

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### SHEELAH SPENCE RIP

The body of the late Sheelah Spence will be received into the church on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at **4.30pm** and her Funeral Mass will take place at **11.00am** on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### MUSIC AT OUR LADY'S

At the Easter Vigil this year Fr Shaun presented both Peter and Julia Adlard with the Diocesan Medal, awarded to them by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in recognition of thirty years of dedicated service to the music and the choir at Our Lady's. We heartily congratulate them on this well-deserved award. Peter and Julia have now stepped down from their leadership roles with the 11.00am Choir. We thank them for all their wonderful work with the music and the choir and wish them every happiness and success in their future endeavours.

We are also delighted to announce that Cormac Purtill and Susana Tierney have agreed to jointly take over the running of the choir. We thank them both for offering their musical gifts in service of the parish.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, this will include the anointing of the sick around 4.45pm.

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Please give as much as you can afford to the annual appeal for the Priest Training Fund. The collection for the Priest Training Fund takes place next weekend (10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> May) and all the money that you give will be used to encourage more men to consider the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Please give as much as you can afford as the Fund relies on donations. You can make your donation today or next weekend. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### 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.

### 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, George O'Neill, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price and Joan Marioni.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1559.79  
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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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Events seen from one perspective are often seen differently at a later time. The disciples on the road to Emmaus were downcast over what had happened because their lack of belief limited their perspective. The "stranger" on the road offered them a different perspective.

From their limited perspective, the disciples were conversing and debating concerning the breaking of their dreams about Jesus being the Messiah and the breaking of his body on the cross. They were stuck on the facts but not yet pushed to a deep desire to believe the mystery. By breaking open the Scriptures and breaking bread at the table, Jesus gave them a new perspective – the unexpected and unbelievable had, indeed, happened: he had risen. Now they had a desire to seek Life by journeying deeper into the mystery.

Easter is an invitation to examine our perspective on our daily living – to increase our desire to greater belief, to open ourselves to an encounter with the risen Lord. We might do this by preparing ourselves more consciously for the celebrating Word and sacrament. We might do this by recognising the risen Lord in both easy and difficult daily events, easy and difficult persons we encounter. These kinds of choices increase our desire to share more deeply in Jesus' risen Life. Each opens an opportunity to journey deeper into the mystery of Jesus' resurrection.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Response to Psalm:** Show us, Lord, the path of life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 4TH MAY</b>	9.00am - 9.50am 4.00pm - 5.00pm 4.30pm - 6.00pm	1st Communion Class - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Litezone – Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 5TH MAY</b>	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 6TH MAY</b>	4.30pm 7.30pm	Reception of the body of Sheelah Spence RIP 1st Holy Communion - Parents' Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 7TH MAY</b>	11.00am 7.30pm	Funeral Mass of Sheelah Spence RIP Confirmation Class - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 8TH MAY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 9TH MAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 10TH MAY</b>	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 — People of the Parish  
11.00 am — Enid Covington (Ints.)  
6.00 pm — Giovanni Torrano RIP (Anniv.)

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Irene Lavin RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish  
9.00 am — John Edwards RIP

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Frank Waters RIP  
Tue 9.30 am — Kitty & Sylvia Jubber RIP  
Thu 9.30 am — Bessie Collins RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — Sheila Couelle RIP

##### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Marie Monaghan (Ints.)  
Wed 9.30 am — Frank Page RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Fri 9.30 am — Joe & Nora Rea (Ints.)

#### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

No Feast Days this week.

#### 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

### MASS TO CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF ALL PEOPLE WITH A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES – SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May the **6.00pm** Mass at Our Lady's will be a Mass to celebrate the gifts of all people with a special welcome to those with learning disabilities and their friends and families, from across our three parishes and beyond. The Mass will be preceded by a gathering at **4.00pm** in Our Lady's Hall to help prepare for the Mass. Refreshments will be available. A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

#### 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** this **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

#### LITEZONE

Litezone, our youth group, will be meeting this **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May** at **4.30pm to 6.00pm** (**please note revised time**) 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 this weekend or next weekend. Raffle prizes also desperately needed – if you or your company can support this please call Angela O'Donovan on 07971 587848. 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>.

#### RICKY WEEK

Some reminders for your diary.

- (a) **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Fr Shaun** will be saying the prayers for the 60<sup>th</sup> Rickmansworth Week at its official opening in the Bury grounds (off Bury Lane) at **2.00pm** during the Batchworth Sea Scouts' Grand Carnival Fete. Do come along if you are free!
- (b) **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Peter Waters** (author of the histories of Our Lady's and St John's) will be giving a conducted tour of Our Lady's at **3.00pm** (meet outside the porch or in the church once started). **No charge** but donations to Our Lady's welcome.
- (c) **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Boutique Fair / Coffee Morning** in St Augustine's Hall at Our Lady's from **10.00am to 12 noon**. Admission **£1**. Enquiries to **Angela O'Donovan** (01923 776492).

#### 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.

#### WENSUM COURT - RICKMANSWORTH CHURCHES HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Are holding their annual coffee morning on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at **10.00am** at 221 High Street, Rickmansworth. Everyone welcome.