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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B) - 23RD MAY 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

We celebrate this Sunday a wondrous and unprecedented gift of God – “the Spirit of truth” given to us. This Spirit of truth God gives is relational. This Spirit of truth changes us – through the Spirit we share a common identity as the Body of Christ and take up a common mission to proclaim the Gospel by the sheer goodness of our lives. The Spirit propels us to engage with the world in a new way testifying to the “marvels of God” through the way we live. The truth God gives transforms us and, through us, transforms the world.

The Pentecost commemoration does not simply recall a past event, but celebrates what God is doing within us now. In baptism each of us receives the Spirit; that is our Pentecost. The Spirit is not something we have, is not a possession. The Spirit dwells within us as a divine Life, enabling us to be faithful and true disciples. The Spirit is given for the sake of the mission: to proclaim the gospel, to be moulded as disciples and, ultimately, to worship. The indwelling of the Spirit is a continual Pentecost so that everyone can hear of the ‘marvels of God’ and thus bring glory to God.

If we are to be icons of the Spirit of truth who dwells within us, then the good choices we make daily witness to this divine indwelling. Simply put, Pentecost invites us to become like God! Although our witness is not about ourselves – it is about the risen Jesus as the Son of God present among us and bringing us to salvation – in one respect it truly is about ourselves. Through the indwelling Spirit we are made members of the Body of Christ. We are living icons of the Spirit of truth, and living icons of the risen Jesus who dwells within us and among us.

If we are to exude the fruits of the Spirit, we must be willing to die to ourselves. We cannot love one another if we don’t give of ourselves to others. We cannot have joy if we are turned in on ourselves. We cannot have peace if we are distracted by getting and doing only what we want. We cannot have patience if we do not see the need in others. We cannot have self-control if we don’t put the good of others first. We cannot have any of the fruits of the Spirit if we do not live the wondrous mystery of the Spirit dwelling within us. Come, Holy Spirit!

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.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

THURSDAY 27TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via <i>Zoom</i>
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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 22 ND MAY	10.30am First Communion Mass 2pm First Communion Mass		
SUNDAY 23RD MAY <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	10am Marian O'Connor RIP 6pm Rose O'Neill RIP	10.30am Frank Page RIP (Anniv.)	9am Vicky Williams RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 24TH MAY <i>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</i>	Michael O'Connor RIP (Anniv.)		
TUESDAY 25TH MAY <i>ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST</i>	Special Intention		
WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY <i>ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Michael O'Connell RIP		
THURSDAY 27TH MAY <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
FRIDAY 28 TH MAY	10am Funeral - Romula (Roma) Brackley RIP		
SATURDAY 29 TH MAY	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 30TH MAY <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	10am For the People of the Parish 6pm Mervyn Reilly RIP	10.30am Ada Massey RIP (Anniv.)	9am Kathleen Stewart RIP

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Response to Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (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, 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, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick and Julian Harris.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

On Saturday 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

ROMULA (ROMA) BRACKLEY RIP

The funeral of Romula Brackley will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Friday 28th May at 10am** 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 Romula's family at this sad and difficult time.

PETER KNIGHT RIP

The funeral of Peter Knight will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Thursday 3rd June at 11am** 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 Peter's family at this sad and difficult time.

BAPTISMS

For those seeking to register their child/children for baptism, please, email Fr Damian. For those who have completed baptism preparation, and who are waiting for the next available dates, please contact Kerry Van Rensburg.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Kerry. ***Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2020/21 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.*** We will also need to know if you have changed your address recently.

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*

"TEA WITH THE SVP" AND THEIR COVID RECOVERY PROGRAMME – CAN YOU HELP?

As Covid restrictions are relaxed further, the hidden suffering in our communities is likely to become more apparent. To raise funds for their Covid Recovery Programme and its regional Community Support Projects the SVP recently hosted a week of events - "Tea with the SVP" - to coincide with National Tea Day on 21st April. During that week there were thoroughly enjoyable interviews with two well-known Patrons of the SVP – Julie Etchingham (of ITN News, to view click [here](#)) and Frank Cottrell-Boyce (children's author and screenwriter, to view click [here](#)) about their careers and what the SVP means to them. The SVP's nationwide target is £5,000 which will be matched by a generous corporate benefactor. ***Please can you help?*** If so, please go to www.svp.org.uk and click on the red "Donate" button. Under "Where should it go?", click on the drop-down menu and select "Covid Recovery Programme". Thank you for your generous support and may God bless you.

RVS LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club run by the RVS reopened on Monday May 17th at the Community Centre in Mill End. Two course lunches will be served between 12.15 - 12.30 every weekday at a cost of £5 per head including a soft drink and on frequent occasions, a glass of sherry. Teas and coffees are also served before and after the meal. Everyone over the age of 60 is welcome! In order to reserve a place please ring the Community Centre on: 01923 493344. Please notify us of any food allergies when contacting the Community Centre.

CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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.

THE PASSAGE

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of The Passage, will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 25th May to mark 40 years of service to homeless people. The Mass will be broadcast live online, so if you would like to follow the service from home, the link is: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

If you would like to attend the Mass in person, this may be possible, but the Cathedral has a strict limit under the current Covid regulations. Please register your interest with us and we will let you know on Monday 24th May if a place is available. Please contact andrew.h@passage.org.uk

THE WATFORD AND ST ALBANS AMNESTY GROUPS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON MONDAY 24 MAY AT 7PM FOR AN ONLINE PANEL EVENT CALLED: ARE REFUGEE FAMILIES WELCOME?

You can hear about life for refugee families in Hertfordshire, ask questions and take action in support of refugee rights. Speakers from the Refugee Council and Herts Welcomes Refugees will share personal perspectives and give the national context.

If you'd like to come, please register a free place here at <https://amnestyrefugeepanel.eventbrite.co.uk> and please do share this information with your friends and contacts, or on social media. All are welcome! We'll also show a film montage of people from different groups from across Hertfordshire sharing what family means to them. If you'd like to contribute a 10 second clip to the montage, contact watfordamnestygroup@gmail.com and we'll send you more information.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

DONA - CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please look out for our 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 FISHER - NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY LATIMER

We are delighted to share with you the news that after this week's Christian Aid basket collection, Mary Latimer was presented with the COVID19 Local Hero Award by Steve Watkins from the Chorleywood Parish Council. We extend our congratulations to Mary. This is fitting recognition for all her hard work and devotion to support those in need at this difficult time.

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 WEEK

As you know, the only event we could hold this year was the sale of hanging baskets and tubs. VERY MANY THANKS INDEED to our dedicated team of helpers from all the local churches and to our lovely loyal customers who we were so happy to see again. The profit from the sale of the flowers was £1,126.80 and we also received donations of £544.50, making a total to be sent to Christian Aid of £1,671.30. Thank you all for your support and generosity. Love from Mary.