



St John The Evangelist
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St John Fisher
Hill Cottage, Shire Lane, Chorleywood, WD3 5NH

Livestreaming: <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth>

ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

KAIROS ONLINE MINISTRY

On Tuesday 23rd February we launch the first season of our new fortnightly online ministry: *Kairos*. We have a team of over 50 parishioners from across our three parishes, who have been working very hard to make sure that everything is ready for the launch of this exciting next step in our journey of parish renewal.

I am delighted to tell you that over 70 people have registered to be part of Kairos, which means that, together with the Kairos Team, we will be launching with around 120 people actively engaged in *Kairos*, just ten short of our maximum capacity at launch. This is wonderful and exciting news!

Whether you have registered to be a part of Kairos or not, I invite all of you to pray for its success. The purpose of Kairos is to help us to better **connect, belong** and **grow** in the experience and living of our Christian faith. One of the Kairos team members has composed this prayer, which I encourage you all to pray, asking for God's blessing on our new Kairos ministry. *Fr Shaun*

Loving Father,

we come before you to give you all Glory and Praise
and to thank you for Kairos.

You have guided us in your 'perfect time'.

Continue to walk with us and light the way so that all
who come will connect, belong and grow.

May Kairos help us become vibrant, welcoming, and
invitational communities, who aspire to share the
good news of your saving love in Jesus, lived and
experienced through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 21ST FEBRUARY	4.00pm	APM - St John the Evangelist, Mill End	via Zoom
TUES 23RD FEBRUARY	7.30pm	Kairos - Connect, Belong, Grow!	via Zoom
THUR 25TH FEBRUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via Zoom
SUN 28TH FEBRUARY	3.00pm	APM - Our Lady's, Rickmansworth	via Zoom

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY	Kevin Briody RIP		
SUNDAY 21 ST FEBRUARY <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	10am Michael Townend RIP 6pm Sheila Sharp RIP	10.30am Brendan Hurnin RIP	9am Julian Harris (Ints.)
MONDAY 22 ND FEBRUARY <i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</i> <i>THE APOSTLE</i>	Irene Foggo RIP (Anniv.)		
TUESDAY 23 RD FEBRUARY	Declan & Margaret Hayes (Ints.)		
WEDNESDAY 24 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Fr Jim Duffy RIP		
THURSDAY 25 TH FEBRUARY	Fr Bernard McCumiskey RIP		
FRIDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Verna Kendrick RIP		
SATURDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
SUNDAY 28 TH FEBRUARY <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	10am Jacqueline Grove RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Ivy Bowes RIP	9am For the People of the Parish

Entrance Antiphon:	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
1st Reading:	Genesis 9:8-15
Response to Psalm:	Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.
2nd Reading:	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel:	Mark 1:12-15
Communion Antiphon:	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Next Sunday's Readings:	Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10 (Gospel)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westthrop, Peter Knight and Bishop John MacWilliam

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Michael Dixon, Alfredo Rock and James Clark.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick and Julian Harris.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS 2021

Each year in February or March we have an Annual Parish Meeting (APM) in each of our three parishes. The purpose of the APM is for parishioners to be able to hear about the work of the parish during the previous year. An important element of the APM is the presentation of the annual parish finances, in this case for the year ending on 31st December 2020. The APM also offers the opportunity for parishioners to ask questions of the parish team. Due to the pandemic, this year all three APMs will take place online via *Zoom*. The dates will be as follows:

St John the Evangelist, Mill End – Sunday 21st February 2021 at 4.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth – Sunday 28th February 2021 at 3.00pm

St John Fisher, Chorleywood – Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm

If you would like to attend (virtually) the APM for your respective parish, please email me at shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk and, nearer the time, I will send you a Zoom invite to the meeting. We hope that many parishioners will join us for these important meetings. *Fr Shaun*

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation:** helping young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. **Caritas Westminster:** putting our faith into action by serving those in need. **Education Service:** supporting our schools. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

SVP TWINNAGE LENT 2021 APPEAL - Sudan & South Sudan: the pandemic's impact

In recent years the SVP has helped millions of displaced and starving people in Sudan and South Sudan through baby feeding stations, provision of clean water, medical care and vocational training. Because of the pandemic, annual donations to help provide this assistance have fallen from around **£250,000** to **£85,000**. As a consequence some services will have to be cut in 2021. Adding to this, continuing political instability in both countries is leading to more and more people being displaced without recourse to help other than from the international community. This Lent, can you help? To donate, please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/twinnage> and click on "Sudan and South Sudan appeal" Thank you for your generosity - every little helps. God bless you and your family, *Chess Valley SVP*.

CAFOD Lent Appeal

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please donate online www.cafod.org.uk/give or via text:

Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5

Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10

Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

Or Telephone: 0303 303 3030 to donate over the phone

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

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ONLINE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENT 2021

This year, due to the pandemic, Lenten Stations of the Cross will take place via *Zoom* on three Fridays during Lent (in the weeks when there is no *Kairos* gathering). We will be using photographs of the Stations of the Cross from our three parishes. Using *Zoom* means that we can play some music as part of meditation on the Stations. The Stations will take place as follows: **Friday 5th March – 7.30pm** – using the Stations of the Cross from St John's, Mill End
Friday 19th March – 7.30pm – using the Stations of the Cross from Our Lady's, Rickmansworth
Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) – 7.30pm – using the Stations from St John Fisher, Chorleywood.

Please email Fr Shaun at shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk if you would like to be sent a Zoom invite to the online Stations of the Cross.

STEWARDS AND CLEANERS - NEW ROTAS

The new Sunday and weekday Mass rotas has now been sent out for all stewards and cleaners for the period February-May 2021. Please could you all check that you have received this. It may have gone into your **junk mail** so check this carefully too. If you have not received it please contact me ASAP on sharonblayney9@gmail.com. This ministry is open to all parishioners. If you would like to help steward or clean the church (Sundays/Wednesday/Fridays) during the Covid restrictions then please contact me on the above address. With many thanks for all your help. *Sharon Blayney/Jane Redman*

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Although it isn't currently possible for the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, both Fr Shaun and Fr Damian are available for the celebration of the sacrament by individual appointment. Any parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should contact Fr Shaun or Fr Damian to arrange a mutually convenient time.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

UPDATED - IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MASS ATTENDANCE STICKERS AND CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) OF 2022 SECONDARY TRANSFER AND NURSERY / RECEPTION 2022

With the Sunday Mass Obligation currently suspended and the ability of families to attend Mass in the parish each Sunday being very restricted due to social distancing measures, it is currently not possible to provide Mass attendance cards and stickers to families with a child making secondary transfer in 2022 or seeking a nursery or reception place in a catholic primary school in 2022. There currently seems to be a level of uncertainty about if, and on what criteria, priests are going to be asked to complete CCPs for 2022 admissions. For the time being, all parents with a child who will be seeking a place in a Catholic Secondary school in 2022 or a nursery or reception place in a Catholic primary school (other than St John's, Mill End or St Anthony's, Watford which do not require a CCP) should email me at shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk, providing the following information:

Name of the child (first name and surname); Parents/Guardians names (first name and surname); Address at which you reside; Telephone contact details.

I will retain this information and keep a careful eye on Diocesan guidance with regard to the issuing of CCPs for 2022 admissions in the light of the prevailing restrictions caused by the pandemic. *Fr Shaun*

CAFOD

Abdella lives in Afar, Ethiopia – one of the hottest places on earth. Like hundreds of people in the area, he spends most of the day walking to get water for his family to drink. He knows that if there was water near his home, his family wouldn't have to worry any more about getting enough to stay alive. Walk for Water is a Lent challenge: 10,000 steps a day - done your way. Every day. For 40 days. See the link to sign up: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water> Many of us have something of a soft spot for CAFOD, and for the work they do overseas for some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people on Earth. But they've developed a lot in recent years, and not many of us have a clear and up to date understanding of what they actually do nowadays, or all the ways in which we can help. It's much more than just making a donation at Fast Days twice a year.

DETONATE 2021- MONDAY JULY 26th TO FRIDAY JULY 30th

We go forward in faith. We don't know what Detonate 2021 will look like yet but we have decided to go with these dates. Maybe we will be live at the Russell, maybe we will be partly on line and partly in groups in various church buildings, maybe it will all have to be on line. This is still in the balance. What we DO KNOW is that IT WILL HAPPEN. We do know that there is an overlap at the end of the week with New Wine B but many will be attending online as there aren't many places to attend in person. So we leave it to each family to decide on this. PLEASE PRAY for us as we begin the planning process. We would love to be enlisting help for a live event but it is early days yet re Covid. We anticipate the joy of our churches working together, *The Detonate Team*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, MILL END AND MAPLE CROSS

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of St John the Evangelist church in 1971. I am delighted to say that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be coming to St John's to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday 27th June 2021**. We can be hopeful that by that time the restrictions will have been eased enough for us to be able to celebrate the day in a fuller way than we can right now. But we will have to wait and see. As part of our celebration of this important anniversary year we are moving forward with our plans to create a Lady Chapel in the side chapel area of the church. The statue of Our Lady from the church has now been removed in preparation for the construction of a new painted reredos which will form a new backdrop for the statue in its new space in the Lady Chapel. The old wooden altar, which has been unused since the church was re-ordered, is being refurbished as the Lady Chapel altar, and will sit beneath the statue and the reredos. We hope that this work will be completed in time for our big celebration in June.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

STAYING COVID-SECURE AT ST JOHN FISHER

With the rapid spread of the new variant of the coronavirus and the lockdown now in force, I asked our St John Fisher Covid19 taskforce to review the COVID secure measures we have in place. This is important given the particular circumstances of the St Fisher building and it's much smaller cubic footage, when compared to our sister parishes. As a result of this review, it has been agreed that it is necessary to increase the ventilation throughout the building by keeping the front and back doors and some windows open during the celebration of Mass. This is obviously not ideal during the cold winter months, but it is necessary to help keep the building COVID secure. If you are attending Mass at St John Fisher you are advised to wrap up warmly. I also remind you that there is currently no obligation to attend Sunday Mass, so if you have underlying health conditions or if you particularly feel the cold, you may wish to join in the celebration of Mass from Our Lady's, either by booking a place there or from your home via our livestream. Other mitigations will be put in place to help ensure everyone's safety. The taskforce will keep the situation under regular review. I am very grateful to the taskforce team for the thoughtful and prudent way in which they are dealing with these challenging issues. *Fr Shaun*

CONTINUING TO CARE for the CARDINAL HUME CENTRE

Sadly I have to close the garage during Tier 4. As soon as that is relaxed, I will re-open for another complete month. In the meantime, you can do three things!

- (1) Did any of your presents not quite hit the mark!!! Please pass them on to me;
- (2) I am collecting odd bits of gold and silver (pieces of chains, solitary earrings, etc) to sell for scrap value;
- (3) the donation basket is still at the ready.

Please contact me at any time. Thank you, Mary 284975