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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26TH MAY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's Gospel from John continues the "Farewell Discourse" of Jesus. Anticipating the approaching feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, the reading tells both of Jesus' imminent departure, and his promise of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus says to the disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Incredibly, in his boundless generosity, God wishes to make his home with each of us - individually, on a permanent basis, so that wherever we are God will be at the centre of our lives. We must take care not to hear this as a conditional offer, dependant on us keeping Jesus' word - but rather, it is his love that comes first, which enables us to do the same. When we truly love Jesus, we "keep his word" by trying to be like him in all ways - to live by his words, actions and teaching. This is made possible when the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts, which is why Jesus makes a further promise, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." He reassures his disciples that although he will no longer be physically present, they will not be left uncared for, abandoned. The comfort, assurance and peace he gave his disciples during his lifetime continues in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This peace is Jesus' farewell gift to his disciples, and to us - "his" peace, a kind of peace the world cannot give. Not just on the surface, not just an absence of problems; it is something deep down which can be there even in times of hardship and suffering; the spiritual serenity and inner certainty that comes from harmony and communion with God - the peace of having God dwelling within us in all our walks through life. We need not be troubled or afraid because truly, we are never alone.

SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Response to Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 7:55-60; Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20; John 17:20-26 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £403.40; Loose Plate: £328.62; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1435.10**

Mill End: Envelopes: £251.40; Loose Plate: £311.23; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £739.59**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of April - **£2264.10**

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

SUN 26TH MAY	12.45pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 27TH MAY		<i>NO</i> Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 28TH MAY	10.00am	SVP Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 29TH MAY			
THU 30TH MAY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 31ST MAY	10.00am 10.00am	Burial of Ashes — Clive Powell-Williams RIP Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 1ST JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Wedding 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

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 25TH MAY <i>St BEDE THE VENERABLE</i>	NO MASS TODAY	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Patrik Biel RIP (Anniv.)
SUNDAY 26TH MAY <i>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Dennis Blancaver RIP 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm John Rees RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Steve Considine RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 27TH MAY <i>St AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 28TH MAY	9.30am Tony McConway RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY		9.30am Dominic & Dorothy Rodrigues (Ints.) (25 th Wedding Anniversary)	8pm For the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 30TH MAY <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30am For the People of the Parish 8pm For the People of the Parish	9.30am For the People of the Parish	
FRIDAY 31ST MAY <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Clive Powell-Williams RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 1ST JUNE <i>St JUSTIN, MARTYR</i>	10.00am Maura & Billy Foley RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Ada Massey RIP (Anniv.)	9am Anna & Luigi Arpino RIP

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, 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 - THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Thursday 30th 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 (Wednesday) 8.00pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 8.00pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am.

OLIVE KIENER RIP

The funeral of Olive Kiener will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Wednesday 5th June, 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.

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 31st May.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are delighted to announce that we have formed a youth ministry leadership team for our three parishes. Our team members are Margaret Simon, Paul Matarewicz, Jess Kenny, Anna Sophia Montesdeoca Roy and Anke Vos. We have all had an amazing experience of Jesus' love and we want to facilitate young people experiencing the joy and reward of a relationship with Jesus. Our team exists to set the course for our youth ministry, support youth ministry leaders, and develop a process so we can meet young where they are at and initiate them to become missionary disciples. Please pray for the team and for all our young people.

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 25th & 26th 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 1st**. 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.

THREE PARISHES WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Saturday 8th 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

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.

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.

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

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 2nd June** 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

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Has been cancelled this Sunday (26th May). The next Sunday Brunch will be held on Sunday 30th June after 10.30am Mass.

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

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. We will try to bring you final results as soon as possible. With renewed thanks to you all. Until next year, *Eddie, Mary and Maureen.*

SILVER FOIL AND CANS COLLECTION

I am now spreading my wings (call me Mrs Steptoel!) and will be happy to receive old cooking pots and oven pans, particularly aluminium. I would be happy to arrange collection of larger items e.g. broken aluminium ladders etc. Thank you, Mary 284975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
25 & 26 May	M Bychawski	T Hartney	J Biel	J Hale	M Fields	F Holly	Patsy & Marguerite	S Tarrant
1 & 2 June	J Ingham	L Johnson	P Goble	M Calvert	T D'Urso	L Turnbull		V Terrill

NOTICES

COME AWAY AWHILE....

Retreat Day for Parish Lay Ministers of Holy Communion and of the Word with Sister Karen Marguerite OP and Sister Anne Walsh OP.

Saturday 8th June, Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 4EE.

Saturday 15th June, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN.

10.00am – 3.00pm (refreshments from 9.30am). Suggested donation £15 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffees/Teas are available. Register with livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voicemail 020 7931 6078. Please indicate which venue you are registering.

THY KINGDOM COME: 30TH MAY – 9TH JUNE 2019

Pope Francis encourages us all to pray, "that the Holy Spirit might enlarge and widen our hearts". Pledge to be part of this global movement to 'light up the world' with prayer at www.thykingdomcome.global and find ideas and resources for ways to pray, as an individual, family and parish. Join with Bishop Paul and Churches Together in Herts and Beds for the **Launch of Thy Kingdom Come 2019** at the **Coptic Cathedral in Stevenage at 7.30 pm on 30th May** and at the **Beacon Event at St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 9th June at 6.30 pm**. Prayer in the Lady Chapel at St Albans Cathedral every evening from 8pm including **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 8.00pm on Friday 31st May**. All are welcome.

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/ or contact 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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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