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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 13TH MAY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's gospel once again places us in the Upper Room, on that Friday morning. Christ's suffering and death are near at hand, and he knows he is leaving his disciples in a hostile world. He intercedes for them, he intercedes for us; and for all Christians to come. He entrusts us all to the loving care and protection of his Father.

What he does not pray for is our withdrawal from the world, or freedom from pain and temptation, much as we may seek this. Joy is not the absence of hardship - it is the deep peace that is found in God, and *only* in God. This is what makes us different. Jesus *wants* us in the world, where we live, work, study, and interact. Our commission is to transform mankind, so that all may share and reflect the love found in the Holy Trinity. How can it be that materialism, pride and egotism can be chosen, and God's love rejected? Satan leads this active opposition. As such, Christians are faced with danger; influenced by the world's culture, tempted and deceived constantly, and this is why Jesus asks the Father to protect us "from the evil one". Satan will never defeat God. When we place our faith in Christ, we access a portal to heaven, here on earth. Through the Holy Spirit we are able to acknowledge our sins and mourn our inability to resist temptation. Instead of driving us into despair, our sin drives us to Christ. Joy is found in the words of the tax collector: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner!"

Our lives must conform to the standard of the Trinity - whatever we are doing, we must be people of integrity, filled with truth and love so that others may see us to be what we truly are: disciples of Jesus. We remain in this broken, sin-filled world to gather the lost for Christ - because we are not the only ones he loves and died for. As Pentecost approaches, remember that millions still believe Easter is about rabbits and chocolate eggs. We are here to tell the truth about an empty tomb.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

Response to Psalm: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings (during the day)

Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £525.31; Loose Plate: £398.08; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1626.47**

Mill End: Envelopes: £229.51; Loose Plate: £305.04; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £711.51**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of March - **£2544.44**

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 13TH MAY	8.45am 10.30am 12.45pm	First Communion Class First Holy Communion Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 14TH MAY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm 8.00pm	Mom's Connect - Hall Chorleywood PPC Meeting - Presbytery Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 15TH MAY	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Saints (school year 7-9 youth group) - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 16TH MAY	12 noon	Funeral - Patricia Poggi RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 17TH MAY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 18TH MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 19TH MAY	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 12 TH MAY	NO MASS TODAY	6pm (Vigil) Mavis Livingston RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13 TH MAY <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Henry Cutting (Ints.) 6pm Heather Young RIP	10.30am Mike Townend RIP	9am Private Intention
MONDAY 14 TH MAY <i>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Andrew Dumughn RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Josie Linnane (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 15 TH MAY	9.30am Marcel Delaporte RIP (Anniv.)		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 16 TH MAY		9.30am Martin Connor RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 17 TH MAY	9.30am Kay Telford RIP		
FRIDAY 18 TH MAY	9.30am James & Nora O'Reilly (Ints.)		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 19 TH MAY	10.00am Kathleen Martin & Family (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Olive Jones RIP	6pm (Vigil) Patrik Biel RIP (Anniv.)
SUNDAY 20 TH MAY <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	8.30am Frank Truman RIP 11am Montesdeoca Family (Ints.) 6pm Kevin Ford RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Kitty Smith RIP	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, 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

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Communications Day when we pray in particular way for the very valuable work being done on behalf of the Church by the communications office of the Bishop's Conference. Prayer cards are available this weekend in each parish. If you would like to support the work of the communications office of the Bishops' Conference and CCN you can donate online so at www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd

RACE NIGHT, SATURDAY 9TH JUNE, FUNDRAISING FOR CONNECT2 PROJECT – SEBEYA, ETHIOPIA

Join us for a fun filled race night. It's our first official fundraiser for Sebeya so if you haven't attended an event before, now is the time to give it a go! £10 per adult, £5 for under 12s including a 2 course meal. It's a 7pm start with the first race at 7.30pm. 50p bets available per race. Bring your friends and family. Own a business? We'd love you to sponsor a race for £20. Tickets on sale from Sunday 20th May. Contact Adrian on 07503 898689 or adrian@justparkers.co.uk for more details, to sponsor a horse or reserve tickets in advance.

THREE PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR PARK – THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018

After the success of last July's day pilgrimage to Canterbury, we are organising a day pilgrimage to Stonor Park, near Henley on Thames, for Thursday 26th July 2018. Stonor Park has been the ancestral home of the Stonor's (a Catholic family) for over 850 years and Mass has always been celebrated in the family chapel, even during the Reformation period. Stonor is closely associated with St. Edmund Campion, martyred in 1581. He was a Londoner, and a leading Oxford academic of the day, ordained a Catholic Priest and Jesuit on the Continent who had answered the call of the Pope to volunteer to work on 'The English Mission'. He was given refuge at Stonor in 1581. We will have the privilege of celebrating Mass in the family's private chapel. There will also be time during the day to visit the house, the gardens and the Wonder Woods (a fun playground for children). The cost of the day, including the coach, entrance to the house (opens at 1.30pm), gardens and Wonder Woods is £15 for adults and £10 for children. There are only 50 places available on the coach, so please complete the booking form (available in each parish) and return it to the clergy or to the parish office with full payment as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to *Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth*. Places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, so book early to avoid disappointment!

BAPTISM PREPARATION - SATURDAY 19TH MAY AT 2.00PM

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 this Saturday in Our Lady's hall. Please come to the presbytery first to meet with Fr Damian.

SAVE THE DATE - Three Parish BBQ on 8th July.

PATRICIA POGGI RIP

The funeral of Patricia Poggi will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 16th May at 12 noon** followed by burial at Chorleywood Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

SIGNING OF PASSPORT APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION

Every month we receive many requests to sign passport applications and other identity documentation. This is becoming more frequent as significant numbers of people seek Irish passports as a result of Brexit and as other professionals (doctors etc.) will usually no longer sign such documentation. We are happy to continue to sign such identity documentation for parishioners who are known to us. However, going forward we are requesting a suggested donation to the parishes of £10, which will be used to support the hospitality ministry of Alpha, which begins in our parishes in the autumn. Thank you.

Fr Shaun & Fr Damian

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.

COMPOSTELA PRILGRIMAGE TRAINING WALK - SATURDAY 19TH MAY AT 9.00AM

The route will be Our Lady's Church - Chess Valley Walk as far as Chesham Amenity Centre - Cock Inn (P.H.) - Our Lady's Church. This will be about 15 miles. All parishioners are welcome to join us.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 20th May** 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.

GUIDED TOUR - SUNDAY 13TH MAY AT 3.00PM

As part of Ricky Week, there will be a guided tour of Our Lady's this Sunday by the historian of the parish, Peter Waters. Meet outside the church porch or inside once started. No charge but donations to the church will be gratefully received.

FILM NIGHT IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Friday 18th May at Christ Church, Chorleywood

"A United Kingdom" is the story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving, but controversial marriage to Ruth Williams, a British white woman, put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil. Doors open at 7.15pm & film starts at 7.45pm - entry free! Soft drinks and nibbles are provided for generous donations! All are most welcome.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Reception Class – September 2018

Due to a family relocation, an allocated place for our new reception class (September 2018) has become available. If you would like further details or to arrange a tour of the school and a meeting with the Head teacher, please contact the school office on 01923 774004.

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!

THE AFTERPARTY

The next Afterparty takes place on Sunday 3rd June. The Afterparty takes place after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall just behind Our Lady's church. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

200 CLUB (APRIL)

Congratulations to Collette Bridge Madden £39, Josie Westhrop £29.25, Martin Brady £19.50 and Peter Waters £9.75.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on 13th May at 10.30am.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

The next meeting will take at 8pm on **Monday 14th May**. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should submit these to Malcolm Golin (PPC Secretary) malcolmgolin@outlook.com. Alternatively, parishioners can approach an individual PPC member (the names of all PPC members are listed on the parish website).

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!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS FINALLY HERE!!

This is where we can join together with the other Christian churches in Chorleywood to try to make a difference to the lives of some of the poorest people in the world. What a privilege. Thank you, once again, for all you have done so far. A record number of plants ordered (£1590), quantities of goods brought in already and the silent auction up and running. **WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?** Please be here at 10am on Sunday 13th to move the church furniture and bring in the tables, books and bric-a-brac to set up the market. Have you offered your help yet in the running of the market? Please do if you can. Most importantly, please come along and bring your children, friends relations and neighbours to join in the fun of our market which is on from 10am to 5pm on Thursday and Friday this week. A good time is always had by all. On both days we will be serving delicious ploughmen lunches. Finally, all strong people, please come along at 5pm on Friday evening (18th) to restore our church back into its proper state in time for Mass on Saturday evening. Grateful thanks for all you have done so far.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
12/13 May	V & A Cray	T Hartney	C Johnson	J Whelan	K Cottingham	J Hale	Marguerite & Patsy	J Whelan
19/20 May	C Pierce	S Hoy	J Biel	A Opie	M Golin	AM Farnsworth	Carolyn & Vivian	S Tarrant

Saints—Parish Youth Group School Year 7-9

Year 6's are now invited to come along to our parishes' youth group! We meet fortnightly and meet next on Tuesday 15th May, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall. We start the evening with a chat about life and then pour all our energy into some games; continue to chat and share as we eat pizza & sausage rolls; and we wrap up the evening with a song. You're so welcome to join us!

For teenagers who enjoy drama and acting...

RISE Theatre are running a residential course for 13-18 year olds, 13th to 16th August at Kintbury. RISE Theatre is a Christian theatre company with lots of experience teaching drama to young people and they're exceptionally good at it. On the final day, participants will present a drama piece to friends and family. Very warmly recommended for our young parishioners who enjoy doing drama.

Info & sign up: www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth