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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 23RD JUNE 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we give thanks to God for the wondrous gift of Christ's abiding presence with us, made visible in the Holy Eucharist. Reason alone cannot comprehend this mystery, but through faith we believe that during consecration the bread and wine are truly and substantially changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son. The Eucharist is not a symbol or a metaphor, neither is it a "piece" of him: it is Jesus Christ, whole and entire.

Just as we need ordinary food for the physical strength to survive in the world, the Eucharist provides us with the strength and nourishment essential for our spiritual survival. In receiving it, Christ is assimilated into our spirit and we become one both with him, and with others in the community. We approach the sacrament together, united in Christ as one people, each person receiving a full and equal share of God's presence.

How can we return to God a depth of gratitude sufficient for this precious gift? Like Christ, the greatest gift we can give is ourselves. An outward expression of this is in our care for others - here is adoration made visible in and to the world; when our compassion, as Christ's, feeds the hungry and gives rest to the weary. When the disciples want to send the huge crowds away, Jesus tells them: "Give them some food yourselves." His message is that we - the living Church, the body of Christ - have a responsibility to mend the broken, hungry world we are living in. There are so many yet to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, but no one's life, no matter how broken, is beyond the redeeming force of God's love. The leftover baskets from the feeding of the five thousand indicate that in God's kingdom there is plenty; there is abundance. No number who come can exhaust it. All will be fed.

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Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Response to Psalm: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings (at the Mass during the day)

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £241.00; Loose Plate: £349.21; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1293.29**

Mill End: Envelopes: £292.50; Loose Plate: £138.58; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £608.04**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2510.50**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 23RD JUNE	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
MON 24TH JUNE	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 12.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 25TH JUNE	10.00am	SVP Meeting	St John Fisher
WED 26TH JUNE			
THU 27TH JUNE	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 28TH JUNE	10.30am 7.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Youth Social - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 29TH JUNE	10.30am - 11.30am 4.30pm—5.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Altar Server Training Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 22ND JUNE <i>SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS</i>	10.00am Carmen Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 23RD JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</i>	8.30am Kathleen Farrell RIP (Anniv.) 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Tilak Khurwal RIP	10.30am John & Mary Gibson RIP	9am Fr Denis Watters RIP
MONDAY 24TH JUNE <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	9.30am Sidney Whalan RIP	9.30am Una & Tom Bugler RIP	
TUESDAY 25TH JUNE	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		9.30am Gloria Flynn RIP (Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE		9.30am Donal O'Donaghue RIP (Anniv.)	
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE <i>ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, MARTYR</i>	9.30am Fr Denis Watters RIP		
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	9.30am Pat & Paul Kelly (Ints.) (Golden Wedding Anniversary)		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 29TH JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</i>	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Denis Watters RIP
SUNDAY 30TH JUNE <i>SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Abraham & Beta Netto RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Fr Denis Watters RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, 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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be the annual commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses this weekend (Corpus Christi).

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. *Fr Shaun*

BARBARA FLYNN - 70TH BIRTHDAY AFTERNOON TEA

On **Friday 5th July** beginning at 4.00pm until 7.00pm we will be celebrating Barbara Flynn's 70th birthday with an afternoon tea in St John the Evangelist's church hall. All who know Barbara are very welcome. There will be a card and a collection at the end of each Mass this Sunday at St John the Evangelist, Mill End.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Registration of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 will take place in July 2019. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2019 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth –6.00pm to 7.00pm

Wednesday 10th July – St John's Church, Mill End (in the church) – 3.15pm to 4.30pm

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance. There will be no First Communion preparation or First Communion Mass at St John Fisher, Chorleywood in 2020. Please see the Chorleywood section (back page) of the newsletter for further details.

SEMINARIAN SUMMER PLACEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2019

From 31st August until 27th September 2019 we will be joined by Alex Balzanella. Alex is a seminarian for the Westminster Diocese, in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome. Alex will be ordained to the diaconate in Rome on 14th July 2019. We pray for Alex as he prepares for his ordination to the diaconate and we look forward to welcoming him to our parishes at the end of August.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We are planning yearly training for anyone wishing to become an altar server. This is open for anyone in the parish who has received – even if you've only just received - your first Holy Communion. The training dates are as follows:

- Our Lady Help of Christians - **Sunday 30th June**, 4.30-5.30pm
- St John Fisher - **Saturday 29th June**, 4.30-5.30pm

If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please, email Fr Damian to confirm your attendance. Please, note that there will be no training if no one confirms a particular date. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please, email Fr Damian to discuss other possible arrangements.

YOUTH SOCIAL

We will be holding a social evening at St John the Evangelist church hall for the youth of our parishes on **Friday 28th June** - 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 be on **Saturday 13th July** starting at 9.30am at the Falcon Inn, Village Road, Denham UB9 5BE (parking on the road by the green). It will be a circular walk of about 6.5 miles around Denham village then across the fields to Uxbridge Lock on the Grand Union returning to the Falcon at noon-ish unless we stop at Fran's for ice cream on the way. Everyone is invited to join our very friendly group. Please come. Enquiries to billgraham1888@gmail.com

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - Please collect from the presbytery (week days 9.30am to 2.30pm). Thank you.

MUM'S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 12.30PM IN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the 11.00am on Sunday 23rd June we will conclude the Mass (weather permitting) with a Corpus Christi procession around the grounds and Benediction at the Calvary. All the children in the parish who have made their First Holy Communion this year have been invited to attend this Mass in their First Communion clothes, so that the whole parish can celebrate with them.

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.*

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READERS AND WELCOMER'S

Copies of the rota for July - September are available now at the back of the church for those of you who haven't already received it by email.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 30th June** 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!

HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Kerry at the parish office if you would like to book the hall.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2020

We are very blessed to have Elena McBride preparing the children of the parish for 1st Holy Communion. Elena has requested a year off from running the 1st Holy Communion programme for 2019/2020. Consequently, there will be no First Holy Communion preparation or 1st Communion Mass at St John Fisher for 2019/2020. Any children wishing to make their 1st Holy Communion in 2020 will be invited to undertake their preparation at either Our Lady's, Rickmansworth or St John's, Mill End and to celebrate their First Holy Communion in whichever of those parishes that they are being prepared. Please see further details on the inner page of this Newsletter about how to register for First Holy Communion in 2020. First Holy Communion preparation and celebration at St John Fisher will resume in 2020/2021. Thank you for your understanding.

ST JOHN FISHER FAMILY BBQ - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 12.30 FOR 1PM.

Please come along to the Parish's annual BBQ to enjoy the good food, and company of fellow parishioners. To make this a memorable Parish event your Social Committee needs your help, so can you please use the sign-up sheet in the entrance porch to let us know what you can do to help make the event a huge success.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
22 & 23 June	A Roberts	M Williamson	C Johnson	M Fields	C Holly	E Price	Peter & Yasmin	S Tarrant
29 & 30 June	M Bychawski	A Roberts	J McEwen	U Lean	L Munro	F Holly	Una & Marguerite	J Whelan

NOTICES

PARTY IN THE ARC - SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 1.00PM - 4.00PM

Come along to St Joan of Arc School for a fun filled afternoon with Cream Teas, BBQ, Pimm's, Tombola, Raffle and all sorts of extra stalls to keep you amused for an hour or so. All funds raised go to improve the lives of the children at the school.

A TALK ON SAINT THOMAS MORE

Our Lady of Willesden presents a talk on St Thomas More "Pilgrim to Willesden and Martyr to Truth" by Andrew Hogan, Catechist from Our Lady of Grace, Chiswick. **Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall followed by Q&A and refreshments. Please register interest at ourladyofwillesden@rcdow.org.uk

CHURCHES IN CROXLEY GREEN

Are holding a fundraising concert on **Saturday 6th July** at 7.30pm at All Saints Church Hall, Croxley Green. Admission £5.00 / Concessions £4.00 (concessions for full time students, unemployed and over 60s). Tickets available from All Saints Church, Croxley Green; Croxley Green Baptist Church; St Oswald's Church; St Bede's Catholic Church and Croxley Methodist Church. An evening of rock and pop songs, live band and community choir. All proceeds go to the Parish Nurse Project.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WATFORD - A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Invite you to join them at what promises to be a wonderful night of fun on **Friday 28th June**, at the school, from 7.00pm. Tickets (£5 including first drink) can be bought from the School Office. Please come along and support us.