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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (YEAR A) 5TH APRIL 2026

Peace be with you

As we celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Easter we also remember these first words of Jesus to his bewildered apostles when they first saw him again: "Peace be with you". They were hiding in fear, scared their association with Jesus would lead to their own arrest, perhaps also fearful of betrayal by another of their friends. They were also feeling guilty that so many of them had deserted Jesus in his suffering. The Lord knew that peace was what they needed the most then, and it is what we need in our troubled and divided world today. We all feel helpless at the conflict and violence we see around the world, most particularly at this time in the very place that Jesus lived his life.

Without Christ there is no peace. Without Christ in our lives we become obsessed by greed and our thirst for power. Without Christ in our families we find division and tension. Without Christ at the centre of our lives, we become selfish and confused. Christ brings us peace. Christ came to reconcile us with God showing he was the light of the world. As we see through the Paschal Candle shining in our churches, Christ brings light into the darkness. Through his death on the Cross and his resurrection, he has shown us that love is stronger than hatred, and his life is stronger than death. Easter gives us hope, that even in the deepest moments of despair and destruction, we can trust that one day there will be peace.

This Easter let us pray that our world may experience the peace that Christ brought into that Upper Room to his apostles, and that peace will be everlasting and a source of joy for our world.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict.

Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life.

Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	NO MORNING MASS 8.30pm For the People of the Parishes	NO MASS TODAY	
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL <i>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am John Reid RIP (Anniv.) 11am Teresa Hukowski RIP & Sean Prunty RIP NO EVENING MASS	10.30am For the People of the Parishes	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 6TH APRIL	10am Genie Buscarini RIP (Anniv.)		
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL	NO MASS TODAY		10am Fr Sunith Nonis RIP (1 st Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL	<i>Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i> 10am Nigel & Shirley Longman (Ints.)	NO MASS TODAY	
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL	10am Private Intention (T.P.)		
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL	10am Sr Ann Maschernas RIP		
SATURDAY 11TH APRIL	10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parishes	6pm Barrie Pride RIP (Anniv.)	
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Irene Dunne RIP 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am Patrick Meegan RIP (10 th Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 13TH APRIL	9.30am Holy Souls (B.B.)		
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL	9.30am Dermot Judge (Ints.)		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL	9.30am For Peace in the Middle East	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parishes	
THURSDAY 16TH APRIL	9.30am For the Volunteers of the Parishes		
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parishes		
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL	9.30am For Vocations to the Priesthood	6pm Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.)	
SUNDAY 19TH APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am For the People of the Parishes 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am Annie Scully RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION	Sundays 5pm - 5.40pm	Saturdays 5pm - 5.40pm	Confessions on request and by appointment

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who have contributed to the liturgies that have taken place during Holy Week. It is once again a great reminder to us that in order for a parish to flourish, we need volunteers willing to give their time and use their gifts for Christ's mission. A special thank you to our sacristans, our musicians and readers, our welcomers and ministers of Holy Communion, our flower group, our Altar Servers, our cleaners, and to everyone else who has helped us over the past week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Henrietta Cameron, Faythe Carey, Sunny Fulker, Laura Garrido-Gonzalez, Rio Garrido-Gonzalez, Matthew Greany, Melissa-Rose Muirhead, Sam Noone, Oyin Ojo-Aromokudu and Nicola Pazdziarska, who complete their initiation into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. We wish them joy and happiness in the faith.

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 Dom. 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.

PARISH NEWSLETTER - there will be no newsletter next weekend

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from the sacristy this weekend.

WELCOME

On Sunday 12th April we welcome Fr Anthony Pellegrini who will be celebrating the 9.00am Mass in Chorleywood and the 11.00am Mass in Rickmansworth.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The next meeting of the Young Adults Group, for anyone aged 18 to roughly 35 in our parishes, will be on Tuesday 14th April at 7.00pm in the parish hall at Our Lady's. For further details contact Ben at +44 7704 049263.

NEW MEN'S GROUP - SAVE THE DATE

We are proposing to start a new men's group for the three parishes to encourage social interaction, exchange of ideas, prayer and mutual support. Francis Holly (St John Fisher and SLT) is launching this with a meeting on Tuesday 14th April at 8pm at the Old Shepherd in Chorleywood. Please email Francis to register your interest: fgholly@hotmail.com

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

On Saturday 18th April at 2pm we will be holding a training session for new altar servers at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth. Children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to come join us. If you are interested, please contact Fr Dom or the Parish Office.

COMBINED FIRE AWARENESS AND HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING on Saturday 18th April 10am - 12.30pm

Training will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall, Rickmansworth for all volunteers across our parishes. If you are able to attend please let the parish office know via rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We will have a Holy Hour from 4.30pm on Sunday 19th April at Our Lady, Rickmansworth uniting our prayers with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales who will also be praying for this important issue whilst in Rome together. Please make every effort to join us.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

A new season of Prayer and Life Workshops will take place weekly from Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm at St John the Evangelist's Parish Hall. These workshops offer us a possibility of a deeper relationship with Christ in prayer, learning different models of prayer over a period of 15 weeks. Further details can be found on our website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth/parish-groups/prayer-and-life-workshops/> Do consider this life-changing and spiritually enriching workshop to help you grow in faith. Please bring a bible, pen & notebook. All are welcome.

JUSTIN QUINN RIP

The ashes of Justin Quinn RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 11am Mass on Saturday 25th April.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND LED BY FR ANDREW GALLAGHER, 28TH SEPTEMBER – 2ND OCTOBER 2026

Visiting Krakow, The Salt Mine in Wieliczka, Wadowice – the birthplace of Pope St John Paul II, The Divine Mercy Basilica in Lagiewniki, and the Marian Shrine in Czestochowa. The pilgrimage also includes a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau remembering those who died during the Holocaust including St Maximilian Kolbe. Price: £799 plus flights. For full details please contact the parish office.

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 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 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 register via our parish website under 'Parish Life' or contact the parish office.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2.30pm.

Archbishop Richard is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

REGISTRATION

We encourage all parishioners to register for the parish using the Churchsuite system, available via the website under 'Register with the parishes'. As part of the registration system you will also be sent an updated skills audit. Please do complete this to help us find a way that you can invest in your parish using your gifts and in the time available to you.

SAFEGUARDING

Being alert to matters of Safeguarding (ensuring the care and welfare of children and vulnerable adults) is something to which are all invited to attend. There are information posters at the back of church - including warning signs to look out for, contact numbers and websites for information and support.

OUR PARISHES' SEA SCOUT GROUP

The Group are always pleased to welcome young people to join in with the variety of activities offered by the various sections. We are also in need of adult volunteers for all age groups to help us continue with this provision within the Parish and wider community. For further information please contact: info@6thRickySeaScouts.org.uk

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity when we visited a few weeks ago. Donations of £1451.28 will enable Mary's Meals to feed 75 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL members will be collecting items to assemble into PACT Packs - practical bundles of essential items for people being released from prison with very few possessions. These packs are intended to offer a seed of comfort and provide basic necessities until further support can be arranged through their probation officer. The packs will be distributed via PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Crates will be placed at the back of the churches over the next few weeks. We are collecting: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, face flannels, liquid soap, shampoo, deodorant, men's underpants (M, L, XL), women's underpants (sizes 14 or 18), notebooks, pens, socks, scarves. We are able to purchase thermal woolly hats at low cost, so financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Faith and Friendship group will meet at 2.15pm in the small hall on the following Wednesdays: 8th & 22nd April, 13th & 27th May and 10th & 24th June. All welcome to join us and share thoughts with other parishioners over a cup of tea.

MILL END FOOD BANK

There is a current shortage of the following items: Tinned vegetables in greatest need, long life milk, juice/squash, rice pudding and cereal. **Please ensure that food items donated are not out of date.** Non food items: shampoo, shower gel, laundry products, deodorant, toothpaste. Items can be placed in the boxes provided at the back of each church.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

Chess Valley SVP will host their Community lunch every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm in the hall of St John the Evangelist. We look forward to welcoming our regular guests and parishioners from across the three parishes. If you know of someone who would benefit from this please let them know. We hope you can join us.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE MORNING

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday. 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. Thank you, *Sheila H*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you have any Safeguarding concerns in the parish whilst we await the appointment of our new Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact either Fr Andrew or the diocesan safeguarding team via safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

MISSIO/APF/RED BOX HOLDERS

Huge thanks to our small band of donors for our Missionaries around the world. This March quarter we have raised the sum of £232.30. I think this is the highest ever amount for an individual March quarter for us!! New donors very welcome, call Mary Latimer 07795 276728 xx

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th May after 11am Mass Rickmansworth Marian Procession
7th June after 10.30am Mass Mill End Corpus Christi Procession
21st June after 9am Mass Chorleywood St John Fisher Procession
12th July 12.30pm - 3pm Brass on the Grass Social Event