

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### GROWING IN FAITH FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Copies of the Cardinal's letter are available at the back of church. 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.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council takes place at **7.30pm** this **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** in the Presbytery.

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, please pick up an envelope today at Mass. The idea is to eat frugally on Friday, in solidarity with the poor around the world who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, and donate the money you save from that take away or bottle of wine you gave up, to help fund CAFOD's work with the world's poorest people. If you are able to gift aid the money it will go even further, so please try. Please return the envelope with your donation to Church on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Many thanks for all your support.

### 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!!!

### 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](mailto:helenvnolan@ntlworld.com)

### 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: £934.07; Loose Plate: £424.81; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1857.88**

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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## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Changing one's mind – especially often – carries negative connotations of being fickle, irresolute, uncommitted, indecisive, and unreliable. Yet often situations, behaviours, and intentions actually demand a change of mind; for example, when we are clearly wrong about something, are misinformed, or need to change the course of our life so growth can happen. These are examples of the kind of change of mind that Jesus calls forth from us.

Following Jesus faithfully requires that our yes to God and each other be honest; our no to what we should not do be firm; our conversion of heart be ongoing and expansive. Like the first son in this today's gospel, we must be willing to evaluate our choice and behaviours and bring them in line with what God asks of us. Changing one's mind – choosing conversion of self – is a matter of utter honesty with self, God and others.

How can we be honest with self, God and others? Sometimes others show us the way when they challenge our behaviours, attitudes and words. Sometimes prayer opens us to God's will and the kind of self-examination that leads us to say yes to God. Sometimes when we are like the second son and don't intend to be honest or obedient, the negative consequences of our choices weigh upon us and bring us to a change of mind and heart. Conversion of self is a lifelong process of growth and openness to what God asks of us.

**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Response to Psalm:** Remember your mercy, Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 28TH SEPT</b>	12.30am	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 29TH SEPT</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class Parish Pastoral Council meeting - Presbytery Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 30TH SEPT</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Catechists Meeting - Presbytery Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 1ST OCT</b>	7.30pm	Music Group	St John Fisher
<b>THU 2ND OCT</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 3RD OCT</b>	10.00am 10.00am  7.00pm - 8.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Ashes of Nora Loader RIP buried in the Garden of Rest Signing of Priest's Ref Forms - Secondary Transfer	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 4TH OCT</b>	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 the People of the Parish  
11.00 am — Mary Robinson RIP  
6.00 pm — Kathleen Mathews RIP

#### MILL END

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

#### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Fr Robert Gates RIP  
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Fr Robert Gates RIP  
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Thu 9.30 am — Intentions of Nalene  
Fri 9.30 am — Mary Robinson RIP

#### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Wed 9.30 am — Anna-Marie Smith

#### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Fri 9.30 am — Mr Albert Stoakes RIP

### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September — Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September — St Jerome, Priest & Doctor  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October — St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October — The Holy Guardian Angels  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October — St Francis of Assisi

### 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

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### NORA LOADER RIP

The ashes of Nora Loader RIP will be buried in the Garden of Rest at Our Lady's after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014**.

### MASS CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF ALL PEOPLE WITH A SPECIAL WELCOME FOR THOSE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES – SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

We are very excited to announce the launch this week 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm (Our Lady's Hall)**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm (St John the Evangelist's Hall)**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School Student Council will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** between **9.00am – 10.00am**. All parishioners are invited.

### FRUGAL LUNCH for WINTER FUEL

With the approach of winter and in support of the essential 'refuge' offered to those in need at the Catholic Workers Farm, we are going to provide an opportunity for you to help in raising funds. On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October** we will be asking as many of you as possible to come for a frugal lunch (homemade soups, bread and cheese) in Our Lady's Church Hall after the **11.00 am** Mass and offer a cash contribution which will go towards winter fuel costs at the Catholic Workers Farm in Maple Cross. Please put the date in your diary. *J & P Group*.

### BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If you were confirmed this year and would like your baptism certificate back, please contact Kerry at the parish office (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm).