the celebration these holy days. We are thankful also for the ministry of our altar servers, readers, ministers of communion and welcomers, all of whom have played key roles in making our celebrations very worthy.

All three churches look truly wonderful this Easter and that is thanks to our teams of church cleaners and to our talented teams of flower arrangers.

If you are a visitor to the parishes, welcome! If you live in one of the three parishes, but this is your first visit in a while, you too are very welcome and we hope to see you again very soon.

Finally, thank you to everyone in all three parish communities who has journeyed with us through the mysteries of these holy days. We thank you, too, for your kindness and generosity to us and in our turn we wish each of you

A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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. Thank you.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no Parish Newsletter next weekend.

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 7th 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.

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.

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.

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.* Thank you.

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 **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

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.

THE AFTERPARTY

The next Afterparty will be on **8th April** 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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Tuesday 10th April**. Parishioners with any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed should contact the Chair at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

200 CLUB - EASTER - congratulations to Natalie Zammit (£100), Caroline Elsdon (£30) and Mary Harris (£20).

MASS ROTA'S

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.

WEEKDAY MASS - there will be no weekday Mass here on Monday 2nd April, there is Mass at Our Lady's at 10.00am.

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) AND NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Minutes of the recent APM, together with reports from the Parish Priest, Chair of the Pastoral Council and President of the SVP are now available on the porch notice board and online on the parish website. A few hard copies of each are available in the porch for those without access to the internet. At the APM Toni D'Urso and Maggie Stacey were elected to the Pastoral Council. Toni and Maggie will serve one year on the existing PPC and a further two years on the new Joint Parish Pastoral Council, which comes into effect from March 2019. We congratulate Toni and Maggie on their election to the PPC and thank them for agreeing to stand.

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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*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
31/03 & 1/04	EASTER - ROTA ON NOTICEBOARD						Peter & Kate	J Whelan
7/8 April	J Ingham	E Page	M Latimer	A Opie	H McGrath	J Hale	Carolyn & Francis	S Tarrant
14/15 April	A Roberts	C Pierce	P Goble	U Lean	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Don & Marguerite	V Terrill

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.