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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 14TH APRIL 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the bittersweet beginning of Holy Week. It is a day of fleeting triumph as Jesus enters the great city of Jerusalem. Next Sunday will be another day of triumph - lasting triumph - yet in between is a familiar, sorrowful mixture of pain and dread.

Palm Sunday is the key to understanding the Passion of Jesus Christ, and vice versa. By bringing together two separate, contrasting events in a single liturgy - Christ's adulation when entering Jerusalem, and rejection and death as he is nailed to the cross - the Church confronts us with the Mystery that is Holy Week. We stand with palms in our hands because we want to worship and honour God. We also stand as sinners. It was not just the chief priests and the Roman soldiers; it was our sins that inflicted this suffering on Jesus. We are the reason that he died on the cross. Are we part of the crowd praising Jesus, or are we part of the crowd demanding he be crucified? We are both. Every time we commit sin, we stand with the crowd yelling, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

"He died for us." Most of us have heard this phrase so many times that we are immune to the fact that Christ died on account of our sins, and the incredible truth that we have been delivered from death. So do not waste this week, but spend it reflecting upon the mystery of his Passion. Let us remember that Jesus died for our sins, your sins, my sins. Be with him at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The crowd which welcomed Jesus with palms turned against him and abandoned him just as quickly - this week, stay to see what we have done to him, and what his Divine love has done for us.

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1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Response to Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Sunday's Readings (Easter Sunday Morning)

Acts 10:34. 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £306.88; Loose Plate: £361.65; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1371.61**

Mill End: Envelopes: £255.75; Loose Plate: £153.06; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £585.77**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 14TH APRIL			
MON 15TH APRIL	10.30am - 11.30am	Mum's Connect - Hall NO Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 16TH APRIL	10.15am 12 noon	SJF Ladies Meeting Chrism Mass	Patsy and Jo's flat Westminster Cathedral
WED 17TH APRIL			
THU 18TH APRIL	3.00pm	Altar Servers' Rehearsal	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 19TH APRIL	10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 7.30pm	Altar Servers' Rehearsal Children's Good Friday Stations of the Cross Ecumenical Walk of Witness for Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Crossroads in Chorleywood Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH APRIL	12 noon 12 noon	NO MORNING MASS OR HOLY HOUR Altar Servers' Rehearsal Altar Servers' Rehearsal	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 13 TH APRIL	10.00am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) Jimmy Hughes RIP	6pm (Vigil) Andrew Smith RIP
SUNDAY 14 TH APRIL <i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am Patricia Breen RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Peter Mann RIP (Anniv.)	10.45am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 TH APRIL	9.30am Kathleen & John Andrews & Family (Ints.)	9.30am Aidan Kennedy RIP	
TUESDAY 16 TH APRIL	9.30am Olive Kiener (Ints.)		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 17 TH APRIL		9.30am Josie Taggart	
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i>	NO MORNING MASS 8pm For the People of the Parish	NO MASS TODAY	8pm For the People of the Parish
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	NO MORNING MASS 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
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

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, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn (please, no phone calls)

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a day of abstinence and fasting. At the 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, in all three parishes, there will be a retiring collection for the support of the holy places of our faith in the Holy Land. There will be a celebration of Children's Stations of the Cross at St John's, Mill End at 11.00am.

THE VEILING OF CROSSES AND STATUES

From the 5th Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday the crosses and statues of our churches are veiled in purple cloths. The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

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. If you know that you are going to be away for Easter you might wish to put your Easter Offering envelope into the collection this weekend. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLET

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter leaflet, giving the times of all the Masses and liturgies over Holy Week and Easter are available this weekend. Please be sure to take one home with 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.

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

THREE PARISH BURNS NIGHT - THANK YOU

A massive "thank you" to everyone who supported the Burns Night in January. A fun evening was had by all. Special thanks to all those who worked so hard preparing for and running the event on the evening. We made a profit of £751.76 which will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

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.

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*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available for collection this weekend.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Kerry. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer. *Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2018/19 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.* We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

HOLY THURSDAY –WASHING OF FEET

There is a list in the porch for anyone willing to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please do sign up.

EASTER CARDS on sale in repository.

200 CLUB - MARCH WINNERS

Congratulations to Maureen Douglas (£37); Clare Loose (£27.75), Roger Harbird (£18.50) and Josie Westhrop (£9.25).

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please note there will be no choir practice on Monday 15th and 22nd of 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

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER SERVICES

Please sign the sheet on the noticeboard if you would like your feet washed on Holy Thursday or if you can help as Welcomer, Reader or Minister of Communion on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Many thanks. *Maureen*

NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS

Would Welcomers, Readers and Ministers of Communion please pick up their copy from the lobby.

LADIES MEETING

The next meeting is this coming **Tuesday 16th April**, 10.15am at 9 Turneys Orchard (Patsy and Jo's flat). All are very welcome.

CHORLEYWOOD CHURCHES - GOOD FRIDAY AT 11.00am

Prayers at the Crossroads, after which we will be hosting our usual coffee and hot cross buns at St John Fisher at about 11.45am. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK WILL SOON BE HERE - 12th to 18th MAY

Our Market is on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and plants only on Saturday 18th, 10.00am to 12 noon. Please start baking and searching your cupboards for unwanted gifts and books. We will also be very grateful for items of higher value for the Silent Auction, always amazing to see what you bring in! Also urgently needed are people willing to run the ploughman's lunches, 12-2pm both days. The Silent Auction will start weekend 4th & 5th May. Please think how you can help, phone Maureen on 07989 067109 for house to house collections or Mary on 284975 for the Market. Thank you so much for the support you always give.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
13 & 14 April	C Pierce	A Roberts	P Goble	M Fields	J Hale	F Holly	Carolyn & Don	J Whelan
20 & 21 April	EASTER - ROTA ON NOTICEBOARD						Patsy & Peter	S Tarrant

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.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: THE YEAR OF THE WORD

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are conducting a short survey about how we engage with the Bible as part of our preparations for our 2020 Initiative - "The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word". We will then conduct an identical survey at the end of 2020 and compare the data. We would be very grateful if you completed this short survey as it will help us to provide the right focus, activities and resources for 2020 as well as supporting dioceses going forward. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDGRCYM>

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**.

JOB VACANCIES -

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