



St John The Evangelist  
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Our Lady Help of Christians  
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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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### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B) - 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

#### SUNDAY THOUGHT

How quickly praise can turn to derision. We see it in business, politics, with friends and family. One minute somebody is singing praises, the next it's insults and scorn. The two gospel readings for today display that very juxtaposition. The cries of 'Hosanna!' which mark the beginning of our Mass and replaced shortly after by cries of 'Crucify him!' How quickly the people turned on Jesus when they realised that he would not fulfil their plans of shaking off the Roman occupation.

The entire passion narrative in Mark shows the confusion, bewilderment and misunderstanding that punctuated the horrific scene of Jesus' crucifixion. The crowds believe Jesus is calling for Elijah, the chief priests and scribes mock Jesus as one who cannot save himself, Pilate gives in to the crowd's demands and participates in a miscarriage of justice. The centurion alone (a Gentile) confesses Jesus as Son of God, only after his death.

We are fickle human beings, often in search of entertainment. We are designed by aeons of evolution to look toward the future rather than the past. Palm Sunday is our conscious effort to root ourselves in our past, the very foundation of our faith, the paschal mystery. This week we celebrate the most ancient and fundamental mysteries of our faith. Being in touch with the paschal mystery reminds us that this life has meaning beyond the here and now. We have a future that is eternal. The love, relationships, and bonds we create in this life will endure. The passion and death of Jesus necessarily result in the resurrection, which gives us a promise and foretaste of that eternal life. Rather than seeking the next best thing, upon entering this Holy Week we recall that our faith is rooted in the past, and our destiny is eternal.

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#### ALTAR OF REPOSE – HOLY THURSDAY

This year, due to COVID secure restrictions, we are not permitted to have an Altar of Repose in our churches. The Cardinal has asked the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane to prepare an Altar of Repose, and so from 8.00pm until midnight on Maundy Thursday, 1 April 2021, everyone in our diocese is invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Altar of Repose - <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

#### ONLINE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENT 2021

This year, due to the pandemic, Lenten Stations of the Cross are taking place via Zoom. Using Zoom means that we can play some music as part of meditation on the Stations. We will be using photographs of the Stations of the Cross from St John Fisher, Chorleywood on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday) – 7.30pm**. Please email Fr Shaun at [shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk) if you would like to be sent a Zoom invite to the online Stations of the Cross.

### SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	11am	Funeral - Nicholas Brady RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b>	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (St John Fisher, Chorleywood)	via <i>Zoom</i>

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	Fr Vincent John Crewe RIP		
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>10am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Special Intention	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>11am</b> Funeral - Nicholas Brady RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>12 noon Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral</b> Fr Shaun and Fr Damian will be concelebrants. Livestream at <a href="http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk">http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk</a>		
<b>WED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Malcolm Stacey RIP		
<b>THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>8pm</b> For the People of the Parish		<b>8pm</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>3pm</b> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	<b>3pm</b> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	<b>3pm</b> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
<b>SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>8pm</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> For the People of the Parish	
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.30am</b> John Reid RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>10.30am</b> John & Mary Gibbs RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Isaiah 50:4-7
<b>Response to Psalm:</b>	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Philippians 2:6-11
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 15:1-39
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b>	(Easter Sunday Morning) Acts 10:34. 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 (Gospel)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

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

**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

### EASTER OFFERING

The offering at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your priests. The Easter and Christmas offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Damian. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. If you wish to make an Easter offering, you can do so via BACS using your respective parish bank details. Please mark your gift as *Easter Offering*. You can also now make an Easter Offering via Virgin Money Giving, please leave a message to show this donation is for your Easter Offering. You will find the parish bank details and a link to the Virgin Money Giving site on the **Donate to your Parish** tab of your respective parish website. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Easter Offering. Thank you.

### KAIROS MINISTRY

We have now completed the first season of our new online ministry, *Kairos*, and we were delighted to be joined by over a hundred people! Registration for Season Two of *Kairos*, which will begin on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021** is now open. If you would like to join us for Season Two of *Kairos*, please email our Communications Team at [Kairos@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Kairos@rcdow.org.uk). If you registered for Season One you **do not** need to register again for Season Two.

### THE VEILING OF CROSSES AND STATUES

From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday the crosses and statues of our churches are veiled in purple cloths. The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLET** is now available on the parish websites.

### NICHOLAS BRADY RIP

The funeral of Nicholas Brady will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am** followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. Due to social-distancing restrictions, funerals are currently restricted to a maximum of 30 mourners so it will not be possible for parishioners to attend, unless they have been directly invited by the family. However, people are free to participate via livestream at the following link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/trickmansworth>. We offer our deepest condolences to Nicholas' family at this sad and difficult time.

### PATRICK O'CONNOR RIP

The funeral of Patrick O'Connor will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am** followed by burial at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery. Due to social-distancing restrictions, funerals are currently restricted to a maximum of 30 mourners so it will not be possible for parishioners to attend, unless they have been directly invited by the family. We offer our deepest condolences to Patrick's family at this sad and difficult time.

### 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

CAFOD is most grateful for your support in all the parishes, at what is recognised as a difficult time for many people and with so many competing calls, at home as in other parts of the world. Whatever is donated is being put to good use, especially in places like Ethiopia, and (with the Disasters and Emergencies Committee of which CAFOD is a member) to support the international Coronavirus response. But the need goes on: even in the last few days fighting in the Tigray province of Ethiopia has affected the community of Hagos, one of the people featured as a success in the Lent appeal for water, and much of the good has been undone: the work is not complete, and our Lent donations are needed. It will, of course, be some time before they can be assessed, but the early signs are promising. Thank you for all your support at a time of great need. There are about 2000 people across the country doing the daily Walk of at least 10,000 steps in solidarity with those, especially in Ethiopia, who have no access to proper water supplies. People can still join in, even now, and CAFOD will be most grateful for any contributions they might raise. The link is here <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>. If anyone not already taking part would like to support the Walk, this link <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafods-walk-for-water> might be of use!

### THE PASSAGE

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk). **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk) Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### BRITISH SUMMER TIME

A reminder that the clocks go forward one hour this weekend (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March).

### 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](mailto: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*

### WORKSHOP ONLINE EVENT SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FROM 11.00AM TO 12.30PM.

2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00am to 12.30pm; book at [cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting](http://cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting)

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### 'MONEY MATTERS' REPORT FOR 2020

The annual 'Money Matters' summary report on the Our Lady's parish's finances in 2020 is now available. If you wish to see a copy please email the Parish Office at [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk).

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## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A number of parishioners who use planned giving envelopes but are currently unable to attend Sunday Mass have contacted us regarding their planned giving and the offering that they make to their parish using them. For any parishioner who is in this situation and wishes to make a Sunday offering, we invite you to either drop your envelopes, together with your donation, at the parish office at the Presbytery at Our Lady's (but only if passing through Rickmansworth – please continue to follow Government guidelines with regard to essential travel) or to post a cheque made payable to St John Fisher, Chorleywood, together with at least one planned giving envelope, to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you could make a donation via an electronic payment to St John Fisher parish using the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Chorleywood

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 21095552

Please annotate the payment as: **Sunday Offering**. Thank you for your continued and valued support.

### CHRISTIAN AID 2021

The Chorleywood Christian Aid Committee has decided, sadly, that it will not be able to hold its usual range of activities this year, due, of course, to the COVID 19 restrictions. The only sale will be of hanging baskets and planted tubs. Delivery and collection will be on the morning of **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. Order forms will be sent to existing customers or contact Mary Latimer, on 01923 284975, to obtain one. The order forms need to be returned to Mary by 12<sup>th</sup> April. Christian Aid, and all charities, are in dire need, so if you wish, you could send a cheque, payable to Christian Aid, to Mary or send directly to Christian Aid on line. Thank you very much.

### CONTINUING TO CARE for the CARDINAL HUME CENTRE (from Mary's garage)

We are now over £5,000!! We are opening again for one month (subject to regs) from Easter Monday. Please go to our Website for some pictures of our amazing goods for sale. These include an electronic drum kit, roller skating boots, a guitar, toys, jigsaws and much more!! Phone Mary for an appointment 01923 284975 (and bring your mask). Thank you.

### MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS

Very many thanks, the March quarter collection amounted to £105.35. We would welcome new donors, some have left the Parish. Contact Mary if you wish.