



St John The Evangelist  
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### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

#### SUNDAY THOUGHT

In today's gospel Jesus is praying a final prayer to the Father prior to his own arrest and ultimate crucifixion. What must have been going through his mind at that time? He was definitely concerned for his friends, those whom the Father had given and entrusted to Jesus. He prays for them, not that they may be taken out of the world, but that they may be kept from evil, safe from harm while living in it. Jesus protected his friends while he was still with them, but he will be with them no longer. They are being sent into the world as he was sent. Almost like a concerned parent, Jesus makes his prayer to the Father.

It can be difficult to say good-bye. Relationships, friendships, and the bonds of love enter a new phase when we say good-bye. We may never see our loved ones again, or in the same way. People will develop, grow, and change. And we give them the freedom to do so. Jesus gives us this same freedom today. Today in the gospel we are given the privilege of 'listening in' as Jesus speaks to his heavenly Father in prayer. He knows that he is returning to the Father, leaving those who were entrusted to him on their own. Yet he will promise (later in John's Gospel) to send another advocate, the Holy Spirit. But as for Jesus, he will no longer be with them, his friends. If dying on the cross were not enough, Jesus also knew he was letting go of friendships and so he placed these relationships in prayer with the Father.

This can be a model for us as we enter new phases of relationships, or when we say good-bye to those we love. At some point we turn it over to the Father, entrusting them and the relationship to his care. Though the relationship may be buffeted by storms, in the meantime it is Jesus's prayer and our own that we will be safe, and the relationships will be secure and last the test of time. Giving over this trust to the Father can be an exercise in humility, knowing that we are not in control. When we turn over control like this, it can seem that we are dying to our own wishes and desires. But in letting go, we are giving new life.

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#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSON)

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

<b>THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via Zoom
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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b> First Communion Mass <b>2pm</b> First Communion Mass		
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>ND</sup> MAY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10am</b> Julia Griffin RIP <b>6pm</b> Tommy Webb RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Mavis Livingston RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>		Special Intention	
<b>TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>		For the sick and housebound of the parish	
<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Michael Brazil RIP		
<b>THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>		Fr Jim Duffy RIP	
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Verna Kendrick RIP		
<b>SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b> First Communion Mass <b>2pm</b> First Communion Mass		
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>10am</b> Marian O'Connor RIP <b>6pm</b> Rose O'Neill RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Frank Page RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> Vicky Williams RIP (Anniv.)

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; Hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

**Response to Psalm:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel:** John 17:11-19

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (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 Westrop, 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 MASSES

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](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*

### "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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

### FROM SVP NATIONAL: Please join in a novena for the people of India .....

SVP E&W has arranged a national Novena to pray in solidarity with our Indian "Twins" as they try to cope with the pandemic. It will run for nine days from this Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, finishing with the celebration of Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham ([click here](#) to attend by live-stream). Please join in for as many days as you can as a sign of our support for the people of India through prayer. The daily Novena prayers can be accessed [here](#). The sheet includes two extra prayers: one is for the intercession of Our Mother of Mercy for Christians who are facing challenges which seem greater than themselves; the other is Pope Francis' own prayer intention for the month of May, asking us to rally for prayer in the face of this global pandemic.

### RVS LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club run by the RVS is reopening on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

## 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](mailto: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 WATFORD AND ST ALBANS AMNESTY GROUPS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON MONDAY 24 MAY AT 7.00PM 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](mailto: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 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.

### CHRISTIAN AID HANGING BASKETS, TUBS AND DONATIONS

Thanks to all who have ordered and to the team of helpers. Please remember the date **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** SJF forecourt. Helpers, please arrive at 8.45am and bring your own water and hand sanitiser. CUSTOMERS collecting plants, your time is between 10am and 12 noon please. Deliveries will also be from 10am to 12 noon. It is still possible to give donations to Eddie, Maureen or Mary by 18<sup>th</sup> May, or, of course to pay on line direct to Christian Aid. Very many thanks for all your support. Mary 284975