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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 28TH APRIL 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Unlike the frightened disciples in the locked room, we have all the evidence we need to believe: the Gospels; the witnesses of the martyrs; the living tradition of the Church. It's a virtue to know when to put doubts aside and accept that the deepest truths of all are not things we can work out for ourselves. The risen Jesus is unbound by space and time - he entered locked rooms and appeared to his followers at will; yet he could be touched by them, and his body still bore the wounds of the Passion. His resurrection was both a moment in history two thousand years ago, and yet also a moment for all eternity. When we profess that Christ is risen, we acknowledge our faith in a life beyond our present physical limitations.

For some people, no amount of evidence could convince them to believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But in today's Gospel, we don't hear the obstinate disbelief of a cynic, rather the doubts of someone who is genuinely struggling - someone who would very much like to believe in Jesus' resurrection, but just finds it all too good to be true. Someone who doesn't understand but wants to, who longs to follow Jesus but needs showing the way - someone clearly very much like ourselves. Although immortalised as "Doubting Thomas," he asks for nothing more than others have already received: to see Jesus, wounds and all. And the wonder and promise of this story is that Jesus, the true Shepherd, reappears one week later to kindly and gently provide Thomas with exactly what he needs.

Unexpected, sometimes uninvited and even unwanted, the risen Jesus is always entering the locked places of our lives with his greeting: "Peace be with you" - not his wish for us, but his promise - a statement of fact. He looks at us. He sees our fears. He hears our questions. He knows how we often struggle with doubts, and he has mercy on us, just as he had mercy on Thomas.

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Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Response to Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for his is good, for his love has no end.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (Gospel)

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 28TH APRIL	9.15am 11.30am 12.45pm	First Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 29TH APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 30TH APRIL			
WED 1ST MAY	10.00am	Funeral - Endre Bodnar RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 2ND MAY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 3RD MAY	10.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 4TH MAY	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 27TH APRIL <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10.00am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Gerard Keogh RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28TH APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Margaret Breen RIP 11am John & Genova D'Cruz RIP 6pm Margaret Connor RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Dermot Costello RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 29TH APRIL <i>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Maude Lewis RIP	
TUESDAY 30TH APRIL <i>ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY		9.30am Tony Cuffe (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 2ND MAY <i>ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 3RD MAY <i>SS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES</i>	9.30am John Rees RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 4TH MAY <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i>	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Michael Fields RIP
SUNDAY 5TH MAY <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Frank Waters RIP (Anniv.) 11am Mary & Violet D'Cruz RIP 6pm John & Winifred Tighe RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	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, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend 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, Paul Kennett and Ann Penn (please, no phone calls)

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ENDRE BODNAR RIP

The funeral of Endre Bodnar will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 1st May at 10.00am**, 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

We are now coming to the end of the Lenten programme which was the first Discipleship Group programme. As part of our ongoing adult faith formation, we shall be commencing a new DVD based programme on the life of Mary, looking at how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. This will start the week commencing 20th May for 5 weeks. If you would be interested in participating, there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you can e-mail the discipleship team on chessvalleydiscipleshipgroups@rcdow.org.uk. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the accompanying book. Many thanks. The Discipleship Team

YOUTH SOCIAL

We will be holding a social evening at Our Lady Help of Christians for the youth of our parishes on **Friday 10th May - 7.00pm to 8.45pm**. Everyone is invited, and we encourage you to bring any and all of your friends. There will be a BBQ, fun, games and more (probably with inflatable lightsabers)! Any questions, contact Anke. See you there!

THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will start at 9.30am Saturday 11th May at the Chorleywood House grounds car park by the tennis courts and cemetery. Everybody most welcome. It will be a circular walk of about 8 miles on the lovely countryside paths around Chenies and Chorleywood ending at the Black Horse on the common for refreshment at about 12.30pm. Enquiries please to billgraham1888@gmail.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - Please collect from the presbytery (week days 9.30am to 2.30pm). Thank you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LORETO, RAVENNA, BOLOGNA AND FERRARA

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Loreto, Ravenna, Bologna and Ferrara from 28th September to 5th October 2019. Unfortunately we don't have any single rooms left, but twin room and doubles are still available. We currently have 20 parishioners signed-up for the pilgrimage - it would be wonderful if we could reach 24 or even 26! Pilgrimage brochures and booking forms are available in each parish this weekend.

MUM'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.

WATFORD, HEMEL AND ST ALBANS NHS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know if you or a close relative are in hospital. To contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling **01923 217994** or **0777 659 8704** referrals can also be made via email: spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

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.

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SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on Sunday 19th 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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 11th May, 18th May and 25th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **5.30pm** on a weekday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (*Tuesday 7th May, Monday 13th May and Monday 20th May*).

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS DURING MAY

Due to First Holy Communion Masses there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on **Saturday 11th May, Saturday 18th May and Saturday 25th May**. Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 1st June.

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

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 5th May** 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.

APF MISSIO

Would promoters please collect the Spring Magazines from the church porch and start collecting monies. Thank you.

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

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FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John's FOP committee on Wednesday 8th May. If there is any matter concerning finances, operations or parish premises that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact the Chair of St John's FOP, Sandra Miller, at sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on Sunday 28th April 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 CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING

There will be a meeting of the St John Fisher PCG on **Saturday 11th May**, prior to a meeting of the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC). If you have any matters that you would like to be raised concerning the **spiritual, pastoral or social life** of the parish would you please pass them to Toni D'Urso, who is the St John Fisher Vice-Chair of the JPPC. We are in the process of setting up a designated email addresses for the PCGs, but in the meantime we would be grateful if you could either speak directly to Toni with any issues you would wish to be raised or contact her via by the parish office.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th to 18th May is nearly here

Thank you in advance for all your support. Please continue to bring in all your donations for the Silent Auction, good bric-a-brac, and books and start preparing for your scrumptious cakes and also getting your donation plants ready. Our Market is from 10.00am - 5.00pm Thursday 16th and Friday 17th May, and plants only on Saturday 18th from 10.00am - 12 noon. Please come, you will be very welcome. Our Silent Auction starts next weekend 4th & 5th May, do take a peek and make a bid as you leave Mass next weekend.

We will be moving all the church furniture and setting up the market on Sunday 12th May at 10.00am and reversing the whole procedure on Friday 17th at 5.00pm to approximately 7.00pm. Please come and help if you can. Also for your diary, remember the film 'Invictus' being shown at Christ Church on Saturday 18th at 7.30pm. Entry is free, light refreshments served, donations for Christian Aid gratefully received.

Lastly..... but not leastly!!! Have you given your name yet to Maureen (07989 067109) for a little bit of house-to-house collection? Of course it is not comfortable to knock on people's doors but what a brilliant opportunity we are being given to show some Christian witness. Renewed thanks for your great support for the combined churches effort in Chorleywood. *Mary and Maureen*.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
27 & 28 April	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	C Johnston	J Whelan	J Donohoe	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Francis	V Terrill
4 & 5 May	J Ingham	E Page	M Latimer	M Calvert	H McGrath	J Hale	Marguerite & Don	C Steet