



St John The Evangelist
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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B) - 30TH MAY 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

We have all heard about the shamrock, which, according to legend, was used by St. Patrick to represent the Holy Trinity to the native Irish in the early fifth century. Three leaves on one sprig, representing three persons in One God. That story has been repeated countless times, and the image of the shamrock has become forever linked with the Trinity, and with the Irish. But, of course, God is more than a sprig, and the relationship between the persons of the Trinity is more complex and subtle than three leaves.

The gospel scene today is after Easter, but in Galilee. According to Matthew, this is the first and only appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples. Still the disciples doubt. They receive the command that has been referred to ‘The Great Commission’: ‘Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ The Gospel of Matthew, which restricted the use of the term disciple to the Twelve during Jesus’ ministry, now shows that following the resurrection, there will be disciples in all nations.

When questioned about the Trinity many Christians are tempted to answer ‘It’s a mystery. We can’t understand it’. While that may be true, it doesn’t mean we don’t think about it. A mystery of faith is similar to a mystery of the universe. We plumb its depths. We examine it from various angles. We ask questions. We discuss. We debate. And we find that we have not exhausted the topic, rather, it has exhausted us. And we return to it again later’ learning more with each engagement. Dismissing any consideration of the Trinity solely because it is a mystery does us a disservice as rational yet faith-filled Christians. Many theologians have sought to express various aspects of this mystery through the centuries, and many more will continue to do so into the future.

Part of our living the mystery is to know that we will never fully comprehend or understand all of what it means for God to be a Trinity. In the same way, we will never fully comprehend or understand the entirety of the universe. But we can approach each mystery with humility and sense of wonder and respect. Jesus is the incarnate God. He called God Father, and promised to send the Spirit who would remind his disciples about Jesus. Each of us has been baptised into the life of the Trinity and will continue to let that meaning unfold each day of our lives.

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 3TH 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 29TH 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
MONDAY 31ST MAY <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	Mary Lazar RIP		
TUESDAY 1ST JUNE <i>St JUSTIN, MARTYR</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE	9.30am Kenny Family (Ints.)		
THURSDAY 3RD JUNE <i>St CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	11am Funeral - Peter Knight RIP		
FRIDAY 4TH JUNE	9.30am Caitlan Kelly RIP		
SATURDAY 5TH JUNE <i>St BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 6TH JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST</i>	10am For the People of the Parish 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Gregory McEwen RIP

Entrance Antiphon:	Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.
1st Reading:	Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40
Response to Psalm:	Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
2nd Reading:	Romans 8:14-17
Gospel:	Matthew 28:16-20
Communion Antiphon:	Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.
Next Sunday's Readings:	Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16. 22-26 (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 Westthrop, 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

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 has reopened 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.

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.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Maureen Palmer £39, Anita Khurwal £29.25, Tom McAteer £19.50, Hilary Barnett £9.75

FOR THE MISSIONS

Please keep saving your stamps for the Missions. For the time being, please keep them at home, do not bring them to the church porch. Thank you, *Sheila Harrington*.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, MILL END AND MAPLE CROSS

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of St John the Evangelist church in 1971. I am delighted to say that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be coming to St John's to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday 27th June 2021**. We can be hopeful that by that time the restrictions will have been eased enough for us to be able to celebrate the day in a fuller way than we can right now. But we will have to wait and see. As part of our celebration of this important anniversary year we are moving forward with our plans to create a Lady Chapel in the side chapel area of the church. The statue of Our Lady from the church has now been removed in preparation for the construction of a new painted reredos which will form a new backdrop for the statue in its new space in the Lady Chapel. The old wooden altar, which has been unused since the church was re-ordered, is being refurbished as the Lady Chapel altar, and will sit beneath the statue and the reredos. We hope that this work will be completed in time for our big celebration in June.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY LATIMER

We are delighted to share with you the news that 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.

MISSIO/APF REDBOX HOLDERS

It is almost June and time for the quarterly collection for our Missionaries, who must be struggling! Loose cash is not readily available, so could you once again put either a banknote or a cheque made payable to Missio APF or me and either put it in my letter box or leave it at Church. New box holders always very welcome! Thank you as always. Mary 284975.