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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 17TH APRIL 2022

Alleluia!

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad!

These are the words of the response in our psalm on Easter Sunday and they really encapsulate what we should be feeling not just on this day, but throughout Eastertide for the next seven weeks as we journey towards Pentecost. We give thanks for God's love for us, shown so beautifully by the gift of his son sacrificed for us on the cross so we could be united with him in his resurrection. And in giving thanks for this, even in the midst of all of the other challenges we face, we should be people who rejoice and are glad.

As we hear in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, the response of each of those who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus was to go and spread the good news. We give thanks that they did this, as without that early enthusiasm we would not have heard this message ourselves. What was it that led to this spread of Christianity beyond first century Palestine to twenty-first century Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood today? – it was joy! Pope Francis often talks of how the greatest source of evangelisation, the thing that attracts people to come and to know God's love the most is our joy. Pope St John Paul II said 'We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song'. Alleluia is a joyful word meaning 'God be praised'. Are we seen as a people who are joyful – who people want to know and be with? Is our joy so evident that people want to know what the source of our joy is?

This is our mission this Eastertide: to be a people filled with joy at the resurrection of Christ, and sharing that joy with those around us. Let us pray that we can fulfil this mission so that next Easter we can welcome new members into our Christian family at the Easter Vigil in our parishes for baptism and confirmation. And let us pray for anyone who is yet to discover the joy of knowing God's love. That their eyes may be opened and that they may find the courage to step forward to experience this joy for themselves.

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Fr Andrew

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SAT 16TH APRIL <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	NO MORNING MASS 8.30pm For the People of the Parishes	NO EVENING MASS	8.30pm For the People of the Parishes
SUNDAY 17TH APRIL <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Dan & Ann O’Sullivan RIP (Anniv.) NO EVENING MASS	10.30am Eve Clark RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 18TH APRIL	10am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
TUESDAY 19TH APRIL	NO MASS TODAY		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL	10am Fr Kevin McDevitt RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
THURSDAY 21ST APRIL	10am John D’Cruz RIP		
FRIDAY 22ND APRIL	10am Private Intention		
SATURDAY 23RD APRIL	10am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6.00pm Joan & Family (Ints).	
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Genevieve Buscarini RIP 6pm Bill Graham RIP	10.30am Michael Dixon RIP	9am Kathleen Gibbons RIP
SANCTUARY LAMPS		This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace (Our Lady’s)	
MON 25TH APRIL <i>ST MARK, EVANGELIST</i>	9.30am Fr Kevin McDevitt RIP		
TUES 26TH APRIL <i>ST GEORGE, MARTYR</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		9.30am Fr Kevin McDevitt RIP
WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL	12 noon Fr Tim Dean (Ints.)	9.30am Aela O’Keeffe RIP	
THURSDAY 28TH APRIL	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
FRI 29TH APRIL <i>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN</i>	9.30am Maureen Burchell RIP		
SATURDAY 30TH APRIL	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6.00pm Jer Coffey RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes
SUNDAY 1ST MAY <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am (Family) For the People of the Parishes 6pm Gordon Starck RIP	10.30am For those receiving their First Holy Communion	9am For the People of the Parishes
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for Michael Townend RIP (Our Lady’s) and for Peter Scally RIP (Blessed Sacrament)	This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace (Our Lady’s)	

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

EASTER OFFERING

The offering at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your priests. The Easter and Christmas offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Andrew and Fr Damian. If you wish to make an Easter offering, you can do so via BACS using your respective parish bank details, please reference this as 'Easter Offering'. You will find the parish bank details on the Donate to your Parish tab of your respective parish website. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Easter Offering. Thank you.

FR TIM'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

Fr Tim Dean who lives in retirement in our parishes and often assists us when one of our clergy is away, will celebrate a Mass marking his 80th birthday on Wednesday 27th April at 12pm. This will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special occasion with Fr Tim.

FUNERALS

The funeral of **Genie Buscarini** will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 2.30pm on Tuesday 19th April, followed by committal on Wednesday at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

The funeral of **Mervyn Farnsworth** will take place at St John Fisher at 11.00am on Monday 25th April, followed by burial at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

The funeral of **Michael Massey** will take place at St John the Evangelist at 11.00am on Tuesday 3rd May, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

ANNUAL ALPHA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2022

The annual Alpha Leadership Conference is a time to gather together to encounter Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to be empowered to play our part in building God's kingdom wherever we are in the world. We are gathering to take part online on Monday 2nd May 11-2pm, at Our Lady's parish hall. The day will involve a tea/coffee and croissant brunch, worship, lead into talks, interviews, stories, a time of prayer ministry & then close with worship. If you would like to come, please, email Fr Damian damianryan@rcdow.org.uk by Sunday 1st May (for catering purposes). All are welcome!

BILL GRAHAM RIP

Pat Graham and family would like to thank everyone very much for the numerous Mass Cards and cards of condolence, received in memory of Bill, and to all who donated towards the Peace Hospice. We are grateful for your prayers and support.

YOUTH CHOIR

Over the coming months we are looking to start a Youth Choir for those aged 8-13 from our parishes who will sing once a month at St John's, Mill End and once a month at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Further details to register children for the choir will follow after Easter but we are currently advertising for a director for the choir who can lead this initiative. Please do pass on any details to anyone who may be interested in this role: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>

YOUTH

We would like to invite everyone aged 11-16+ (Secondary school) to join us at our celebratory youth launch on the evening of Friday 27th May. Please, put the date in your diary and watch this space... We look forward to meeting you all. *Belinda, Toni and Margaret*

PARISH NEWSLETTER - there will be no Parish Newsletter next weekend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available for collection from the sacristy this weekend.

UKRAINE APPEAL

The Ukraine Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Donations can be made by cheque payable to AUGB LTD – Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ, directly to the central appeal fund – AUGB LTD, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89 with reference HelpUkraine or online <https://gofundme.com/f/helpukraine> Alternatively donations can be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee www.cafod.org.uk or to Aid to the Church in Need <https://acnuk.org> who are working particularly with the Christian communities in the Ukraine. If you are looking to offer your home to a refugee fleeing from the Ukraine and applying via the government scheme, please also let Fr Andrew know, so that the parishes may support you in whatever way you and your guest need over the coming months.

SVP

New Life Skills Course: The following course will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. This course is free to participants. Join a friendly community and gain skills to lift the pressure of life on a low income. The course covers topics around Healthy Finances, Healthy Eating and Healthy Relationships. Course starts: Thursday 21st April 1pm for a free lunch, 2-3.30pm course. Book your free place by contacting: Elaine Hawkings on 07786 608303 or elainehawkings@caplifekills.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Michael Gaukroger, Molly Gray and Leslie Edwards

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Alfredo Rock and Paul O'Connor.

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, Julian Harris and Canon Robert Plourde

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Saturday 7th & 14th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church in the week before each First Communion Mass as indicated to families on the original schedule.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Due to First Holy Communion Masses there will be no 9.30am Mass on Saturday 7th & 14th May.

REPOSITORY NOW OPEN

The Repository Shop contains lots of cards for all occasions, crosses, icons, Bibles and religious books to buy. It will be open before and after each of our Sunday Masses and run by a team of volunteers who are ready to welcome you. Currently purchases can only be made in cash, but a cashless option is being investigated for the future. Please only purchase items when the shop is open or via the parish office. If you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact Fr Andrew.

PROVISION FOR OUR FAMILIES

Whilst we are waiting for more volunteers to help run Children's Liturgy at our 11am Mass, we will in the coming weeks be providing resource sheets for children to use during Mass to focus their minds on the week's Gospel. We will also now have a 'Family Mass' on each first Sunday of the month at our 11am Mass where the homily will be particularly directed at our children and our young people will play a more active part in the liturgy. If you are able to assist in joining our Children's Liturgy team then please speak to Fr Andrew.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Sunday 1st May and 8th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 7.00pm on the Tuesday before each Mass.

PROVISION FOR OUR FAMILIES

Please do take the resource sheets for children to use during Mass to focus their minds on the week's Gospel. Children's Liturgy will return to the 10.30am Mass from Sunday 24th April. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with this. We will also now have a 'Family Mass' on each third Sunday of the month at our 10.30am Mass where the homily will be particularly directed at our children and our young people will play a more active part in the liturgy.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PROVISION FOR OUR FAMILIES

As we gradually welcome back our families to Mass we will in the coming weeks be providing resource sheets for children to use during Mass to focus their minds on the week's Gospel. Once a number of families are attending Mass we will look to restart Children's Liturgy in the parish, if there are adults willing to assist with this.

PLANNED GIVING

Standing orders are the simplest and safest method for the parish as it reduces the amount of cash that needs to be handled and taken to the bank. It also allows parishioners to gift aid their donations if they are able. Planned giving envelopes can also be a tax efficient method of giving as each set of envelopes has a unique number that can be linked back to an individual and therefore allows donations to be gift aided.

If you wish to set up a standing order and/or register for gift aid, please contact either the parish office (rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) or Carolyn Opie (carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk). If you wish to order a set of planned giving envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Nicoll Road, NW109AX. Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection-Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

Bakerloo Line & Tube, Willesden Junction Station (Old Oak Lane exit), Buses 18, 187, 206, 226, 228, 260, 487.

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE PRIESTS WHO DIED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

The Cardinal will celebrate a Requiem Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28th May at 12.30pm for those many priests who died during the coronavirus lockdown when churches were closed and during the time of restricted numbers at funerals in churches. This of course included Fr Jim Duffy who served Rickmansworth for many years. The Mass will be live streamed on the Cathedral's new website: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk>

May the souls of these priests, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Cardinal Vincent will be leading the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd to 29th July 2022. For details and to book call 01732 886666 or visit www.tangney-tours.com/westminster