

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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APF – MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU AND APPEAL

APF – Mill Hill Red Boxes raised over £2 million last year towards the support of the work of Missio Fathers. At the Masses of the weekend of 20th/21st September we welcome Mrs Pat Henry who will speak on behalf of APF – Mill Hill and their missionary work. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and have a Red Mission Box in their homes. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

On **Monday 22nd September at 5.30 pm** there will be a meeting in the hall for parents and children who have registered for the First Holy Communion programme. This is the first meeting of the programme and it is essential that a parent attends this meeting as important information will be provided regarding the way that the programme will be run. Parents are reminded to bring with them the £15.00 contribution per child for the resources that we will be using with the children this year.

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.

CRECHE AT 11.00AM MASS

There is a crèche at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday (which runs to the same timetable as the Children's Liturgy, coming back in at the Offertory) for preschool children and toddlers who are happy to be left. As some of our helpers have recently moved away or their children have started school, we would welcome some new volunteers. You will need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) check before you can start which takes a few weeks. If you're interested, you can either leave your contact details with one of the volunteers if you're dropping off children or contact Helen Nolan on 01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com

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.

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: £555.00; Loose Plate: £338.99; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1392.99**

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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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - 14th SEPTEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

The "downs" of life are often the way to new growth. For example, the loss of a relationship important to us may free new ways of thinking and acting, new experiences, new choices. The human tendency, however, is to flee anything that brings pain, suffering, or loss. The mystery of the cross challenges us to embrace these as a way to choose new life.

The cross opens up many paradoxes. As an instrument of death, it brings life. As a cause of great suffering, it brings great joy. As a sign of ignominy, it leads to exaltation. Nonetheless, embracing the cross is always demanding. Jesus came to show us how to embrace the cross and thus choose new life: through obedience, self-emptying, and fidelity.

We have the courage to embrace the cross when we grow in our belief in the divine Son. We express our belief in the Son when we are obedient to what God wants of us, even when it is inconvenient, challenging or uncertain; when we put aside our own concerns and satisfactions in order to reach out to someone in need; when we remain faithful to what our state of life calls us to do, even when costly and draining. Our believing bridges the space between God and us, between life and death, between being saved or perishing. How much do we believe?

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Response to Psalm: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Communion Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 14TH SEPT			
MON 15TH SEPT	10.00am 10.00am - 11.45am 8.00pm	St John Fisher - Ladies Meeting Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Choir Practice	Barbara Marke's house Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 16TH SEPT			
WED 17TH SEPT			
THU 18TH SEPT	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 19TH SEPT	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH 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 — Nora Loader RIP
11.00 am — Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP
6.00 pm — For the People of the Parish

MILL END

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

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
9.00 am — Patrick Holly

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Private Intention
Tue 9.30 am — James Murphy O'Connor RIP
Thu 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am — Private Intention

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Bridget Furey RIP (Anniv.)
Wed 9.30 am — Myrtle Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Terry Washington RIP
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 15th September — Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday 16th September — Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Saturday 20th September — Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

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 CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF ALL PEOPLE WITH A SPECIAL WELCOME FOR THOSE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES – SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

On Sunday 12th October 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.

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.

SECONDARY TRANSFER—PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORMS

Fr Shaun and Fr Mark will be available for the signing of Priest's Forms for Secondary Transfer on the following dates:

Friday 3rd October: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm (Our Lady's Hall)

Wednesday 15th October: 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm (St John the Evangelist's Hall)

Saturday 18th October: 10.00 am - 11.30 am (Our Lady's Presbytery)

There is no need to make a specific appointment, please just come during these times. **Please note:** it is **essential** that the child to whom the application applies attends the meeting.

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 this **Monday 15th September**. For more information, please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com).

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Autumn Jumble Sale & Nearly New will be held on **Sat. 20th September** at **10.30am**.
Book Sale & Quality Items will be held on **Monday 22nd** and **Tuesday 23rd September** from **7.00pm to 9.00pm**. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035.

Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.