

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

I announced recently that in the autumn I would be appointing a new Parish Finance Committee. I'm delighted to say that the following people have accepted my invitation to join the Finance Committee with responsibility for particular areas of the parish's financial affairs: Alex Kenny and Mark Blayney – with responsibility for oversight of parish finances and budgeting; Michelle Meens – with responsibility for Gift Aid; Michael Quinn – with responsibility for buildings and property management and Sarah Egbu (with responsibility for legal matters). The Finance Committee will have the shared responsibility, together with me, of ensuring that the parish finances are administered in accordance with Diocesan policy. The day to day book-keeping of parish finances and Gift Aid are now undertaken by our Parish Administrator, Mrs Kerry Van Rensburg. I am very grateful to Alex, Mark, Michelle, Michael and Sarah for agreeing to join the Finance Committee and I look forward to working with them. *Fr Shaun*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SUNDAY 11.00AM MASS) – HELP NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of the Children's Liturgy. The children's liturgy is an important way to help the children of the parish to reflect at an appropriate level on the theme and readings of Sunday Mass. The Children's Liturgy takes place in the hall during the Liturgy of the Word. The children re-join their families in church at the time of the offertory. If we are able to recruit several new volunteers we should be able to arrange a rota of helpers. Volunteers will need to complete the necessary safeguarding documentation. If you would be willing to help, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

PETER RIZZI RIP - The funeral of Peter Rizzi RIP will take place at **11.00am** this Monday, 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.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE - <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth>

We have now launched a new parish website. 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 much more. You can sign up for an E-alert, which will notify you when any major content is added.

RCC 200 CLUB - thank you to all who renewed their memberships and to our new joiners. If you still need to renew your membership, 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.

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, Ginny Goodgol and Eric Selley.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Envelopes: £830.52; Loose Plate: £396.43; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1725.95**

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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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7th SEPTEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Some "newbies" quickly take on the identity of the group they have joined. But newbies also quickly learn that belonging to a group entails long-term commitment, demands and resolution of differences. In today's gospel Jesus is talking about the commitment, demands, and resolution of differences that must occur in the Church that he is establishing.

Jesus has a realistic view of the community of believers. While he gives a blueprint for resolving differences, the more critical teaching he gives is that he is present to those who gather in his name, and it is his presence that enables the resolution of conflicts, the unity of the community, and their growth in the life he offers.

In the average parish, conflicts about how the liturgy should be celebrated, how children should be formed in the faith, how the poor should be served, how the finances should be managed, how decisions are made do occur. These can sometimes evolve into full-blown community-damaging and prayer-destroying antipathies when the people involved cannot get beyond themselves and their own particular understanding of things, likes and dislikes. On the other hand, when time is taken for prayer, when Jesus is addressed as present, when the good of all is put before personal preferences, then the unity of the community is preserved, rifts reconciled and the work of salvation moves forward.

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Response to Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 7TH SEPT	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with anointing of the sick around 4.40pm)	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 8TH SEPT	11.00am 7.30pm	Funeral - Peter Rizzi RIP Justice & Peace Meeting - Small Hall (any interested parishioners welcome)	Our Lady Help of Christians
	8.00pm	Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 9TH SEPT	10.00am	Ashes of Maurice & Pattie Delaporte RIP interred in the Garden of Rest	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 10TH SEPT	7.30pm	Music Group Meeting	St John Fisher
THU 11TH SEPT	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 12TH SEPT	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 13TH SEPT	10.00am	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP
11.00 am — For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Bridget & James O'Brien RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
10.30 am — Alice Deignan RIP (1st Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Ron Latimer RIP
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Jack & Edith Dominian RIP
Tue 9.30 am — Maurice & Pattie Delaporte RIP
Thu 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am — Jack Dominian RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — James Murphy O'Connor RIP
Wed 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.)
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 8th September — The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 13th September — St John Chrysostom, Bishop & 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

BEST WISHES TO FR ANDREW!

This weekend Fr Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec takes up his appointment as Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, Chiswick. We assure Fr Andrew of our best wishes and prayers as he embarks on this important step of his priestly ministry.

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.

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.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND GROW GROUP

Do you have young babies / pre-school 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. There are plenty of toys for the babies and toddlers to play with and there is always tea, coffee and cake for the parents! After a break over the summer, we're planning to restart on **Monday 15th September**. For more information, please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com).

RETRouvaille - brings healing and new hope to hurting marriages. Next programme 19–21 September. Contact Clive & Kathy 07973 380443 in complete confidence or see www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics to make a fresh start in life, with hope and trust in God. Next programme 3–5 October, contact Freda 01322 401243 or Sandra 01293 783965 to explore whether this programme is for you.