



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

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 18TH APRIL 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's gospel is the conclusion of Luke's account of Jesus's first post-resurrection appearance to his disciples. The two disciples who Jesus met on the road to Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to confirm the women's story of the resurrection. As they are excitedly telling what happened, Jesus appears.

St Luke goes to great lengths in his Easter accounts to make clear that the resurrection was neither the fantasy of crazy zealots nor a plot concocted by the disciples who somehow managed to spirit the body of Jesus away (according to Luke's account the disciples had not gone near the tomb themselves; they had not even imagined any kind of 'resurrection'). In the details he presents in today's gospel Luke is countering the argument forwarded to explain away the resurrection account. There can be no mistake: the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, a reality in which all of the Scriptures find their ultimate fulfilment. What the disciples see is not a ghost but the physical presence of Jesus risen from the dead. Christ is present with us, and he is present with the Father in glory.

For Luke, the power of Jesus' resurrection is realised in the way it 'opens' one's heart and mind to understanding the deeper meaning of God's word and to fully embracing the Spirit of God. In our faith and trust in the risen Christ, we become 'witnesses' of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

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 22ND APRIL	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via <i>Zoom</i>
FRIDAY 23RD APRIL	11.30am	Funeral - Elliott Ewhare RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 17 TH APRIL	Peter Mann RIP (Anniv.)		
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
MONDAY 19TH APRIL <i>ST ALPHEGE, BISHOP</i>	Special Intention		
TUESDAY 20 TH APRIL	NO MASS TODAY		
WEDNESDAY 21 ST APRIL	9.30am John Henry Keeler (Ints.)		
THURSDAY 22 ND APRIL	Fr Vincent Crewe RIP		
FRIDAY 23RD APRIL <i>ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</i>	11.30am Funeral - Elliott Ewhare RIP		
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

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Response to Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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

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.

ELLIOTT EWHARE RIP

The funeral of Elliott Ewhare will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Friday 23rd April at 11.30am** 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

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

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. 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 were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

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. 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*.

INVITATION TO PRAY

You are warmly invited to join us every Thursday evening to pray together and have a time of fellowship. Whether you are part of the Parish Community or not we would love you to come along to our online prayer group. The evening will consist of a time for singing, reading and quiet reflection, sharing and intercessory prayer. You are welcome to join in as you feel you would like. Prayer meetings will start at 8.00pm every Thursday and finish at 9.30pm. If you would like to join us simply email the following address and we will add you to the invitation - barbarajohnson48@gmail.com We are using a platform called 'Zoom' which is very 'user friendly' and we can support you with this if necessary. We look forward to hearing from you.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.reclow.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

Next weekend 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.

200 CLUB (MARCH)

Congratulations to Colette Williamson (£32), Richard Dumughn (£24), Peter Waters (£16.00), Angela Steele (£8).

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: 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.

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

We will be open for TWO MORE WEEKS. Come and inspect our amazing stock. We have toiletries, kitchen ware, Porcelain, glass ware, jewellery, drum kit, guitar, walking boots, cushions, candles, jigsaws, toys, pictures and much more. We also have the donation basket near at hand and the box for scrap gold and silver. Please phone Mary for an appointment to view and buy, 284975. Remember ONLY 2 MORE WEEKS!!

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 Eddie. Thank you very much.