



St John The Evangelist
Berry Lane, Rickmansworth, WD3 7HG



Our Lady Help of Christians
5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU



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

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (YEAR B) - 4th APRIL 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Christ is Risen! Through the darkness of Lent has come the Light of the World. This weekend we celebrate together the greatest miracle ever known - the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, freeing us from sin and death. The body is intimately connected to the soul - a gift from God, made in his image. Physical death separates what God intended to be joined together. Now, through his resurrection, the glorified Christ in his inconceivable mercy promises to take us with him to eternal life in God's kingdom. This life is no longer the end, but the beginning!

In this way the first Easter changed mankind for ever, bringing hope and meaning to our existence, and purpose to our suffering. It revealed a new way to be human. When we "*think of what is above, not of what is on earth*", everything changes. When our lives are "*hidden with Christ in God*", we live in his truth and love, with peace in our hearts. We don't have to walk another day carrying the weight of our sins because Jesus has lifted them from us. We don't need to seek frivolous and transient pleasures. We don't need to be selfish with our time or resources. We don't need to pass judgement on our brothers and sisters. When we truly believe that death holds no power over us, we can walk each day in the grace being offered us - to give away this life in love.

We exist to bring this Easter message to those who have not yet heard it, or do not yet believe it; anyone who is empty, directionless, incomplete. Let us bring them all into the loving, saving relationship with Jesus that both he and they long for. Christ did not keep the promise of the resurrection for himself, and nor should we - every person on earth needs to know that they are adored, loved, forgiven and worth dying for. Alleluia!

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.

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

MONDAY 12TH APRIL	10am	Funeral - Patrick O'Connor RIP	St John the Evangelist
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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 3RD APRIL <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	8pm For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 4TH APRIL <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	8.30am John Reid RIP (Anniv.) 11am Kevin Ford RIP	10.30am John & Mary Gibbs RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 5TH APRIL <i>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	Paul Butcher RIP		
TUESDAY 6TH APRIL <i>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	Fr Vincent Crewe RIP		
WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL <i>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10.00am For the sick and housebound of the parish		
THURSDAY 8TH APRIL <i>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	Gordon Starck RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 9TH APRIL <i>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	10.00am Verna Kendrick RIP		
SATURDAY 10TH APRIL <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	John Connor RIP (Anniv.)		
SUNDAY 11TH APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am Gillian Loose RIP 6pm Hazel Reilly RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Eileen Simpungwe RIP	9am Alan Jacobi RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 12TH APRIL	NO MASS TODAY	10am Funeral - Patrick O'Connor RIP	
TUESDAY 13TH APRIL	Barrie Pride RIP (Anniv.)		
WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL	9.30am Fr Vincent Crewe RIP		
THURSDAY 15TH APRIL	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
FRIDAY 16TH APRIL	9.30am Fr Jim Duffy RIP		
SATURDAY 17TH APRIL	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 18TH APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am Bridgit & James Logan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Kathleen Dunlop RIP	10.30am Robert Green (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parish

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN AND FR DAMIAN

Our celebration of Holy Week and Easter this year is inevitably very different due to the restrictions we are required to follow to keep our churches COVID-secure places. We wish to express our thanks to the COVID taskforces of the three parishes, our stewards, church cleaners and rota coordinators, without whose hard work and dedication we would be unable to open our churches for public worship.

This Holy Week we have missed the contribution made to our liturgies by our parish choirs at this time when communal singing is not permitted, but we express our thanks to our parish organists for playing for the Triduum and Easter Masses and helping us to retain something of the character of these special days. We are also very grateful to our flower arrangers for decorating our churches so beautifully for Easter and to those who exercised the ministry of reader across the three parishes this Holy Week.

Thank you to everyone in our three parish communities who has journeyed with us through the mystery of these holy days. We thank you, too, for your kindness and generosity to us.

Last year we were not able to have a public celebration of Holy Week and Easter. This year we give thanks that we have been able to gather to celebrate these holy days, albeit in smaller numbers and in a simplified way. We hope and pray that as we move through the rest of 2021 we can return more and more to something resembling "normal" life. We look forward to the gradual lifting of restrictions which, we pray, will allow us to gather and worship and be communities of faith in all the ways that are so precious to us.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Eastertide!

Fr Shaun and Fr Damian

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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 27th 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. If you registered for Season One you **do not** need to register again for Season Two.

PATRICK O'CONNOR RIP

The funeral of Patrick O'Connor will take place at St John the Evangelist on **Monday 12th 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.

BAPTISMS

For those seeking to register their child/children for baptism, and those who have registered and would like to register for baptism preparation, please, email Fr Damian (damianryan@rcdow.org.uk). Those who have completed the baptism preparation are on the waiting list for Baptism dates. Fr Damian will contact those on the waiting list - in order of their date of registration - with available dates for baptism, as soon as dates become available.

PARISH NEWSLETTER - there will be no Parish Newsletter next weekend.

Easter Sunday Morning Readings

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Response to Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (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 Westhop, 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.

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FRESH START COURSE

The following course will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. This course is free to participants. **8 week Fresh Start Course with one to one coaching and ongoing group support** for those who wish to overcome life-controlling issues (smoking, drinking, gambling). This course starts on **Thursday 8th April 6.00pm** and will be COVID safe. For further information contact Elaine Hawkings 07786 608303.

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*

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.

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RED MISSIO BOXES

Could you please contact me and I will arrange to collect your box and get it back to you. My email address is on the front of the newsletter or you can ring me on 07725 748490. If you would prefer I didn't collect your box at this time you can send a cheque, payable to Missio-Mill Hill, and send to Red Box. 23 Eccleston Square. London SW1V 1NU. Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers overseas and all missionaries who share God's love - they tell us the love and strength they receive from us keeps them going. Many thanks, Geraldine

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 18th 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 12th 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!! We are also now collecting any broken or useless items of silver and gold to sell as scrap precious metal, please search your cupboards! Phone Mary for an appointment 01923 284975 (and bring your mask). Thank you.