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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 5TH MAY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's Gospel brings us back to Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection, as he goes in search of the scattered disciples. Despite having been betrayed and abandoned by them, Jesus takes the first step towards these whom he still considers his friends. His is a love which takes the initiative; a powerful witness to Jesus' care for and response to all of us.

By an earlier charcoal fire, Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus offers Peter an opportunity to profess his repentance through love, a perfect example of how we re-establish our relationship with God after sin. However, their dialogue becomes much more than a moment of reconciliation. Jesus asks Peter: "Do you love me?" Upon Peter's reply, the consequences of true love follow - responsibility and sacrifice. With Jesus soon to physically depart, someone else needs to take the role of the Good Shepherd - and for the quality of his love, for his ability to grow in fidelity and loyalty, Jesus chooses Peter as leader of his Church. Peter's earlier betrayals will be remembered until the end of time: "I do not know him". Yet we also remember that Peter is redeemed and with Christ forever, not in spite of those words but through them.

Peter was called upon to prove his love: "If you love me, feed my sheep". Jesus tells us: "If you love me, keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). What do our present actions and lifestyle say about our love for Christ? We are people who, on occasion, deny the Lord. We say and do things which say "I do not know Him", rather than "I love him". But like Peter, our failures and weakness should not prevent us from answering, in sure confidence of Christ's mercy: "Lord you know everything, you know I love you".

SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Response to Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17; John 10:27-30 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £515.95; Loose Plate: £406.86; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1625.89**

Mill End: Envelopes: £247.50; Loose Plate: £238.62; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £663.08**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of March - **£2670.84**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 5TH MAY	9.15am 1.00pm 7.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall Baptisms The Afterparty - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 6TH MAY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 7TH MAY	5.30pm 7.00pm	Rehearsal for First Communion Mass (<i>11th May</i>) Rehearsal for First Communion Mass (<i>12th May</i>)	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
WED 8TH MAY			
THU 9TH MAY	7.45pm 8.00pm	SVP Meeting - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 10TH MAY	10.30am 7.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Youth Social - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 11TH MAY	10.30am 5.30pm	NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK First Holy Communion Mass 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 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 Sean Munnely RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 6TH MAY	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am Joe Furey (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 7TH MAY	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY		9.30am Mavis Livingston RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 9TH MAY	9.30am Viktor Boehler RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 10TH MAY	9.30am In Thanksgiving		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 11TH MAY	NO MASS TODAY	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 12TH MAY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Mary Robinson RIP 6pm Patricia Montesdeoca (Ints.)	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, 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

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

SAINT PEREGRINE

Saint Peregrine, whose feast day is celebrated on 4th May, is an obscure Saint, but he is remembered for something not so obscure, namely Cancer and HIV-Aids. Veneration and Devotion to him can help make a trying time less difficult when we ask him to intercede and offer our Prayers to God on our behalf.

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

FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of Our Lady's FOP committee on Wednesday 22nd 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 Our Lady's, Mark Blayney, at markblayney@rcdow.org.uk

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, 18th and 25th May**. Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 1st June.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS - there won't be coffee after Mass on 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.

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

100 CLUB

Congratulations to Peter Waters £100, Chris Briggs £30.00 and Adrian Ramsden £20.00.

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 at chorleywoodpcg@rcdow.org.uk

FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John Fisher's FOP committee on Monday 20th 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 Fisher's FOP, Carolyn Opie, at carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk

WEEKDAY MASS - there will be no Mass here on Friday 10th May, Tuesday 14th May and Friday 17th May.

CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS - RED BAGS IN THE KITCHEN

Would those of you who've very kindly said you'll help this year please pick up your bag from the kitchen. Many thanks. *Maureen*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 12th to 18th May

Starts next weekend!!! Please be ready to move the furniture and bring in the tables, boxes and books and put up the outside banners after Mass at 10.00am next Sunday 12th May, and also, if possible, come again at 5.00pm on Friday 17th May to reverse the whole procedure and bring us back to our church once again. Thank you so much for all you are doing through Chorleywood Christian Aid Combined Churches for some of the poorest people of the world. Please bring your gifts from now and leave them in the kitchen and your delicious cakes and produce and donated plants at any time while the market is open.

Some dates for Christian Aid Week! House-to-house collections go on all week. We have some new volunteers - thank you so much for your help. Our Market is on Thursday and Friday, 16th and 17th May, 10.00am to 5.00pm, selling plants, books, good bric-a-brac, cakes and produce, lunches, teas and refreshments. Plants only on the forecourt on Saturday 18th May 10.00am to 12 noon. At the indoor market we also hold a fascinating Silent Auction which always excites a lot of interest. This Silent Auction is starting this weekend, so please leave via the lounge and see some of the first exhibits and maybe make a starting bid!!

Also, remember the film 'Invictus' being shown at the Junction, Christ Church, on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm, entrance free, donations welcomed. Thank you and enjoy Christian Aid Week. *Mary, Maureen & all*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
4 & 5 May	J Ingham	E Page	M Latimer	M Calvert	H McGrath	J Hale	Marguerite & Don	C Steet
11 & 12 May	A Roberts	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	U Lean	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Patsy & Yasmin	A McReynolds