

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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DAVID DRAZIN RIP

The funeral service of David Drazin RIP will take place at **11.00am** on **Tuesday 13th May**, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will be on **Monday 12th May** at **7.30pm**, in the Small Hall. Any interested parishioner is welcome.

THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND NEEDS OUR HELP

The number of men training for the priesthood has steadily increased in recent years. Last year we had eight ordinations and a further 32 men are currently in formation. This is wonderful news but the uncomfortable truth is that the Priest Training Fund is now spending much more on the preparation of priests than it is bringing in and now urgently needs our support.

Please give as much as you can afford to today's collection so that the Priest Training Fund can continue to seek out, support and train those men who God is calling to the priesthood. *You can also make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations*

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND THE CENTENARY OF THE ERECTION OF THE CALVARY – SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2014

On Saturday 24th 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 21st 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.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND GROW GROUP

Do you have young babies / children and would like to meet up with other mums / carers who are parishioners for general support, sharing and chat? Why not join our small, friendly group which meets on a Monday morning from around 10 to 11.30/45 in the church hall at Our Lady's. We have plenty of toys for the babies and toddlers to play with and there is always tea, coffee and cake for the parents! We won't be meeting the Bank Holiday Monday (26th May) but are normally there every Monday in term time (barring unforeseen circumstances). For more information, please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com).

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, Joan Marioni and Ramiro Montesdeoca.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1631.86
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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 11TH MAY 2014 VOCATIONS SUNDAY SUNDAY THOUGHT

Some voices lie, some voices seduce, some voices mislead. Some voices comfort, some voices encourage, some speak the truth. The former voices are those of thieves who rob us of reality, virtue, goals. The latter voices are those leading us to fuller life. These are the voices of people who themselves have heard the voice of the Good Shepherd and have faithfully followed where he leads.

As Good Shepherd, Jesus will never mislead or desert us, but will always faithfully care for us. The challenge for those who fear his voice calling is to choose to follow him and to remain close to him and his care. We choose to follow him not only because of his care and protection but because of the abundant life he offers us. Ultimately this life is our salvation.

The voice of Jesus calling to us comes in many ways and through many people. The cry of the poor calls us to be generous; the pleading eyes of the downcast call us to be gentle; the self-giving of first responders calls us to unselfish care of others. Choosing to follow Jesus in these ways brings new life to others and gives us a taste of the abundant Life Jesus offers. This is the foretaste of salvation.

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 11TH MAY	12.30pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 12TH MAY	5.45pm - 6.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	1st Communion Class – Hall Justice & Peace Group Meeting - Small Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 13TH MAY	11.00am 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral Service - David Drazin RIP Confirmation Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 14TH MAY			
THU 15TH MAY	10.30am - 12.30pm 2.30pm - 4.30pm	Christian Aid Market Christian Aid Market	St John Fisher St John Fisher
FRI 16TH MAY	10.00am - 12 noon 10.30am - 12.30pm 2.30pm - 4.30pm	Boutique Fair / Coffee Morning - Hall Christian Aid Market Christian Aid Market	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John Fisher
SAT 17TH MAY	10.00am - 12.30pm 10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm	Christian Aid Market Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Rosie Fox RIP
11.00 am — People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Heather Kean (Ints.)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.30 am — Mervyn G. Reilly RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Kathleen Wright RIP
9.00 am — People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — For the safe return of the kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls (requested by the J&P Group)
Tue 9.30 am — David Drazin RIP
Thu 9.30 am — Deacon Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec (Ints.)
Fri 9.30 am — Andrew Dumughn RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — B. Bailey (Ints.)
Wed 9.30 am — Barry Murphy RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

No weekday Mass this week - Christian Aid Week

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 14th May - St Matthias, Apostle

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 18TH MAY

On Sunday 18th 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.

SELF-INTINCTION

Self-intinction is when a person receives a host at Communion time and then dips it into a chalice of the Precious Blood and consumes it. While this is usually done with understandable good intentions, such as not wanting to pass germs to the Precious Blood in the chalice, self-intinction is not a permitted form of receiving Holy Communion, as the Church has made clear: 'The communicant must not be permitted to intinct the host himself in the chalice, nor to receive the intincted host in the hand' (*Redemptionis sacramentum* 104). If someone is concerned about passing on germs, they should receive Holy Communion under the form of bread alone, with the reassurance that 'the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation.' (GIRM 282) Thought should also be given to coeliacs who may wish to receive the Precious Blood but would not be able to do so if it was contaminated by gluten from hosts being dipped in it. Parishioners are therefore asked to always consume the host when it is given to them and Ministers of Holy Communion have been asked not to allow self-intinction. Please speak to Fr. Shaun or Fr. Mark if you would like further clarification on this matter.

RICKY WEEK: Boutique Fair with free crèche for children!

Pamper yourself, shop and eat cake! Come along and enjoy a delicious cup of Clipper tea with sumptuous homemade cakes, whilst having a manicure and listening to the soothing sounds of our live music on the grand piano...bliss! You do not have to worry about the children because Day Break Nursery are on hand to entertain them with face painting, storytelling and cookie decorating. Allowing you lots of time to shop, shop, shop! from our wide range of stalls including stunning jewellery, pampered chef home-wares, cards, hand bags, trendy interiors accessories, organic and natural foods, local jams, handbags, scarves, accessories, and cosmetics. And we have some amazing raffle and tombola prizes!! And if that's not enough to tempt you there's a free box of Clipper tea for the first 100 entrants! **Admission £1**. This event is supporting the Ricky Week Festival.

Host: Our Lady's Church - 5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU

Proceeds to the Rickmansworth Society charity. Free car parking in church grounds but get there early to be guaranteed a space. Otherwise lots of car parking in town centre. We still need your tombola donations – please leave your donations in the box in the church porch. Contact: Angela O'Donovan 07971587848.

RICKY WEEK

Sunday 11th 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.

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. Information about how to get tickets will be available soon.