

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

For those who would like to attend the ordination at Westminster Cathedral on the 28th of June and would be interested in travelling up by coach, please put your name and telephone number on the list at the back of church by the end of April. This is in order that we can gauge numbers for the coach.

THANK YOU

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making our celebration of the Holy Triduum so very special. Music is always a key element in our worship and so great thanks are due to Peter and Julia Adlard and the choir for the wonderful music sounded forth in these holy days. It is with sadness, that we say goodbye to Peter and Julia as, after 30 years of involvement and leadership with the music here, they move on to pastures new. We thank them for their years of dedicated service and wish them much happiness in their future endeavours. Our thanks too to Susana Tierney and Austin Finan for playing the organ this Easter Sunday morning and to Dave Pione and the singers of the folk group for leading the singing on this Easter Sunday morning at the 11.00am Mass.

Our sincere thanks go to our dedicated team of sacristans, who have worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare for these holy days. We are thankful also for our altar servers, readers, Ministers of Communion and welcomers, all of whom have played central roles in making our celebrations very worthy. The church looks truly wonderful this Easter and that is thanks to our team of cleaners and to our talented team of flower arrangers led by Annie Kent. We express special thanks to our RCIA team – to Richard and Angela Dumughn, Paul Forrest and Julie Byrne who, since September, have been guiding our catechumen and candidates on their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church. We rejoice with Kanat Ayyildiz, Samantha Benson and Christopher Prytherch who complete their initiation this Easter. We wish them joy and happiness.

Thank you to everyone who has journeyed through the mysteries of these holy days with us. We thank you for your kindness and generosity to us and in turn we wish each of you

A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Madeleine McGrory, Maureen Digges, Gerry Koller, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Jonathan Pione, Bessie Collins and her daughter Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Peter Czarniecki, Tony Infante, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Sheelah Spence, George O'Neill, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diane Price and Joan Marioni.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1700.54
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, RICKMANSWORTH,
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILL END & MAPLE CROSS,
AND ST JOHN FISHER, CHORLEYWOOD**



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EASTER SUNDAY - 20TH APRIL 2014 EASTER SUNDAY THOUGHT

Christians through the centuries have focused a lot of reflection on that large stone laid at the mouth of the tomb. When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb she found the stone removed. (In Matthew's account of the Resurrection, Mary is actually present when an angel rolls the stone away). That large material object – which was also the most convincing objection to faith – was gone; and she was the first witness to this. The Risen Lord would show later on that he could no longer be restricted by material conditions: "When...the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them" (John 20:19). And so, that stone could not have held him prisoner in the tomb. Its removal was a sign of the resurrection, not a condition for it. Bede the Venerable in the 8th century wrote, "[The angel] rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth."

No tomb on earth can hold the Lord. No material stone, however heavy, can imprison him. But we should not imagine that material stones are the hardest and heaviest things in the world. Who would have guessed that thoughts, which are made of nothing at all, could be heavier and harder than any stone? But experience tells us it is so. We are able to seal our minds and hearts with unmoveable stones of prejudice, hatred and fear. "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts," (St Peter Chrysologus)

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Response to Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 20TH APR			
MON 21ST APR			
TUE 22ND APR	7.30pm	Confirmation Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 23RD APR			
THU 24TH APR	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 25TH APR	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH APR	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
8.30am — Patrick Harrington RIP
11.00am — Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP

MILL END

8.30 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.00 am — Anne & Edward Joseph Fagan

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 10.00am — For those baptised this Easter
Thu 10.00am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 10.00am — Dr Joe Stuart RIP

MILL END

Wed 10.00 am — John & Kevin Tudings RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 10.00am — Andrew Petrie (Ints.)
Fri 10.00am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 21st April — Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday 22nd April — Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday 23rd April — Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday 24th April — Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday 25th April — Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday 26th April — Saturday within the Octave of Easter

OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians, 5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU
St John the Evangelist, Berry Lane, Mill End, WD3 7HG
St John Fisher, Hill Cottage, Shire Lane, Chorleywood, WD3 5NH

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offerings at the Easter Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Mark. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked *Easter Offering*. If you do not use Planned Giving, there are loose *Easter Offering* envelopes available at the back of church. Thank you.

THREE PARISHES BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 5TH JULY

On Saturday 5th July we will be having a Barn Dance in the hall of St Joan of Arc School. This will be a Three Parish event, and we hope for a good turnout from the three parish communities. We would like to put together a special planning committee for this event with volunteers from each of the parishes who would be willing to help plan and organise it. Please give your name (and ideally your email address) to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark if you would like to be involved in the planning and organising of this important event.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI (15TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER)

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Itineraries and booking forms are available. Please book soon to secure your place.

THE ENGLISH AND WELSH BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION (www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) will be launched on Friday 9th May, 10.30am – 3pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1EP. Any grandparents wishing to represent their parish at the launch should please contact Edmund Adamus edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk 020 7798 9363 as soon as possible as space is limited.

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY - SUNDAY 18TH MAY

Our parishes have been invited to send representatives as part of the annual CAFOD family-friendly sponsored bike ride. This will take place in the beautiful Lee Valley Country Park in North London / Hertfordshire on Sunday 18th May. Please contact CAFOD for a registration form for either a 10 or 19 Mile Ride by phoning 0208 449 6970 email: westminster@cafod.org.uk or see our web page: cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk Closing date for registrations: Fri 2nd May.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Want to know more about the Permanent Diaconate? Come and See session 10 -12 in parish hall at Ealing Abbey, W5 2DY, on Saturday 26th April.

THE JOY OF PRIESTHOOD

A retreat day for men (18+) discerning a calling to the priesthood on **Saturday 10 May** at Allen Hall seminary. For more info and to register contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR ADULTS 18-30'S

Friday 25 April with Sarah de Nordwall reflecting on Chapter 4 of Evangelii Gaudium. 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace next to Westminster Cathedral. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

SMARTLOVING

Non-residential marriage enrichment weekends draw on the wisdom of authentic Catholic teaching and Theology of the Body, bringing a fresh perspective and renewed joy in your marriage. Don't be content to coast along – give each other the precious gift of just two days out of your busy lives on 21 & 22 June or October 18 & 19 and feel the difference www.smartloving.org/marriage or contact cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk 020 7931 6064. NO GROUP SHARING!