

## 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.

### ORDINATION GIFT FOR REVEREND ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** one of our parishioners, Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral. At the 6.00pm Mass here at Our Lady's on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, the then Fr. Andrew will celebrate his First Mass. We would like to make a presentation from the parish community to him on that occasion and so inside the Newsletter this weekend you will find an envelope which you are invited to use if you would like to make a contribution to that gift. The envelope can either be put into the collection basket at Mass this weekend or over the coming few weeks or alternatively it can be posted through the presbytery letterbox. Please make any cheques payable to *Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth.*

### ALTAR SERVERS

If any servers are available for the Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm** please sign the list in the sacristy.

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Last weekend this parish raised £1431.14 and all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of priests. *You can still make a donation online by visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CLEANING OF ALBS

I would be grateful to anyone who would like to offer their help with the washing of the Albs. The commitment would be for one month each year. Please call Sharon Blayney on 01923 712479 for more information.

### 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: £ 1337.94  
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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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

We often make leaps of faith; for example, we move to a distant part of the country confident that we will land a better job, we accept a marriage proposal confident that the love will last, we send the children off to school confident that they will be safe. Following Jesus often takes a leap of faith, from believing he is present to us to confidence that we can continue his good works. When we are faithful, no trouble or anxiety can swerve us from the way to the Father through Jesus.

We know who God is because we have come to know who Jesus is; we know who Jesus is because we have seen him in the works done by those who believe in him. The revelation of who God is begun in the incarnation of Jesus continues in the incarnation of Jesus' works of love, mercy, healing, reconciliation, justice, peace in the lives of his faithful followers. We know the way to the Father because we see these faithful followers walking that way, and we choose to walk with them.

To be an Easter people means to be open to the Holy Spirit within who empowers us to do the works of Jesus. We are empowered to forgive those who have hurt us, to lift up the lives of the poor and suffering, to work for peace and justice, to encourage each other in difficult times. Although the way is not always easy, and we will meet the challenges as Jesus did, we know we do not walk alone. When we are faithful, no trouble or anxiety can swerve us from the way to the Father through Jesus.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**Response to Psalm:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia!

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 18TH MAY</b>	9.00am - 9.50am 6.00pm	1st Communion Class - Hall Mass to celebrate the gifts of all people with a special welcome to those with learning disabilities and their friends and families	St John the Evangelist  Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 19TH MAY</b>	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 20TH MAY</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 21ST MAY</b>	8.00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	St John Fisher
<b>THU 22ND MAY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 23RD MAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 24TH MAY</b>	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm 12.00pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery <b>There will be no Confessions today</b> Parish Feast Day Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Peter Carroll (Ints.)  
11.00 am — Mary Robinson RIP  
6.00 pm — People of the Parish

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Rita Coleman (Ints.)  
10.30 am — People of the Parish

##### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Michael Fields RIP  
9.00 am — People of the Parish

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — James Duncan Kemp (Ints.)  
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Thu 9.30 am — Private Intention  
Fri 9.30 am — Margaret & John McGuinness RIP  
Sat 12.00pm — People of the Parish

##### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Nesta Smith RIP  
Wed 9.30 am — Eily Hamberger RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Fri 9.30 am — Private Intention

#### 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.

#### 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.

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

#### 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.

#### 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 at any of our three parishes 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 (26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:helenvnolan@ntlworld.com)).

#### VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR ADULTS

The May meeting for adults (18-40) is on **Friday 23 May, 7.00pm - 9.00pm** in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Paulo Bagini will be reflecting on Chapter 3 of Pope Francis' *Evangelium Gaudii - The Proclamation of the Gospel*. For more info contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)