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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday”, as every year the Gospel reading is taken from John, Chapter 10. Christ says clearly, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me”. On Good Shepherd Sunday we focus on a particular type of hearing: when God calls someone to follow him all the way in priesthood or in religious life. As such, it is also the Church’s designated “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” We all have God-given vocations, but today we pray in a particular way for these priestly and consecrated religious vocations, because they are the crucial elements in Jesus’ ongoing salvation of souls and the future of the Church.

The Good Shepherd’s voice is an eminently powerful one. It passes from Christ to his apostles, and from them to their successors, and so on to our present day. It may seem at times to be drowned out by worldly noise, but it can never be entirely silenced. As a community we must take care to listen to Christ’s voice and to help others to hear it too. Religious vocations are nurtured within prayerful families and parishes that are truly open to the possibility and acceptance of God’s call. We all know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of priests and religious. But God has not stopped calling! Right now, this weekend, here in our own parishes, God is calling boys and men to become priests; and calling still others to the consecrated life. Perhaps you know or suspect that he is calling you, or someone you know?

*“Do not be deaf to the Lord’s call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us... To those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey.” - Pope Francis’ message for the 2019 World Day of Vocations*

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 13:14. 43-52

**Response to Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

### *Next Sunday’s Readings*

Acts 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £271.10; Loose Plate: £372.60; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1346.78**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £287.60; Loose Plate: £154.10; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £618.66**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	8.45am 10.30am 12.45pm	First Communion Class First Holy Communion Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Rehearsal for First Communion Mass (18 <sup>th</sup> May) Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	7.00pm	Rehearsal for First Communion Mass (19 <sup>th</sup> May)	St John the Evangelist
<b>WED 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>			
<b>THU 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	<b>NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK</b> First Holy Communion Mass Baptism Preparation - Hall 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

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> MAY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> Patricia Montesdeoca (Ints.)	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> Alf Sperinck RIP	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14 <sup>TH</sup> MAY <i>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Andrew Dumughn RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> Fabby Montesdeoca (Ints.)		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> MAY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Ronnie Albert Franklin RIP <b>11am</b> John Eddington RIP <b>6pm</b> Marcel Delaporte RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> 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; 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

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### FRANCISCO FIGUEIRA RIP

The ashes of Francisco Figueira will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk)

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk)

## NOTICES

### CAP – CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

The following course will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. The course is free to participants. **8 week Fresh Start Course** to support those who wish to overcome life-controlling issues such as smoking, drinking, gambling. This course starts at 1.00pm on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. Contact Annabel Brown on 07849678171 to find out more.

### CHRISTUS VIVIT: ECHOES FROM THE YOUTH SYNOD - REFLECTIONS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A further meeting of young adults at Archbishop's House will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, 6.30pm. These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan bishops, reflect and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people. Bishop John Wilson will be leading our reflections, this time focusing on the recently published exhortation from Pope Francis addressed to young people. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know your intention to attend by emailing [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). For more details, go to [www.dowym.com/events](http://www.dowym.com/events)

### VOLUNTEER YEAR AT SPEC, THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTRE

SPEC, the diocesan youth retreat centre, offers the possibility of a volunteer year for young adults. The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders. In particular, any sixth formers who may like to find out more are welcome to attend a day retreat to see what goes on and meet the community. For more information please see [www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/](http://www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/) or contact [spec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk).

### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WATFORD - TEACHING VACANCIES

St Michael's have a number of Teaching Vacancies available for September 2019 - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), Subject Leader of Modern Foreign Languages, Female Second in Physical Education, Teacher of Religious Education and Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. Please visit their website for further details - [www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk).

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:markblayney@rcdow.org.uk)

### FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **5.30pm** on a Monday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**. Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions will be as normal as from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### 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.*

### 200 CLUB

Congratulations to Heather Kean (£37), Liz Waddington (£27.75), Anita Khurwal (£18.50) and Pauline Starck (£9.25).

### CRECHE

There is a creche for small children under the age of 5 during the first half of the 11.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome! We would be very grateful for any parents willing to volunteer to join the rota. The Sunday School liturgy group runs at the same time for children of Reception age upwards. Both groups are a brilliant way for your children to make friends and enjoy church! If you would like to volunteer (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please contact Henry Egbu at [hegbu3@gmail.com](mailto:hegbu3@gmail.com). Thank you.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **7.00pm** on a Tuesday preceding your child's First Communion Mass (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May).

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 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

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John Fisher's FOP committee on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk)

**WEEKDAY MASS** - there will be no Mass here on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 IS HERE - FEED MY SHEEP!

This Sunday at about 10.00am we will once again use our joint efforts to clear our church of its furniture and bring in the tables, books etc to transform it into our Christian Aid Market which will be open 10.00am – 5.00pm on both Thursday and Friday and from 10am – 12 noon for plants only on Saturday morning. The Silent Auction has some beautiful and interesting items and will be on display this weekend and through the market and close at 5.00pm on Friday evening. Do please come along, bring your family and friends, have a coffee and/or lunch, buy your plants, books, useful gifts on bric-a-brac and, of course, start placing your bids on the Silent Auction. Come and enjoy.

Also, if you can, please help with the grand clear up on Friday evening starting just after 5.00pm. We really would be most grateful for your help.

Also, don't forget 'Invictus', being shown at Christ Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Entry free, donations gratefully accepted.

Please pray for the success of the whole of Christian Aid Week in Chorleywood and nationwide in our attempt to help the world's poorest people. Thank you very much, *Mary, Maureen and Co.*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
11 & 12 May	A Roberts	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	U Lean	M Calvert	AM Farnsworth	Patsy & Yasmin	A McReynolds
18 & 19 May	E O'Sullivan	M Foggo	P Goble	A Opie	K Cottingham	E Price	Carolyn & Una	J Whelan