

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

We are looking for a parishioner who might be willing to take on the role of Parish Representative for the Women's World Day of Prayer. If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to Fr Shaun.

PETER RIZZI RIP

The funeral of Peter Rizzi RIP will take place at **11.00am** on **Monday 8th September**, followed by burial at Stanley Hill Cemetery, Amersham. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

ST JOAN OF ARC STAFF MASS

At the 9.30am Mass this Monday we welcome the staff of St Joan of Arc's School, as they prepare to begin a new academic year.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

This autumn we are launching a new parish website. You can find it at <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth>. The website functions as a microsite of the Westminster Diocesan website and is maintained by the Diocese, while we have very large editorial control of what goes onto it, and there is lots of scope for future development. On the site you will find information about Mass times, the parish newsletter, a parish history, details of the various sacramental programmes in the parish, parish groups and ministries and other information about what is going on in the parish. You can sign up for an E-alert, which will notify you when any major content is added to the website. Why not go and have a browse!

RCC 200 CLUB

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership and to our new joiners. However, due to summer holidays many have yet to process their renewal. An envelope is in the sacristy for those renewing by cheque; bank details are on a form at the back of the church for those wishing to renew by bank transfer. We would very much welcome new members - again, details are at the back of the church.

HELP NEEDED

Is there a parishioner with a van who would be willing to transport a few furniture items from Mill End presbytery to Rickmansworth presbytery? If you can help please speak to Fr Shaun.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your positive response in helping re-stock our supplies for the foodbank, we have had a busy couple of months. It's a privilege to work alongside other local Christians, showing God's love in a practical way to those in our community, undergoing difficulties. *Iris Bangs - Chair of Mill End Community Trust*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan and Ginny Goodgol

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Envelopes: £515.50; Loose Plate: £235.29; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1239.79**

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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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 31st AUGUST 2014

SUNDAY THOUGHT

If we lose something valuable to us we hold back no amount of time, energy and expense to find it. If we never find our valuable, we feel a continual loss, emptiness, longing, regret. Jesus speaks of finding what is most valuable by losing what we think valuable.

In today's gospel Jesus is asking us to lose the most valuable thing we have – our very life, our very self. Moreover, this is not a single instance of loss, but a lifetime of giving ourselves over to God's plan for us. Then Jesus transforms us into something far more valuable: a new self imbued with his Life. With this new Life we never feel loss of the old self, longing for who we were, or regret for embracing Jesus. Rather we feel the joy of being given the fullness that comes only from entering into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising.

We cannot be who God wants us to be without going through the cross-bearing experience of letting go of who we are now. We must lose our impatience with others in order to guide them in more helpful ways. We must lose our insistence on having our own way in order to make room for new ideas and creative directions. We must lose our desire to be comfortable with the familiar in order to stretch ourselves to allowing God to refashion us into new selves imbued with new Life in Christ.

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Response to Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 31ST AUG			
MON 1ST SEPT	8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.00pm	Choir Practice Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
TUE 2ND SEPT			
WED 3RD SEPT			
THU 4TH SEPT	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 5TH SEPT	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 6TH SEPT	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 — Frank Waters RIP
11.00 am — For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Moreno Torrini RIP (Anniv.)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
10.30 am — June Boggins RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
9.00 am — James Murphy-O'Connor RIP

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Jack & Edith Dominian RIP
Tue 9.30 am — Stanislaus Stephen RIP
Thu 9.30 am — Jane & Joseph Netto RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Jack & Edith Dominian RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Jean Warren RIP (Anniv.)
Wed 9.30 am — Rose & Peter Galligan

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Stephen Birch (Ints.)
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 3rd September — St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The new season of RCIA begins on **Tuesday 30th September** at **8.00pm** in the Upper Room (upstairs in the Parish Hall at Our Lady Help of Christians). If you are an adult thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic or a baptised Roman Catholic wishing to complete your initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form and return it as soon as possible to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

We are very excited to announce the imminent launch of the **Faith Matters Discussion Group** for the three parishes. The discussion group will be a forum to reflect, discuss and debate different aspects of our Catholic faith and life. The discussion group will meet at St John the Evangelist's parish hall, Mill End. During the first season we will discuss the Sacraments. The first meeting will be at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 30th September**. All are welcome. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

DO YOU MAKE YOUR OFFERING TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER?

Some parishioners choose to make their offering to the parish by means of a bank standing order. This can sometimes leave people feeling a little self-conscious when the collection basket comes round at Sunday Mass. To help with this situation we have created some small laminated cards which say: *I make my offering to the parish by Standing Order*. These cards are now available at the back of the church/in the lobby or porch of each parish as appropriate. Those who make their offering by standing order are invited to take one when they arrive at Mass and place it into the basket/collection bag at the time of the offertory. Parishioners who would like to make their offering by standing order can request a form from Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Maggie, Grace, Tom and James and Hannah Stacey would like to thank all in our parish family for their prayers, love and support at a very difficult time. Please continue to pray for us all.

THE MILL CAFÉ – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mill Café has been set up to complement the work of the Mill End food bank. It is open on Tuesdays from 12.00pm to 1.30pm serving lunches at the Methodist Church in Berry Lane. Volunteers willing to help with cooking would be very welcome. Training in Food Hygiene regulations will be given. Please give your name to Fr Shaun if you are interested in helping.

THE SECOND ANNUAL LECTURE OF THE GUILD OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Will be given by Jan Graffius of Stonyhurst College on 'Saving the English Martyrs - how Catholic families preserved relics from Becket to Plunkett'. This will take place at the Social Centre, St James's, Spanish Place, London W1U 3QY on **Wednesday 10th September** at **7.00pm**. The lecture will be followed by refreshments. All are most welcome - no booking required.