

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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GROWING IN FAITH FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Last weekend Fr Shaun and Fr Mark read out a letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols about the **Growing in Faith Fundraising Campaign** which is now beginning in the parish. Copies of the Cardinal's letter are available at the back of church this weekend for anyone who was away last weekend. The letter can also be viewed at <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth/growing-in-faith>, together with a message from Fr Shaun. There is also a link there to the Diocesan **Growing in Faith** Website, where you can view a very helpful and informative video message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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 this weekend 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council takes place at **7.30pm** on **Monday 29th September** in the Presbytery.

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.

ADVENT FAIR

Can you help?? Please consider joining a hard pressed gang who have put this event together year on year. Please contact Adrian if you are willing to help on 773609 or 07503 898689. New blood, new ideas. We need you!!!

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: £703.64; Loose Plate: £512.24; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1714.88**

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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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21st SEPTEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Individuals passionate about a specific work – for example, scientific exploration of Mars or medical research into a cure for cancer – find fulfilment and satisfaction in pursuing the work even when the desired outcome is still far off. The work itself for now is its own recompense. For followers of Jesus, sharing in Jesus' work of salvation is, likewise, its own recompense.

What a privilege it is to share in Jesus' work of salvation! No matter at what hour we are called to labour for Jesus, we are nonetheless to be faithful. Faithful to the labour, we already receive the recompense of close relationship with Jesus and each other, we reveal the kingdom of heaven, and we are counted among those who are first in the kingdom of heaven.

Being faithful labourers in Jesus' work of salvation is a matter of doing as Jesus did: responding to the everyday needs of people who cross our paths. For example, helping those blind to their own goodness see how they affect other people in many ways, lightening the burden of others by lending a helping hand, pointing out a narrowness in another's vision and helping him or her come to the vision of Jesus. Many opportunities present themselves each day for us to do Jesus' work of salvation and receive the recompense that comes with being faithful. Do we choose these opportunities? Are we passionate about this work?

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Response to Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 21ST SEPT	9.00am	Baptism	St John Fisher
MON 22ND SEPT	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 23RD SEPT	7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist
WED 24TH SEPT			
THU 25TH SEPT	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH SEPT	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall First Holy Communion Parents Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
SAT 27TH 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 — For Anne on her special birthday
11.00 am — Roger Barker 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 — The McLoughlin Family (Ints.)

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
9.00 am — Holly Family (Ints.)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Mary Kerins (Ints.)
Tue 9.30 am — Fr Robert Gates 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 — Mary Lynch RIP
Wed 9.30 am — Josie Power RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Fr Robert Gates RIP
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 23rd September — St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Wednesday 24th September — Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday 27th September — St Vincent de Paul, Priest

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

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who is currently distant from the family of the faith - the parish community. Today is Home Mission Sunday and we are invited to pray for and support for the work of evangelisation. For more information, free resources, testimonies and to donate online please go to www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14 Please do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church.

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 — Monday 10.00am - 11.30am

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 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! Please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com).

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Book Sale & Quality Items will be held on **Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd September** from **7-9pm**. 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.