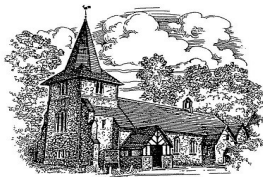


## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND THE CENTENARY OF THE ERECTION OF THE CALVARY – SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon we will have a Mass to celebrate our parish feast day. We will also take the opportunity to celebrate the centenary of the erection of the Calvary in the parish ground, which took place on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1914. At the end of the Mass we will go in procession to the Calvary for a special liturgy of blessing. This will be followed by a celebration in the parish hall. We hope that many parishioners will be able to join us for this special occasion.

### BESSIE COLLINS RIP

The body of the late Bessie Collins will be received into the church on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm and her Funeral Mass will take place at 11.00am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Bessie was a faithful parishioner here for many years. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

For those who would like to attend the ordination at Westminster Cathedral on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Natasha Foster and Isla Garrett who were baptised on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please pray for them, that they will grow to be faithful disciples of the Lord in the years ahead, and that their parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Madeleine McGrory, Maureen Digges, Gerry Koller, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Jonathan Pione, 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, Diana Price and Joan Marioni.

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



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Some interpersonal encounters are passing; we smile and say hello, for example, and then go our own way without any further thought. Other encounters, however, engage us at the deep level of who we are, change us, and stay with us. Always, authentic encounters with Jesus do this.

Thomas passes from unbelief to belief not by putting his finger in Jesus' wounded hands or his hand into Jesus' side but by giving himself over to a real encounter with the risen Lord. His encounter happened at a deep enough level that Thomas could utter with conviction, "My Lord and my God!" This deep conviction-belief happens to us through our encounters with the Spirit of the risen Lord.

How do we encounter the risen Lord whom we do not see? Actually, we do see the risen Lord in others: in those who flock to a disaster area to aid total strangers, in those who sense disquiet in us and respond with support and encouragement, in a stranger who smiles a radiant greeting. The self-giving in all these examples and more is evident: people reach out to others with care, love, compassion, service, presence. This is the Holy Spirit at work. This is the Source of our deepening believing.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Response to Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES			
SUN 27TH APR			
MON 28TH APR	9.45am 10.15am - 11.45am 7.00pm 5.45pm - 6.30pm 8.00pm	Chorleywood Ladies' Meeting 'Let's Get Together & Grow' – Hall Reception of the body of Bessie Collins RIP 1st Communion Class – Hall Choir Practice	Valerie Terrill's house Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 29TH APR	11.00am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral Mass of Bessie Collins RIP RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 30TH APR	7.30pm	Confirmation Class - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 1ST MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 2ND MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 3RD MAY	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

8.30 am — Madeleine McGrory (Ints.)  
11.00 am — Barry Laing RIP  
6.00 pm — Albert Kean RIP

#### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Declan McCormack RIP  
10.30 am — People 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 9.30 am — For the People of England  
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound  
of the Parish  
Thu 9.30 am — Private Intention  
Fri 9.30 am — Mary Robinson RIP

#### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — John Burke RIP  
Wed 9.30 am — Theresa Halpin RIP

#### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue — **NO MASS TODAY**  
Fri 9.30 am — Lily & Colm Heron

### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April — St George, Martyr, Patron of England  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April — St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Paton of Europe  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May — St Joseph the Worker  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May — St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May — Sts Philip and James, Apostles

### 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

### THANK YOU

Fr Mark and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts that we received this Easter. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We would also like to express our sincere thanks again to everyone who worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations in all three parishes so wonderful.

### 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION – PARENTS' MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY

A reminder to parents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children, that the next meeting with Fr Shaun is at **7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

### LITEZONE

Litezone, our youth group, will be meeting on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm to 6.30pm** in Our Lady's hall. There are lots of exciting activities planned and we welcome all our young parishioners in Years 6 to 9.

### BOUTIQUE FAIR MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – TOMBOLA & RAFFLE PRIZES AND CAKE BAKERS PLEASE!

I would really appreciate your help with tombola prizes. If you have any spare(!) bottles of alcohol, unwanted gifts, luxury food items, chocolates, cosmetics, gift vouchers etc., please drop them in the box marked "Boutique Fair" in the hallway next weekend or the following weekend.

Raffle prizes also desperately needed – if you or your company can support this please call me - Angela O'Donovan. Mobile: 07971587848. Email: [aodonovan@ntlworld.com](mailto:aodonovan@ntlworld.com). Alternatively bake a cake and I will collect it from you on May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>.

### THREE PARISHES BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (15<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 JOY OF PRIESTHOOD

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

### FAITH MATTERS: LUMEN FIDEI, LIGHT OF FAITH, POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LETTER.

7.00 – 8.30pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. These are public lectures and all are welcome. Registration is required at [rcdow.org.uk/faith/faith-matters](http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/faith-matters), or email: [faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk) or phone 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £3.

15 May 2014, **The Joy of Believing and Belonging by Fr John Farrell, OP**

29 May 2014, **Unless You Believe, You will not Understand by Fr John Hemer MHM**, Formation Adviser, Allen Hall

5 June 2014, **Lumen Fidei – Some Implications for Christian Living by Rev Dr Michael O'Boy**, Vice-Rector, Allen Hall