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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Our Gospel reading comes from the chapters of John known as “The Last Discourse” (13:1–17:26), which took place at the Last Supper. In these chapters, Jesus left urgent messages for his Apostles and for us - things that he wanted to impress on us before he went away.

Today, Jesus gives his followers a new commandment: “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”. This command is both new and old - it repeats the precept of Lv 19:18 to love one’s neighbour as one’s self. But the difference is in the measuring standard of love. In the Old Testament the measuring standard is the love of oneself, but in the New Testament the measuring standard is the love of Jesus himself. This puts loving our neighbour on a totally different level! To love others as Jesus has loved us is to love with sacrificial, unconditional, unselfish, “agape” love. A love which recognises everyone as a child of God with rights and dignity. A love without limits, conditions, or prerequisites, which expects nothing in return.

Jesus wants the world to recognise us as Christians, and for this loving way of life to be the essential mark of distinction. Love should be the Christian identity, the Christian uniform. We need to evangelise and witness to people around us, but effective evangelisation and witnessing is not just how fluently and convincingly we speak, but also how faithfully we live. Jesus is telling us that what changes people’s lives is when they can see our beliefs being brought to life; the truth of gospel love - the fruit of conversion - being lived and shown. The greatest tribute we can pay to our Christian faith is to live in such a way that through us people may begin to glimpse the unbounded and unconditional love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ.

## SAFEGUARDING REPS.

**Rickmansworth Parish**  
Dave Pione 01923 772606

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**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 14:21-27

**Response to Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Apocalypse 21:1-5

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### *Next Sunday’s Readings*

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23; John 14:23-29 (Gospel)

## LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £580.12; Loose Plate: £388.37; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1671.57**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £185.65; Loose Plate: £225.10; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £**

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

**CAFOD (Fast Day & Emergency Appeal):** Rickmansworth £1,036.56, Mill End £526.84 Chorleywood £411.50

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	8.45am 10.30am 12.30pm	First Communion Class First Holy Communion Mass SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John's School
<b>MON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Rehearsal for First Communion Mass (25 <sup>th</sup> May) Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>			
<b>WED 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>			
<b>THU 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm	Burial of Ashes - Francisco Figueira RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Confirmation	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.30am 5.30pm	<b>NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK</b> 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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Ann Stapleton RIP	<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
<b>MONDAY</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> Alf Loose RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> Kitty & Sylvia Jubber RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY		<b>9.30am</b> Anne Stapleton RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> Patrik Biel RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>9.30am</b> Francisco Figueira RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <i>ST BEDE THE VENERABLE</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Patrik Biel RIP (Anniv.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> MAY <i>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Dennis Blancaver RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> John Rees RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Steve Considine RIP	<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's second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May the Church celebrates the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord. Being one of the major feasts in the Church's year, Thursday is therefore a holy day of obligation, meaning that Catholics should attend Mass that day. Please take note of the extra Masses being celebrated across the three parishes: St John Fisher -Vigil 8.00pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 8.00pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am.

### **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.

### **CLIVE POWELL-WILLIAMS RIP**

The ashes of Clive Powell-Williams will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### **THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM**

Scott Albrecht who runs The Catholic Worker Farm will be speaking at the Saturday Vigil Mass, and Sunday 10.30am Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May at St John Evangelist. The Catholic Worker Farm and Mary House provide accommodation for 19 destitute female asylum seekers and their children, at no cost. All the women are street homeless, and are referred to the CW Farm by refugee agencies. The CW Farm provides a supportive and loving environment for its guests. All parishioners are invited to the **CW Farm Open Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>**. At 3pm there will be a bouncy castle, face painting, snacks and tours, African drumming and traditional Indian dance performed on stage. There will be food served at 6pm so bring an empty stomach! It is all free and our way of saying thank you for the support, we have had. Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde, WD3 9XJ 07983 477819.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Please could notices for next weekend's newsletter be submitted to Kerry by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May as it will be printed earlier than usual next week. Thank you.

### **THREE PARISHES WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and will be a circular walk of about 7 miles around Chipperfield in woodland and lovely open countryside. Meet at the Cart and Horses PH Commonwood WD4 9BA at 9.30am to return between 12.30 and 1pm for refreshments. Everyone most welcome. Any enquiries to [awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk)

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)

## 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 MASS

First Communion Mass will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at **5.30pm** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

Due to the First Holy Communion Mass there will be **NO** 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on **Saturday 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).

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

### 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!

## 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)

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week is over for another year. Very many thanks to you all for everything you have done, once again, to support some of the poorest people in the world. There may be a few plants left in the garden, and if so, they will be on sale after both Masses. We will try to bring you an interim result on Saturday evening for our market and final results as soon as possible. With renewed thanks to you all. Until next year, *Eddie, Mary and Maureen.*

### CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

Huge thanks to Anne D, Anne L-R, Claire, Edith, Fiona, Gerry, Marion, Mary, Rosemary, Siobhan and Toni for taking on house-to-house collecting this year. I'll let you have the figures for your roads later this month. *Maureen*

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
18 & 19 May	E O'Sullivan	M Foggo	P Goble	A Opie	K Cottingham	E Price	Carolyn & Una	J Whelan
25 & 26 May	M Bychawski	T Hartney	J Biel	J Hale	M Fields	F Holly	Patsy & Marguerite	S Tarrant

## NOTICES

### 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.