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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 17TH MARCH 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Every year the gospel of the second Sunday of Lent tells of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It is a moment when the disciples get a small glimpse of God in human flesh, as Jesus' divinity shines through his humanity. Soon afterwards, Jesus will begin the long journey to Jerusalem, where he will be rejected, suffer and die. The meeting with Moses and Elijah on the mountain confirms that Jesus is truly the Messiah, and that his glorious destiny will be achieved through pain and death. It's a truth that applies to all of us: the last word in the struggle of the Christian life does not, in fact, lie with struggle - the last word lies with seeing the glory of God.

Many Christians seek peace of heart and mind in their life of faith. Many value the character-building qualities of Christian discipline and want to raise their families in that spirit. Some want to strengthen their life of virtue. Some seek consolation because they are in pain and want to join their suffering to the suffering of Christ. Others find the gospels a source of energy and inspiration to make the world a better place. These are all good and holy pursuits, but still they are not the true prize of a faithful Christian life. Today, and every day, we are invited to imitate St. Paul, not just in the discipline of his life in Christ but primarily in his hopeful expectation to be united with Christ in the full glory of the Resurrection. This is our true prize: the transformation of "our lowly body after the pattern of Christ's own glorious body", which finds its fullness and end in the vision of God, face to face.

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Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £445.00; Loose Plate: £354.49; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1502.57**

Mill End: Envelopes: £252.55; Loose Plate: £262.43; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £691.94**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of February - **£2359.71**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 17TH MARCH	8.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School
MON 18TH MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 19TH MARCH	10.00am 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Alpha - Hall RCIA	Juliet Hale's House Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
WED 20TH MARCH			
THU 21TH MARCH	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 22ND MARCH	10.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Alpha Youth - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
SAT 23RD MARCH	10.30am - 11.30am 1.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Baptisms 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 16 TH MARCH	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Sean Conway RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17 TH MARCH <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Joe Fallon RIP (Anniv.) 11am Hannah Logan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Patrick Conway RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 18 TH MARCH	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Joss & Stephen Dowds RIP	
TUESDAY 19 TH MARCH <i>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Fr Seamus Noctor RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 20 TH MARCH		9.30am Brendan Johnston RIP	
THURSDAY 21 ST MARCH	9.30am Eileen McConway RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 22 ND MARCH	9.30am Fr Adrian Walker RIP		9.30am Fr Adrian Walker RIP
SATURDAY 23 RD MARCH	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Eve Clark (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 24 TH MARCH <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8.30am Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Elizabeth Lyons RIP	9am Margie Kavanagh 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, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townsend and Maureen Douglas.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Mary Gardner, and Robert Gibson.

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, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams and Paul Kennett.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND PREMISES COMMITTEES (FOPs)

As part of our transition from three pastoral councils to one Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC) to serve the three parishes, the existing Finance Committees in each parish have now been re-designated as *Finance, Operations and Premises Committees* (FOPs). As well as broadening their remit to cover all operational matters relating to the practical day-to-day smoothing running of the parishes, I am also appointing two new (non-finance background) parishioners to serve on each FOP, as follows:

Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – Louise Leahy and Michael Curtin
St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Rosemary Ellis and Malcolm Golin
St John's, Mill End – Allyson O'Grady and Bo Bambridge

I am very grateful to these six parishioners for accepting my invitation to join the FOP of their respective parish and I very much look forward to working with them and the continuing members in ensuring the prudent management of parish finances, the upkeep and development of our parish properties and the smooth-running of our day-to-day operations. *Fr Shaun*

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) AND JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

Now that all three parishes have elected their new members to serve on the JPPC, the full membership of the JPPC, and its Terms of Reference, are available on the new *Senior Leadership Team and Joint Parish Pastoral Council* tab of the three parish websites. There (as the name suggests) you will also find information about the SLT.

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM

In the autumn of 2018 the Pastoral Councils of the three parishes jointly agreed that from 2019 onwards there would be only two celebrations of Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil across the three parishes instead of three. It was also agreed that each parish will continue to have the Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. Once every three years each parish will have a full celebration of the Triduum. This year St John's, Mill End will not have a celebration of Holy Thursday and St John Fisher, Chorleywood will not have a celebration of the Easter Vigil. Parishioners of the parish without a celebration of Holy Thursday or the Easter Vigil are encouraged and warmly invited to participate in the respective celebration in one of the other two parishes.

CAFOD – LENT FAST DAY APPEAL

Last Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day. There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses this weekend to support the work of CAFOD for the poorest peoples of the developing world.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2019

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal funds initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the three mission areas of: Marriage and Family Life, enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church; Youth and Evangelisation, supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith; and the Church's Service in Society, putting our faith into action by serving the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about the last of these in particular, and he has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the Diocese. Much of this poverty remains hidden. Many use foodbanks even though there is a wage earner in the family. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today. In addition, to find out about volunteering opportunities, visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk. In the words of Cardinal Nichols: "I hope this Appeal offers you and your family one way in which to observe Lent and to grow in the richness of our response to God's blessings of life and faith."

MEMORIAL STONES FOR THE GARDEN OF REST

Both stones have now been installed in the Garden of Rest. On **Saturday 6th April at 2.30pm** Fr Shaun will bless the stones in a short ceremony in the Garden of Rest.

CONFIRMATION

We would like to remind our confirmation candidates that the first session will take place on **Monday 18th March** from 7.00pm to 8.45pm in Our Lady's parish hall. A hot meal will be provided; please come hungry.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As usual, Stations of the Cross will rotate around the three parishes on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm. Details of the venue will be published in the newsletter each week. This year I have invited parishioners of the respective parishes to lead the Stations of the Cross. I do hope that you will join in these activities of our Lenten journey as fully as is possible for you. *Fr Shaun*

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 17th March** 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.

THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP

We start the new season at 9.30am **Saturday 13th April** at Our Lady's with a 7 mile circular walk to Cassiobury via the Chess Valley and cross-country to the GU canal returning to Ricky for (optional) refreshment at the White Bear, Batchworth at about mid-day. Everyone very welcome to join us. Enquiries please to billgraham1888@gmail.com

DONATIONS NEEDED

Alpha Youth need the following items - are you able to help? Two 15 litre catering pots and a couple of baking sheets. Items should be in good condition. Please contact Kerry at the parish office for further details. Thank you.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Book Sale & Quality Items will be held on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

LOST CAR KEY

Did anyone pick up a Peugeot car key a couple of Sundays ago? Please have a look, and if you find it, contact Kerry at the parish office.

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 7th April** 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

RED MISSIO BOXES.

Could you please bring these to church by the end of March to be emptied, and collect your copy of Mission Today. Thank you. *Geraldine*

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 31st March** 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!

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.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 11th March, Yasmin Lakin and Francis Holly were elected as the two new St John Fisher members of the JPPC. They will join Maggie Stacey and Toni D'Urso in forming the St John Fisher Core Group on the JPPC. I am very much looking forward to working with the JPPC as a whole in planning strategically for the continued development of parish renewal process, following principles of *Divine Renovation*. Full details of the JPPC membership and its Terms of Reference can be found on the new *Senior Leadership Team and Joint Parish Pastoral Council* tab of the three parish websites. *Fr Shaun*

LADIES MEETING

The next Ladies Meeting is on TUESDAY MARCH 19th, 10.00am at The Jinglers, Old Shire Lane. (Juliet Hale's house). Everyone is very welcome to our friendly group. Please ring Rosemary on 01923 282500 if you need directions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday, 19th April at 11.00am, hospitality to worshippers from the Crossroads (**can you help?**); 12th-18th May, Christian Aid Week; Saturday 30th November, Charity Christmas Fair.

RED APF/MISSIO BOXES

Please bring your boxes to church by Sunday 24th March for the March collection. Thank you.

SILVER FOIL AND CANS COLLECTION

I am now spreading my wings (call me Mrs Steptoe!) and will be happy to receive old cooking pots and oven pans, particularly aluminium. I would be happy to arrange collection of larger items e.g. broken aluminium ladders etc. Thank you, Mary 284975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
16 & 17 March	A Roberts	T Hartney	P Goble	A Opie	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Una	V Terrill
23 & 24 March	GF	S Hoy	M Latimer	M Mackie	C Holly	J Hale	Patsy & Peter	C Steet

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June 2019 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 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Damian the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **Friday 22nd March**.

SYMBOLS OF FAITH WORKSHOP : Preparing for the Sacraments and Participation in the Liturgy for people with learning disabilities

A workshop that trains individuals in the preparation of children and adults with special needs for the sacraments, using symbolic catechesis. The workshop will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth on **Saturday 23rd March** 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Details from Sue Day at sueday@rcdow.org.uk 0208 2023999.

JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.