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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 3RD JUNE 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, in which we pause to meditate on this divine mystery - that since the first Holy Thursday, Our Lord makes himself truly and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist, for us. Ordinary bread and wine are inwardly transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit through the priest, into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the glorified Christ himself. When we receive the Eucharist, we too appear outwardly the same, but are inwardly transformed. We become one substance with Christ - like a second resurrection, he gives us his divine heart and soul for the mission as we go forth to make his message known throughout the world. In worthily receiving his Body and Blood we are given the grace to see what needs to be done, and the strength to carry it out.

Just as God became man in the most unexpected way, as a tiny baby to a lowly family, he once again humbles himself to the extreme. He desires so much to remain with us physically that he is willing to become utterly fragile and vulnerable in the consecrated host. Such is his great love for us, he trusts that we will shelter and protect him. We must have faith in him as he has faith in us! We are not called to understand or explain this mystery but to *believe*. To receive the transforming power of the Eucharist we must have faith in his Real Presence - to receive without belief is a sacrilege and prevents us from receiving the grace Christ wants to give. If all Catholics *truly* believed in the Real Presence resting, waiting, in our tabernacles, our churches would never be empty or closed. The Holy Eucharist is not a symbol. It is not a metaphor, it is not a "piece" of Christ, but a person to be loved and kept company. Jesus said, "This is my body", and it *is* his body: wholly and entirely. It is true, because God has said so.

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8
Response to Psalm: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26
Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1; Mark 3:20-35 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £357.55; Loose Plate: £250.83; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1311.46**

Mill End: Envelopes: £302.50; Loose Plate: £181.81; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £661.27**

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 3RD JUNE	9.30am 7.00pm	Coffee after Mass - Hall Afterparty- Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 4TH JUNE	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Mom's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Edith Moid's flat Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 5TH JUNE	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Saints (school year 7-9 youth group) - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 6TH JUNE			
THU 7TH JUNE	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 8TH JUNE	10.00am 2.00pm for 2.15pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Lectio Divina	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 9TH JUNE	9.30am 5.30pm	Divine Renovation - Vision Day (<i>please remember to bring something for the shared lunch</i>) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Niland Centre St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 2 ND 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 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	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
MONDAY 4 TH JUNE	9.30am Jerzy Mazurkiewicz RIP	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 5TH JUNE St BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR	9.30am Jack Beilby RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 6 TH JUNE		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 7 TH JUNE	9.30am Hazel Maguire RIP		
FRIDAY 8TH JUNE THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 9TH JUNE THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	NO MASS THIS MORNING	6pm (Vigil) Lorna Jackson (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 10 TH JUNE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Mary Casey (Ints.) 11am Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Timothy O'Driscoll 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

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses this weekend.

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 now on sale. 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.

GENERAL 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.

POPE FRANCIS HAS INVITED US ALL TO "SHARE THE JOURNEY" WITH REFUGEES.

You are invited to participate in CAFOD's 'Share the Journey' campaign as an act of solidarity with refugees. This includes a prayerful walk which is taking place around the London Outer Orbital Path (the LOOP) during May and June. The aim of the campaign is to draw attention to the plight of refugees and send a message to world leaders that ambitious new agreements must be made. Further information is available at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey> and on the parish noticeboard. Over the next few weeks there will be walks taking place and passing near our parish. If you are interested in joining the walk for any of the 24 stages, please email oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk or ring the CAFOD office on 020 8449 6970.

COULD YOU SPARE A LITTLE TIME TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE?

For some of our neighbours in Rickmansworth, being unable to drive or use public transport can be a real burden. Our volunteers help them to access the things that matter to them in the local area such as hospitals or doctor appointments. If you can help contact Jenny Woods on 01923 447417 and for more information see our website www.rickmansworthcare.org.uk

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the 11.00am on Sunday 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.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS - please join us in the hall for our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday.

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.

MASS

Please note there will be no morning Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions on Saturday 9th June.

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.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS

A reminder that tea and coffee is available in the parish hall after the 10.30am Mass each Sunday. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on Sunday 24th June 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 committing for a two year period. There will be more about this in June but, for now, I would ask you to 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*

LADIES MEETING

This is on **MONDAY 4th June**, 10.00am, at 2 Grenville Court. (Edith Moid's flat). All are very welcome.

RED APF MISSIO BOXES

Please would you kindly bring your boxes to church on either of the next two weekends Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th and 16th/17th for the June Collection. Thank you very much. *Mary*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION FOR 2018

To date, the amount collected this year (excluding Gift Aid) in the house-to-house collection is £7,081, which compares with £6,128 for 2017. A further £281 was also raised for Christian Aid at the recent Christ Church Film Night. A huge "thank you" to the wonderful people from St John Fisher - Marion Calvert, Toni D'Urso, Claire Johnson, Mary Latimer, Edith Moid, Martin Penn, Frankie Rich and Maggie Stacey - who knocked on doors (let's face it, who enjoys doing that?!) to help collect this fantastic sum. *Maureen*

CHRISTIAN AID MARKET

Breaking news - we have just received £110 from Chorleywood Book Shop, so our total now is a record figure of £4,115. Thank you so much from *Ann, Eddie, Maureen and Mary*.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
2/3 June	D Gibney	S Hoy	J McEwen	U Lean	L Munro	F Holly	Una & Kate	C Steet
9/10 June	A Roberts	M Williamson	C Johnson	M Mackie	J Hale	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Don	T Price

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