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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 25TH APRIL 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a day devoted to vocations to the priesthood. Jesus is the Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14). One of the earliest paintings of Jesus as the Great High Priest was actually as a shepherd, carrying a lamb on his shoulders. This is the image we receive in the Gospel today, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' We also hear about the nature of a Good Shepherd: 'The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.' (John 10:11) Priesthood is about service.

However, this service does not mean to serve every person's whim. It's a bit like a parent who doesn't always give their child everything they want, but what they need in order to grow to full maturity. Full maturity is the living out of the Great Commission: 'Go, make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Priests and lay people have the same mission. The priest's role as a servant is to 'equip the saints for the work of God.' (Ephesians 4:12). The priest is there to help lay people live out their mission to make disciples of all nations. St. Augustine said, 'For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian'. The second Vatican Council affirmed very emphatically that the priests and baptised have a universal call to holiness and mission.

The priest does not take on the layperson's duty and responsibility to make disciples. Neither does he abdicate his responsibility. These are two extreme forms of clericalism. Instead, the priest should have co-responsibility with parishioners, and actually share his leadership. Incidentally, this is what we do here, with a Senior Leadership Team and Joint Parish Pastoral Council.

We are in a crisis in the Church in the West. Declining numbers of people becoming Catholics, and numbers of young men coming forward to priesthood. Being a Catholic Christian is the most meaningful life one can live. We have such Good News to offer the world: God has defeated sin and death for us! Is that not the best news? We need good young men, with the heart of God the Father, and Jesus the good shepherd, to take on this proper understanding of priesthood: to have co-responsibility and shared-leadership for God's mission to make disciples.

We need everyone to take God's call to shared mission to make disciples even more seriously. We need you to encourage young men to think about the priesthood. When was the last time you asked a young, single man 'have you ever thought about the priesthood?' One seed is all it can take.

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.

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL	11.00am	Funeral - Angelo Anecchiarico RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THURSDAY 29TH APRIL	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via <i>Zoom</i>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 24TH APRIL <i>SS ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, BISHOPS</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 25TH APRIL <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am Mary & Jack Casey RIP 6pm Gordon Starck RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Robbie Callaghan (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 26 TH APRIL	Agatha Davis RIP		
TUESDAY 27 TH APRIL	Peter Emmanuel RIP (Anniv.)		
WEDNESDAY 28 TH APRIL	9.30am Simon Saminather RIP (Anniv.)		
THURSDAY 29TH APRIL <i>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	11.00am Funeral - Angelo Anecchiarico RIP		
FRIDAY 30 TH APRIL	9.30am Alphonse Mongoué RIP (Anniv.)		
SATURDAY 1 ST MAY	10.30am First Communion Mass 2pm First Communion Mass		
SUNDAY 2ND MAY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am Mary Ann Kennedy RIP 6pm Augustus Joachim RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Ryan Carter (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parish

Entrance Antiphon:	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
1st Reading:	Acts 4:8-12
Response to Psalm:	The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
2nd Reading:	1 John 3:1-2
Gospel:	John 10:11-18
Communion Antiphon:	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.
Next Sunday's Readings:	Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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, James Clark, Eve & Tom 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

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

On Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May, we will be celebrating First Communion Masses. Due to social distancing restrictions it will not be possible for anyone to attend, unless they have been directly invited by the First Communion families. However, people are free to participate via livestream at the following link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth> Please pray for our First Communion children and their families at this special time

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** 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.

ANGELO ANNECCHIARICO RIP

The funeral of Angelo Anecchiarico will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 29th April 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/rickmansworth> We offer our deepest condolences to Elliott's family at this sad and difficult time.

ELIZABETH LATHAM INCE RIP

The funeral of Elizabeth Latham Ince will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Wednesday 5th May at 11.00am** followed by committal at Chiltern Crematorium. 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/rickmansworth> We offer our deepest condolences to Elizabeth'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.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and this collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Do you hear the voice of God calling you to the priesthood? A video showing diocesan seekers, seminarians and priests sharing their experience of hearing God's call to follow their vocation to the priesthood can be found at https://youtu.be/nP_u0A3S-q0

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*

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. 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*.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH (8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021)

'Joseph - who stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.' - Patris Corde.

An online talk by Fr John Hemer MHM on Thursday 29th April - 7.00pm to 8.00pm. The talk will be delivered via Zoom. Please register beforehand at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

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*

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

DONA - CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please look out for our new donation device (DONA) – it's a simple and easy way to make a donation. Choose an amount and then tap your debit/credit card. We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders or weekly envelopes, however our loose plate collections have greatly diminished as fewer people carry cash now. Please remember to use hand sanitizer before and/or after using the device which will be stationed in the church porch. Thank you.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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: WRC DT Chorleywood

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 21095552

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

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

ONE MORE WEEK ONLY!!! We close for ever next Saturday, 1st May at 2.00pm. You have been so generous in the amazing gifts you have brought to us. We have so much: jewellery; fine china; kitchenware; cushions; curtains; toys; jigsaws handbags and much more. It is like the Tardis!! Remember we are also accepting donations and any old or broken silver and gold to sell as scrap precious metal. Thank you all so much for your support so far. ONE LAST WEEK LEFT. Love to all from Mary 284975.

CHRISTIAN AID - thank you for your basket orders

That order has now gone to the Nursery. We would urge you to make donations if you can. We can receive cheques made payable to Christian Aid or cash, or you can donate directly to Christian Aid. Their need is so great. Contact Eddie, Maureen, Juliet or Mary. Thank you very much.