



### St John The Evangelist

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A) - 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

#### A reflection of the Trinity

In the Gospel Jesus presents to us the other two divine Persons, the Father and the Holy Spirit. He says of the Spirit: "He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come". And then, regarding the Father, he says: "All that the Father has is mine" (Jn 16:14-15). We notice that the Holy Spirit speaks, but not of himself: *he announces Jesus and reveals the Father*. And we also notice that the Father, who possesses everything because he is the origin of all things, gives to the Son everything he possesses: he keeps nothing for himself and *he gives himself fully to the Son*. That is, the Holy Spirit speaks not of himself; he speaks about Jesus, he speaks about others. And the Father does not give himself, he gives the Son. It is open generosity, one open to the other.

And now let us look at ourselves, at what we *talk* about and what we *possess*. When we speak, we always want others to say something good about us, and often, we only speak about ourselves and what we do. How often! "I have done this and that...", "I had this problem...". We always speak like this. How different this is from the Holy Spirit, who speaks by announcing others, and the Father the Son! And how jealous we are of what we *possess*. How hard it is for us to share what we possess with others, even with those who lack the basic necessities! It is easy to talk about it, but difficult to practice.

This is why celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship, in continual rapport, not for himself, provokes us to live with others and for others. Today we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in: do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others?

The Triune God, dear brothers and sisters, must be manifested in this way — with deeds rather than words. God, who is the author of life, is transmitted not so much through books as through witness of life. He who, as the evangelist John writes, "is love" (1 Jn 4:16), reveals himself through love. Let us think about the good, generous, gentle people we have met; recalling their way of thinking and acting, we can have a small reflection of God-Love. And what does it mean to love? Not only to wish them well and to be good to them, but first and foremost, at the root, to welcome, to be open to others, to make room for others, to give space to others. This is what it means to love, at the root.

To understand this better, let us think of the names of the divine Persons, which we pronounce every time we make the sign of the cross: each name contains the presence of the other. The Father, for example, would not be such without the Son; likewise, the Son cannot be considered alone, but always as the Son of the Father. And the Holy Spirit, in turn, is the Spirit of the Father and the Son. In short, the Trinity teaches us that one can never be without the other. We are not islands; we are in the world to live in God's image: open, in need of others and in need of helping others. And so, let us ask ourselves this last question: in everyday life, am I too a reflection of the Trinity? The sign of the cross I make every day — the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit — is that sign of the cross we make every day a gesture for its own sake, or does it inspire my way of speaking, of encountering, of responding, of judging, of forgiving?

*An extract from a homily by Pope Francis, Trinity Sunday 2022*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b>	11.15am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	9.30am 11.00am 11.30am 12pm-2pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Coffee Morning - Hall First Holy Communions Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Youth Event - parish field Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	4.30pm - 5.45pm	Youth Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Burial of Ashes - Elsa Kondys RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	11.30am 12 noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Celebration Corpus Christi Procession Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Fr Richard Marriott RIP <b>11am</b> For those receiving their First Holy Communion <b>6pm</b> Hugh Nolan RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Romana (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST BONIFACE, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Richard Marriott RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes
<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
<b>THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sr Anne Mullan (Ints.)		
<b>FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Nuala & Gerry Corr RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Elsa Kondys RIP	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Fr Richard Marriott RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> Edward Smith RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>			

### 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 and Derek Treanor

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be the annual commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> June (Corpus Christi).

#### ELSA KONDYS RIP

The ashes of Elsa Kondys will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

#### EDWARD LINNEY RIP

The ashes of Edward Linney will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We will be organising a coach from the parishes with a cost of £30 per adult and £15 per child for the day with an 8am departure and returning around 7pm. Please contact the parish office to book your place and for further details.

### JOINT PARISHES SUMMER EVENT: 'BRASS ON THE GRASS'

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a Joint Parishes Summer Event from 12.30pm at Our Lady's. There will be a BBQ, a Bar, activities for children, and a live performance by Potters Bar Town Brass Band featuring Fr Andrew. Bishop Paul McAleenan will also be joining us for the day. Please put this in your diary and do come along for an afternoon of entertainment and a chance to get to know other members of our parishes. Please also register your attendance on the sheets provided in the church porch to assist us in our preparations.

### YOUTH EVENT - SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Picnic on the lawn at Our Lady's after 11am Mass (12-2pm). Calling all young people bring your friends and family for fun and games (any children of primary age or younger must be accompanied by an adult). You bring your own food and picnic blanket and chair and we'll provide the drinks and cake. Please message 07788 721222 to let us know names and numbers coming. Look forward to seeing you.

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

Our family catechesis for all those with children aged 5-11 takes place once a month. 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 on a different theme each month.

**GIFT Parents** As part of GIFT we also hold Faith Formation for parents on one evening each month online (Zoom). These sessions are designed to help all our parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith. In our parishes participation in GIFT is also a gateway to discerning with you the readiness of your children to begin preparation for the Sacraments. If your family would like to sign up for GIFT then please email the parish office ([rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

### ALTAR SERVERS

If there is anyone who would like to join our growing team of Altar Servers across our three parishes please could they email Fr Andrew for a registration form and details about training that will take place over the next couple of months. New servers must have received their First Holy Communion before they can begin this ministry.

### THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. Fr Andrew

### PILGRIMAGE TO FLORENCE, SIENA & ASSISI LED BY FR ANDREW GALLAGHER, 22<sup>ND</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) or from Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666.

### FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Faith and Friendship group will meet at 2.15pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June (DVD of meditations on The Mass).

### SVP IN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to the recent civil unrest in Sudan emergency services and supplies of basic foodstuffs there are virtually non-existent and refugees are fleeing over the border to South Sudan and other neighbouring countries, exacerbating the already huge demand there for medical and other services provided by the SVP in these countries. Please help them by donating at <https://svp.org.uk/donate?project=Twinnage%20and%20Overseas%20Aid> You can donate to both the Sudans, thus giving the SVP the option to decide where best your donation can be used. Thank you and God bless.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection figures for the month of April are below. Thank you for your generous donations.

	Envelopes	SO & Online	Loose & Contactless	TOTAL
Our Lady Help of Christians	£145.00	£4,694	£1,609.73	£6,448.73
St John the Evangelist	£237.40	£1,686	£902.26	£2,825.66
St John Fisher	£20	£3,007.83	£258.08	£3,285.91

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### 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.

### 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 Kerry. Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2022/23 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.

### MARCH FOR LIFE UK HAPPENS IN LONDON ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June a Corpus Christi Procession will follow the 11am Mass.

### HALL GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year a small team of volunteers have been working hard to create a beautiful garden space at the back of the hall. This space is almost ready to enjoy but we would like to buy some practical garden furniture to make it a friendly and welcoming space for all hall users to use. If you would like to make a donation towards this furniture, please contact the parish office.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June for our Coffee Morning. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

### 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.*

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### PARISH WORKS DAY

We are in need of some assistance in clearing up the parish site and some basic works around the grounds. We would invite parishioners to join us on that day from 9.30am - 12pm as part of our investment in our own parish community. If you are ready and able to help then please see either Sandra Miller / Geraldine Page after Mass or email [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) with your contact details. Many thanks.

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AND PARISH CELEBRATION

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June we will have a Corpus Christi Procession which will be followed by a Parish celebration in the Hall. Please bring a picnic for the celebration. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

### COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS

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

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### ST JOHN FISHER PARISH CELEBRATION

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June our 9am Mass will finish with special prayers for the intercession of St John Fisher, and this will be followed by refreshments and cake in the Parish Garden.

### THE CARDINAL HUME CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS IN WESTMINSTER.

So many thanks to everybody for your amazingly generous support for the Garage Fair, whether bringing and/or buying, giving your wonderful donations or attending the last two Open Days. We have achieved the unexpected total of £900. Thank you all very much. This will be doubled up on the Cardinal Hume Big Give Page to £1,800 on 5 June. Alleluia. Love from Mary xx 284975.

### APF/MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS.

It is now time again for the June Quarter collection for our Missionaries. I can receive boxes of cash, or envelopes of cash or cheques made payable to MISSIO, either at Church or at home, in the next three weeks please. Very many thanks to you all. New donors very welcome. Mary 284975

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am St John the Evangelist Mass and Corpus Christi Procession and Parish Celebration  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June St John Fisher Parish Celebration following 9am Mass  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 12.15pm Joint Parish Barbecue & Social at Our Lady's  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham