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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 21ST APRIL 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Throughout Lent we have been following Our Lord, with fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We have walked alongside him through the betrayal, scourging, mocking, and agonising last hours of Hour Week. And today we joyfully and gratefully share with him in the victory of the Resurrection.

Still even now, as we celebrate this greatest feast in our calendar, we know that war continues, that children are starving to death, that families are torn apart, that precious lives are destroyed for a myriad of reasons. We live in a world where humans beings are reduced to things which can be bought or sold, used or not used, broken and then thrown away. For millions of people Easter is no time of hope. Yet ours is not a God who stands far off, but one who experienced from the inside all that is ugliest in humanity. He has come close to us by sharing our human condition, by suffering betrayal and torture, and by dying a most horrific death.

“Go and find my brothers and tell them”, Christ will say to Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:17). He calls her by name to a new act of service: to bear the message and the truth of the Resurrection - there is no evil, no desolation, that is beyond the scope of God’s power to heal. Today we too are called to find Christ’s brothers and sisters, and to tell them of our encounter with the risen Christ and the reason for our rejoicing: we rejoice because we no longer need to live burdened by the sin we struggle with, or in the shame of a past we can’t forget. Through Christ’s death we died to sin, and through his Resurrection we are born anew, and granted eternal life with him in Paradise. We rejoice because Easter has the most profound, joyous, importance for our own humdrum lives, filling them with a new light and purpose.

As we gather together to celebrate the Risen Lord, we find this is not the end, but only the beginning of a further journey - to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News! “He is not here, for he is risen”, ALLELUIA!

SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Response to Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Sunday’s Readings

Acts 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19; John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £466.42; Loose Plate: £509.11; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1678.61**

Mill End: Envelopes: £216.50; Loose Plate: £143.63; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £537.09**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 21ST APRIL			
MON 22ND APRIL		NO Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 23RD APRIL			
WED 24TH APRIL	11.00am	Funeral - Maria Martin RIP	St John Fisher
THU 25TH APRIL	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH APRIL	10.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 27TH APRIL	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 20TH APRIL <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	NO MORNING MASS 8.30pm For the People of the Parish	8.30pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	NO VIGIL MASS TODAY
SUNDAY 21ST APRIL <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	8.30am Kieran Mostyn RIP 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.) NO EVENING MASS	10.30am May Slater RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 22ND APRIL <i>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Henry O'Kelly RIP (Anniv.)	NO MASS TODAY	
TUESDAY 23RD APRIL <i>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	NO MASS TODAY		10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL <i>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>		10am Thomas Hartnett RIP	
THURSDAY 25TH APRIL <i>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL <i>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10am Pattie Delaporte RIP (Anniv.)		NO MASS TODAY
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

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)

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN AND FR DAMIAN

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making our celebration of the Holy Triduum across the three parishes so very special. Music always plays a central role in our worship, but especially so in Holy Week, and so great thanks are due to Susana Tierney, Cormac Purtill, Katy Pione, Austin Finan and the choir and folk group at Our Lady's; Sue Treanor, Caroline Holly and the choir at St John Fisher and Katy Pione and Jo Rodrigues and the choir at St John the Evangelist. The music in all three parishes has been wonderful and added greatly to the dignity and joy of our celebrations.

We also wish to express our thanks to Fr Graham Gillman for helping us with the celebration of the Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.

Our sincere thanks go to the sacristans of the three parishes, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for the celebration these holy days. We are thankful also for the ministry of our altar servers, readers, ministers of communion and welcomers, all of whom have played key roles in making our celebrations so beautiful.

All three churches look truly wonderful this Easter and that is thanks to our teams of church cleaners and to our talented teams of flower arrangers. We express special thanks to our RCIA team: Paul Forrest, Samantha Benson, Sharon Blayney and Neil Hilary, who have been guiding our catechumens and candidates on their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church. We rejoice with Lucy Insua, Theresa Jackson, Beatrix Li, Alexandra Mallet-Collins, Robyn Sheeky, Lucy-Jayne Smith, Leanne Willcox, Steve Siu, Deborah Booth and Peter Baxter, who complete their initiation into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. We wish them joy and happiness in the faith.

If you are a visitor to our parishes, welcome! If you live in one of our three parishes, but this is your first visit in a while, you too are very welcome and we hope to see you again very soon.

Finally, thank you to everyone in all three parish communities who has journeyed with us through the mysteries of these holy days. We thank you, too, for your kindness and generosity to us and in our turn we wish each of you

A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

Fr Shaun and Fr Damian

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offerings at the Easter Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Damian. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. ***If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Easter Offering.*** Those of you who make your offering to the parish by standing order might also wish to use the loose Easter Offering envelopes available at the back of the church for your Easter offering to the clergy of the parish. Thank you.

MARIA MARTIN RIP

The funeral of Maria Martin will take place at St John Fisher on **Wednesday 24th April at 11.00am**, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

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 SOCIALS

Friday May 10th and Friday June 21st, we will be holding two social evenings for the youth in our parish. Everyone is invited, and we encourage you to bring any and all of your friends. At St John the Evangelist, 7.00pm-8.45pm. 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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.

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please note there will be no choir practice on Monday 22nd April. Thank you.

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 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

Please pray this Easter for the work of our combined churches in Chorleywood for the poor of the world.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
20 & 21 April	EASTER - ROTA ON NOTICEBOARD						Patsy & Peter	S Tarrant
27 & 28 April	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	C Johnston	J Whelan	J Donohoe	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Francis	V Terrill

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL PFTA - INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 27th April, 2-4pm. Admission - adults £1, children free. Sell your pre-loved items, make a few pennies and pick up a bargain. Refreshments available. Sellers table £10 each, to reserve a table please email Lorraine Priestley-Barnham on jamesandlorraine@hotmail.co.uk for payment details and further information.

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 26th April**.

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