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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B) - 27TH MAY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Whilst mindful of the fact that *every* Sunday is sanctified and consecrated in honour of the Trinity, today we reflect in a particular way on the central doctrine and mystery of our faith - One God in Three divine Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God does not exist in isolation, but as a triune community of love. His nature is revealed through this relationship between the Three Persons - he is not lofty and isolated, but composed of the pure love which flows continuously amongst and from him.

Many have attempted to explain the mystery of the Trinity, but it is not possible for human minds to fully understand - only to accept, through faith. Fortunately it's not necessary to understand God, to be loved by him. It's not necessary to understand God, in order to accept that he has set us free from sin and death. Being baptised in the name of the Trinity, we are brought to share in the life of God, the community of the Trinity, and we exist to bring others to share in it also.

"When they saw Him, they worshipped, but they doubted." It's not a coincidence that the Great Commission is preceded by a reminder that most of us struggle with doubt. We can trust in God always - Jesus says, "All power in heaven and earth has been given to me." Yet how many of us believe in God's power, but do not rely on it exclusively? The truth is that faith and doubt are just part of the same conversation - we all have doubts, and always will. But Jesus does not doubt us. He has promised to be with us always, until the end of time. He has delegated part of his divine authority to us, and sent us to make disciples of all the nations, the whole world! Lord, we believe, help our unbelief!

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40
Response to Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Next Sunday's Readings
Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16. 22-26 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £460.16; Loose Plate: £415.09; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1578.33**

Mill End: Envelopes: £276.35; Loose Plate: £152.38; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £605.69**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of April - **£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 27TH MAY	11.30pm 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 28TH MAY		NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK	St John the Evangelist
TUE 29TH MAY			
WED 30TH MAY			
THU 31ST MAY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 1ST JUNE	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 2ND JUNE	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 26TH MAY <i>St PHILIP NERI, PRIEST</i>	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 27TH MAY <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Mike Townend RIP 6pm Joe Heraty RIP	10.30am George Micallef RIP	9am Fr Patrick Sammon RIP
MONDAY 28TH MAY	9.30am John & Margaret McGuinness RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Johnny Johnston RIP	
TUESDAY 29TH MAY	9.30am Hazel Maguire RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 31ST MAY <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am D'Cruz Family RIP		
FRIDAY 1ST JUNE <i>St JUSTIN, MARTYR</i>	9.30am Carleen Doherty RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 2ND JUNE	10.00am Kitty & Sylvia Jubber RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Patrick Sammon RIP
SUNDAY 3RD JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Mary Gaughan RIP	10.30am Ada Massey RIP (Anniv.)	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

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd June (Corpus Christi).

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

In July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2019. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2018 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father, Hail Mary* and *Glory be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Monday 9th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 14th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 10.00am to 11.00am

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

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

Join us for a fun filled race night. It's a 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!

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

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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents currently collecting Mass attendance stickers for primary or secondary places in catholic schools are reminded to 1.) Put cello-tape over each row once it is completed, so that stickers will not peel off over time and 2.) Take regular photographs of the Mass attendance card (making sure the child's name is visible). This will ensure that you have evidence of Sunday Mass attendance should your card become lost. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice are issued.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A volunteer is requested to assist with some administrative duties for a support group for parents of those with special needs that meets monthly at Rickmansworth. This includes booking the church hall, putting in newsletter adverts, sending emails to the group and arranging speakers to attend. Please contact Caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the 11.00am on Sunday 3rd June we will conclude the Mass (weather permitting) with a Corpus Christi procession around the grounds and Benediction at the Calvary. All the children in the parish who have made their First Holy Communion this year have been invited to attend this Mass in their First Communion clothes, so that the whole parish can celebrate with them.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION PARTY

Parents of the First Communion children are reminded that the children will be having a party after the 11.00am Mass and Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 3rd June. Please bring a plate of food for the children to share and a change of clothes for the children, so that they can change out of their First Communion clothes for games.

HELP NEEDED – FIRE WARDENS FOR 11.00AM MASS

We need some more volunteers to act as Fire Wardens at the 11.00am Sunday Masses. It is not an onerous duty and some training would be given. If you would be willing to help with this please contact Fr Shaun.

THE AFTERPARTY - Sunday 3rd June

The Afterparty takes place after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall. 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.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

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 27th May 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!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PARISH BBQ AND PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

The parish BBQ is scheduled to take place on **Sunday 1st July**. For this event to be able to go ahead we need a good number of volunteers to take responsibility for organising and running it. There is a list on a clipboard in the lobby with all the various tasks that will need to be done. Please sign up for whatever you feel you can help with. Without sufficient volunteers the BBQ will sadly not be able to go ahead. During June we will be canvassing parishioners on the kinds of social activities that they would like to see taking place in the parishes. We will also be inviting parishioners to consider becoming involved with a new parish social events committee that will plan and coordinate future parish social events. This would not be an open-ended commitment but we would ask parishioners to consider being committing for a two year period. There will be more about this in June but, for now, I would ask to you start thinking about what events you might like to see in the parish and to consider whether you might make a two year commitment to the proposed new social events committee. *Fr Shaun*

WEEKDAY MASS

Please note there will be no Mass on Friday 1st June.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the recent PPC meeting held on 14th May 2018 are now available on the PPC page of the parish website and on the lobby notice board. A few 'hard' copies are available in the lobby for those without internet access.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - The St John Fisher Market and the House-to-House Collections.

We're very happy to be able to give you the final total for the market at St John Fisher and we have reached the very creditable total of £4,005.00. Our greatest thanks to everybody who helped in any way to make it such an enjoyable market to help the poorest people in the world. *Eddie, Maureen and Mary*

SALE OF HANDMADE POTTERY

You and your friends are invited to a sale of handmade pottery by Marion Calvert on Saturday 9th June from 10am to 4.30pm. The address is 16 Beechwood Avenue in Chorleywood, WD3 5RL. Percentage of sales will be donated to CAFOD.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
26/27 May	M Foggo	E Page	P Goble	M Calvert	C Holly	E Price	Marguerite & Yasmin	V Terrill
2/3 June	D Gibney	S Hoy	J McEwen	U Lean	L Munro	F Holly	Una & Kate	C Steet

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 5th June, 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