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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B) - 20TH MAY 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today, Easter concludes with the Solemnity of Pentecost. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, upon Mary and the apostles as they gathered once again in the Upper Room. After Jesus' death, his disciples were disappointed, distressed, and fearful. The Holy Spirit transformed them into brave, joyous evangelisers who proclaimed the Gospel unceasingly, filled with excitement and burning with love for the Lord! They were able to communicate in ways they never thought possible; speaking and preaching in every language. Pentecost heralded a new beginning: the birth of the Church. God no longer speaks solely through selected prophets, but through everyone baptised in the Spirit.

Jesus calls for our whole lives - our choices, our actions and words - to be his visible presence in the world. But like the disciples, we more often have reservations about publicising our faith, fearing ridicule or rejection. We have to penetrate through worldly values that are so at odds with Christ's, to show that humility, compassion, forgiveness, self-sacrifice and obedience bring greater joy and freedom than all the fame and money in the world. We are neither asked nor expected to do this on our own - it is the *reason* Jesus sent us his Advocate, "the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission" (CCC 852). He alone knows the Father and the Son perfectly, and he alone is able to guide the Church into the full truth. The Spirit longs to burn the knowledge of God's love and mercy into each of our hearts, to fill us with the same joy that the first Christians knew. He empowers us to live differently in the midst of a world still awaiting full redemption.

The Holy Spirit will come to *anyone* who seeks him with an open and repenting heart. Let us pray for a "New Pentecost" for the "New Evangelisation": for the Spirit to be re-ignited in every person, baptising each of us afresh with a greater zeal for mission, prayer and service.

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Response to Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £303.47; Loose Plate: £470.08; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1476.63**

Mill End: Envelopes: £291.00; Loose Plate: £318.40; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £786.36**

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

Priest's Training Fund: Rickmansworth £743.45; Mill End £353.89; Chorleywood £278.20

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 20TH MAY	9.00am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John's School
MON 21ST MAY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mom's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 22ND MAY	10.00am 11.00am	SVP Meeting Funeral - Viktor Boehler RIP	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 23RD MAY			
THU 24TH MAY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 25TH MAY	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Confirmation	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH MAY	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding - Ryan Evans & Carly Norris 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 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 Fabby Montesdeoca (Ints.) 6pm Kevin Ford RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Kitty Smith RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 21 ST MAY	9.30am Karl Ratcliffe RIP	9.30am Margaret McEleney RIP	
TUESDAY 22 ND MAY	9.30am Private Intention		9.30am Fr Patrick Sammon RIP
WEDNESDAY 23 RD MAY		9.30am Michael McCarrick RIP	
THURSDAY 24 TH MAY	9.30am Fr Patrick Sammon RIP		
FRIDAY 25TH MAY <i>ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Private Intention		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
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 27 TH 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

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

VIKTOR BOEHLER RIP

The funeral of Viktor Boehler will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Tuesday 22nd May** at **11.00am** followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

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.

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.

MOM'S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 11.30AM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Boshoff on caitbos22@gmail.com or 07484 754843.

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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for additional people to join our team of adult leaders working with children in any of our three sections Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. *This could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.* New leaders will have plenty of support from the other leaders within the Group. If you would like to know more about what is involved in a leadership role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736. For places in Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, please register your interest via our website: www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk

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!

Are you a good listener, compassionate and organised? Would you like to volunteer for 1.5 hours a month, to coordinate and facilitate a small support group, of Parents whose children have special needs? The group meets at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Please contact Una Daly from Caritas Westminster for more details - 07801 572 434.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Note of the recent PPC meeting held on 1st May 2018 is now available on the PPC page of the parish website and on the porch notice board. A few 'hard' copies are available at the back of the church for those without internet access.

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.

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!

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

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Holy Communion Day for two of our young parishioners will take place at 9am this Sunday. There will be a Communion Breakfast after the Mass to which you are all warmly invited.

DATE FOR THE DIARY – PARISH SUMMER BBQ

The annual parish summer BBQ will take place on Sunday 1st July. Please make a note in your diary now. It would be great to see some of our young families coming along to this lovely event.

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.

A huge thank you to everybody who helped in so many ways to make our market a great success. We trust you enjoyed all that you did for the poor of the world. We hope to be able to bring you an interim figure for the market profit this weekend and further updates on all fronts in the weeks to come. With renewed thanks to you all. Maureen, Mary and Eddie.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
19/20 May	C Pierce	S Hoy	J Biel	A Opie	M Golin	AM Farnsworth	Carolyn & Vivian	S Tarrant
26/27 May	M Foggo	E Page	P Goble	M Calvert	C Holly	E Price	Marguerite & Yasmin	V Terrill

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 6th 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