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PENTECOST SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost: the day that Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled, and the birth of the public life of the Church. Pentecost was a day when things which seemed impossible began to happen, and when a message that seemed difficult to comprehend or express began to be widely proclaimed.

Often we see the Holy Spirit represented with an image of a dove, or by the imagery of fire, by the blowing of the wind. But the Holy Spirit is neither a dove, fire, wind nor any similar phenomenon. The Holy Spirit is not a thing, but a person - the third Person of the Trinity. He is the life, the power, and the love of God; truly the Spirit of God the Father and the Spirit of the Son. The Spirit makes us children of God, and so intertwines our lives with Christ that we can now understand God as a Father. Additionally, we are now "heirs" with Christ (Rm 8:17), so that all that the Son shares with the Father (peace, life, righteousness) is also bequeathed to us.

The work of the Spirit is to continually draw mankind to Christ, in spite of our desire to strike out on our own. Left to our own devices, we can wander far from the source of light and truth, but the Spirit has other plans: to continually reach out to embrace and encourage us, to work within us to strengthen our relationship of faith in Christ. The same Spirit, who was present from the beginning at creation and even before, is still at work in the world and in the Church just as he was two thousand years ago. Whatever it is that we face in our lives, at whatever point of our own story we find ourselves, the Holy Spirit is interceding for us. He is always working in us and through us, to transform and inspire so that God's great work of salvation can be shown forth.

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Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

1st Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

Response to Psalm:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:8-17

Gospel:

John 14:15-16. 23-26

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £698.00; Loose Plate: £319.45; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1720.53**

Mill End: Envelopes: £262.90; Loose Plate: £142.08; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £581.94**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 9TH JUNE	8.45am 12 noon	First Communion Class Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
MON 10TH JUNE	10.30am - 12.30pm 11.00am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Funeral - Baby Matilda Cojoc RIP Choir Practice	<i>St John the Evangelist</i> Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 11TH JUNE	10.00am for 10.15am	Lectio Divina - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 12TH JUNE	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John Fisher
THU 13TH JUNE	2.15pm for 2.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St Peter's, Mill End Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 14TH JUNE	10.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 15TH JUNE	11.00am 2.00pm 5.30pm	NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK First Holy Communion Mass Baptism Preparation - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher 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 8 TH JUNE	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Michael Donelan RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9 TH JUNE <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	8.30am In Thanksgiving 11am Barry Bennett RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Anita McMahon RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 10TH JUNE <i>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</i>	9.30am Olive Kiener RIP	9.30am Mary Fagan (Ints.)	
TUESDAY 11TH JUNE <i>ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Frank & Denise Waters RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 12 TH JUNE		9.30am Mary Quinn RIP	
THURSDAY 13TH JUNE <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</i>	9.30am Noel Healy RIP		
FRIDAY 14 TH JUNE	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 15 TH JUNE	NO MASS THIS MORNING	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Denis Watters RIP
SUNDAY 16 TH JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	8.30am Alf Loose RIP 11am Joseph & Jane Netto RIP 6pm Jean Walsh RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Michael O'Connor 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

JUNE DEANERY LUNCH – HELP NEEDED – TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

On Tuesday 11th June, our parishes will be hosting the June Deanery meeting and lunch for the clergy of the Watford Deanery at Our Lady's. We would be most grateful for anyone who can help with preparing and serving the lunch and the washing-up. There are likely to be around 10 clergy sitting down for the meal. If you would be willing to help, please contact Fr Shaun as soon as possible. Thank you.

BABY MATILDA COJOC RIP

The funeral of Baby Matilda Cojoc will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 10th June, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

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**, 4.30-5.30 pm
- St. John the Evangelist - **Saturday 22nd June**, 4.30-5.30 pm
- St. John Fisher - **Saturday 29th June**, 4.30-5.30 pm

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr Damian or Fr Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 15th June** at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC) - MINUTES

The minutes of the JPPC Meeting held on 11th May 2019 are now available on the JPPC page of the three parish websites. A few 'hard' copies are also available in each church for those without access to the internet.

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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 16th June** 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.

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 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SATURDAY MORNING MASS, HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

There will be no 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on Saturday 15th 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.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

HALL BOOKINGS

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

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!

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

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.

PARISH CORE GROUP - MINUTES

The minutes of the St John Fisher Parish Core Group held on 11th May 2019 are now available on the JPPC page of the St John Fisher parish website. A few 'hard' copies are also available for those without access to the internet.

RED APF MISSIO BOXES

June is here again. Please could you bring your boxes to church by 15th/16th June. Thank you very much, Mary

SILVER FOIL AND CANS COLLECTION

I am now spreading my wings (call me Mrs Steptoe!) 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		
8 & 9 June	M Foggo	C Johnson	M Latimer	J Whelan	A Opie	L Turnbull	Carolyn & Peter	C Steet
15 & 16 June	J Ingham	S Hoy	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	M Golin	AM Farnsworth	Kate & Patsy	A McReynolds

NOTICES

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.

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

The last in the current series of meeting for young adults at Archbishop's House will take place on **Tuesday 25th June**, 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 Paul McAleenan will be leading our reflections, this time focusing on the second half of the recently published exhortation from Pope Francis addressed to young people. This half contains Pope Francis' reflections on vocation and advice on how to discern one's calling in life. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know your intention to attend by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details, go to dowym.com/events