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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 9TH APRIL 2023

“We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song”

As we celebrate Easter we are called to enter into the joy of the resurrection. The excitement of the women at the tomb. The astonishment of the disciples on hearing the news of the empty tomb. The joy of those in the room when Jesus first appeared, risen and in his glory. In a true sense joy is the message of the Gospel and we are called to share our joy at the news of the resurrection with all those in our lives – with our children, with our parents, with our families and friends, with our work colleagues and those we meet in our everyday lives.

Faith is the source of this joy. As we are reminded so clearly by the readings we hear of our salvation history on the night of the Easter Vigil, God created us so that we might enjoy happiness in some measure on earth, and in its fullness in heaven. That joy is based in our joy of love and friendship with one another, but most of all in knowing that we are loved by God our Father who created us in a plan of sheer goodness to have a share in his own blessed life. This love, and knowing of this love, should transform our lives and fill us with joy. It should make us realise that Jesus came not to place burdens upon us, but to show us what it means to be fully happy and fully human. And through his death and resurrection, Jesus shows us that even in the greatest moments of darkness and sin, by remaining faithfully at his side placing our trust in him, we will journey through our trials to the glory of Resurrection that he has promised to us. As Pope St John Paul II proclaimed *‘We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!’*

This Easter let us seek to share our joy with others. Let us pray that we will be parishes that grow together in our encounter with Christ, and that serve those in our community with love and compassion, so that the people of Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood may come to know the source of our joy and the power of God’s saving love for us all.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Catholic Parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood and Mill End aspire to share the Good News of God’s saving love.

We are vibrant, welcoming communities, united in worshipping God and serving our neighbours.

We invite every person to join us in growing together in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experiencing and living through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SAT 8TH APRIL <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	NO MORNING MASS 8.30pm For the People of the Parishes	8.30pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 9TH APRIL <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</i>	8.30am Tess Logan RIP (Anniv.) 11am J.J. Considine RIP NO EVENING MASS	10.30am Michael Flanagan RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 10 TH APRIL	10am Michael Conway (Ints.)		
TUESDAY 11 TH APRIL	10am Barrie Pride RIP (3rd Anniv.)		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 12 TH APRIL	10am Alan Johnson (Ints.)	NO MASS TODAY	
THU 13 TH APRIL	10am Margaret Mullery (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 14 TH APRIL	10am Special Intention		
SAT 15TH APRIL	10am John Connor RIP (3rd Anniv.)	6pm Kate Margetts RIP	
SUNDAY 16TH APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Mary & Evandro Girolami RIP 11am Bill Graham RIP 6pm Jad Damouni RIP	10.30am Anthony McDonagh RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for Pat Read RIP (Anniv.)		This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for Marian & Andrew Robb (Ints.)
MONDAY 17 TH APRIL	9.30am Gordon Starck RIP (Anniv.) 11am Funeral - Edward Gavin RIP		
TUESDAY 18 TH APRIL	9.30am Jim Cusack RIP		9.30am Fr Henry Young RIP
WED 19TH APRIL <i>ST ALPHEGE</i>	11am Funeral - Edward Linney RIP	9.30am Private Intention	
THU 20 TH APRIL	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
FRIDAY 21 ST APRIL	9.30am Fr Henry Young RIP		
SAT 22ND APRIL	9.30am Ann Murphy RIP	6pm Michael Flanagan RIP	
SUNDAY 23RD APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am Patrick Tarrant RIP 11am Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Miread Cunningham RIP	10.30am Private Intention	9am For the People of the Parishes
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for a Private Intention (VK)		

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, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Maureen Douglas, Michael Gaukroger, Molly Gray, Leslie Edwards, Pauline Williams and Gloria Warmington

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

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Pam Fitzpatrick, Julian Harris, David Cottingham, Derek Treanor and Maggie Stacey

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the re-introduction of Holy Communion under both kinds, i.e. under the form of bread and under the form of wine, may take place from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 2023. We will be re-introducing this in our parishes for this Mass and the Easter Vigil Mass at first, before hopefully re-introducing it more regularly in the coming months. The reception of Holy Communion under both kinds is not obligatory, as our Catholic faith teaches that the totality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord is received in either or both kinds. Therefore, it will be for each person to choose whether she or he wishes to receive Holy Communion from the chalice. Please note that it is not permitted for anyone in the congregation to "intinct" or dip their Host into the chalice when they come to receive Holy Communion. The Precious Blood must be drunk directly from the chalice or Communion received in one kind only.

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 Matteo. If you wish to make an Easter offering, you can do so via BACS, or through the parish websites using the Donate tab. Please reference this as 'Easter Offering'. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Easter Offering. Thank you.

EDWARD GAVIN RIP

The funeral of Edward Gavin will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 17th April, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

EDWARD LINNEY RIP

The funeral of Edward Linney will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Wednesday 19th April, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

JOHN CANEPARO RIP

The funeral of John Caneparo will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Tuesday 2nd May, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter next weekend

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Faith and Friendship group will continue to meet on Wednesday, April 26th (lectio divina) and May 10th & 31st, June 14th & 28th (DVD of meditations on The Mass).

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth group meeting for those in year 7 and above is Tuesday 25th April at 6.30-8pm, in Our Lady's hall. We would love to see you all, come and have fun, share some food, and think about our faith. Bring a friend with you, come and meet old friends or perhaps make new friends. Parents please message 07788 721222 to let us know names and numbers of those attending.

CHESS VALLEY SVP

Chess Valley SVP are providing a Warm Space in the church hall at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, every Thursday between 2 to 4pm. Hot drinks, cakes and biscuits are provided. Please let those you feel would benefit from this know. For further information, please email chessvalleysvp@gmail.com

MILL END FOOD BANK

Chess Valley SVP will be collecting specific items needed by the food bank to supplement their food boxes. We will be monitoring what is needed by the Food Bank regularly and update this list accordingly both in the Parish newsletter and on the boxes. At present the Food bank is well stocked. Jam is no longer required, but they are now short of: **tinned vegetables and fruit juices**.

A CAFOD WORD OF THANKS

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

DIOCESAN NOTICES

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The Annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023 and would like to attend then contact the parish office to register for more details.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO FLORENCE, SIENA & ASSISI LED BY FR ANDREW GALLAGHER, 22ND - 27TH OCT 2023

Full package price £1069 pp. (British Airways from London Heathrow). Accommodation will be 2 nights near Florence, 3 nights in the centre of Assisi on a Half Board basis. Also includes half day guided tours in Florence, Siena and Assisi and an English speaking courier for the whole tour. Further information and booking forms can be obtained from the Parish Office rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk or from Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

Our new family catechesis for all those with children aged 5-11 has now begun. The sessions are engaging, spirit-filled and fun, and they are for all the family. We celebrate Mass, enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment before sharing catechesis and activities. As part of GIFT we also hold Faith Formation for parents on one evening each month online (Zoom). These sessions are designed to help parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith. We pray that GIFT will be a new way of approaching family catechesis across our parishes that will give all our families encouragement and strength in journeying together in faith. If your family would like to sign up for GIFT then please email the parish office (rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) with the names of each of your family, the children's ages and a contact phone number. Further details will then be sent to you.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir (aged 8-13) sing on a Sunday once a month at Our Lady's and once a month at St John's, Mill End. There are rehearsals for the choir on a Tuesday evening each week from 4.30-5.45pm. If your child is interested in joining the choir please could you contact the parish office. If there are any adults willing to assist Jaison in supervising the children during the rehearsals then please also contact the parish office for more details.

ing your particular intention, and the Church and the location of the lamp that you would like to burn for that intention.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered, or you would like a Mass said for someone who is sick or for your own intention. For Mass to be offered it is the tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priests. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Thank you for saving your stamps for the Missions, the box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming!
Sheila H.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Adrian Parker £29, Chris Doran £21.75, Teresa Dinsey £14.50 and Annie Kent £7.25

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS

Tea and coffee is available in the parish hall after the 10.30am Mass each Sunday. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

REPOSITORY

We now have a selection of Easter cards together with First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards. We also stock Birthday, Sympathy and Thinking of You cards. Someone will usually be available after Sunday Mass should you wish to purchase any of these.

MISSIO/APF/RED. BOX HOLDERS

Thank you so much for the March collection of £165.04, I think probably the highest March total ever! We have one new donor and two others interested, so things look better. More thanks, Mary 284975

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 14th May 11am Our Lady's Mass and Marian Procession and Parish Celebration

Sunday 11th June 10.30am St John the Evangelist Mass and Corpus Christi Procession and Parish Celebration

Sunday 25th June St John Fisher Parish Celebration following 9am Mass

Sunday 16th July 12.15pm Joint Parish Social Event at Our Lady's