

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council took place last week. The members of the Pastoral Council elected Samantha Benson as Chair and Michael Curtin as Secretary. We congratulate them on their election and thank them for their generosity in agreeing to take up these roles. A summary of the meeting will be made available to the parish in the next few weeks and we also intend to establish a new page on the parish website with further information about the membership, role and work of the Pastoral Council.

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. There will be a second collection in support of CAFOD's work after all Masses this weekend. Thank you.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, this will include the anointing of the sick around 4.45pm.

### 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.

### 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!!!

### CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS DISPLAY

Heather Wears, who has looked after the CTS booklets display in the hall lobby for a number of years, has decided to step down from that role. We thank Heather for all that she has done in promoting this important work of evangelisation. If there is a parishioner who would be willing to take over the care and maintenance of the CTS booklets display could they please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

At the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting it was suggested that we try offering tea and coffee in the hall after the **8.30am** Mass on Sunday mornings. If there are any parishioners who would be willing to form a little rota of people to take responsibility for this could they please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

### 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: £650.05; Loose Plate: £371.96; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1521.01**

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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## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

An old proverb states, "Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are." Put another way, "Birds of a feather flock together." Obviously, it's important with whom we align ourselves. Today's gospel raises the question about the consequences of with whom we align ourselves: the Jewish leaders and violent tenants, or faithful servants and the son.

Today's gospel parable highlights the conflicts between some of the Jewish leaders and Jesus over who will be saved. Hardness of heart limited the vision of the chief priests and elders about who could be saved and who Jesus is as God's Son. Mercy and compassion characterized Jesus' vision of who can receive salvation: anyone who responds to Jesus, even Gentiles, sinners and outcasts. Jesus is the divine Son sent by God to gather in the fruit of God's kingdom: those who hear God's word and turn their hearts toward him.

Whether the "kingdom of God" is taken from us or given to us is probably not a burning question for most folks. But if we understand the "kingdom of God" to be the gift of life that comes from aligning ourselves with the Author of Life itself, then most of us choose life every day. For example, we are concerned about our well-being, we care for others, we contribute to the building up of just and good society. These are ways we are faithful servants and show we accept the Son. In this we receive the very life of God. Yes, this really is a burning question! We do choose Life!

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Response to Psalm:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 5TH OCT</b>	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with anointing of the sick around 4.40pm)	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 6TH OCT</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 7TH OCT</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - <b>Church</b> Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 8TH OCT</b>			
<b>THU 9TH OCT</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 10TH OCT</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 11TH OCT</b>	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — For the People of the Parish  
11.00 am — Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP  
6.00 pm — Liam Smith RIP

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Malcolm Stacey RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish  
9.00 am — Private Intention

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Fr Robert Gates RIP  
Tue 9.30 am — Fr Alan Ashton  
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 & Paddy Ryan (Ints.)  
Wed 9.30 am — Alexander Crofton Sleigh RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

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

#### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October — Our Lady of the Rosary

#### 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

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

After the very successful Day of Recollection for the Readers and Ministers of Communion of the three parishes earlier this year, we are planning another one for next year. This will take place at the Niland Centre, Bushey on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015**. We will be joined by Fr John Hemer, who lectures in Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will give us a couple of talks on some aspects of scripture. He is a very inspiring and insightful speaker, so and this will be a real highlight of our day together. **Please make a note in your diary now.**

### NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME LEAFLET

Are you new to the parish? If so, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the **New Parishioner Welcome Leaflet**. In it you will find some information about Mass times, how to contact us, details of the parishes' websites and information about Planned Giving and Gift Aid. There is also a **New Parishioner Information Form** which we encourage you to complete and return to either Fr Shaun or Fr Mark, so that we register you a members of the parish.

### ANNUAL MASS COUNT

On the four Sundays of October each parish is required by the Diocese to count the number of people attending Mass. The details are forwarded to the Diocese along with other parish statistics at the end of the year. So, if you see someone "clicking you in" at Mass today you will know why!

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

Next 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

The **Faith Matters Discussion Group** is a forum to reflect, discuss and debate different aspects of our Catholic faith and life. The group meets at St John the Evangelist's parish hall, Mill End every Tuesday. All are welcome.

### 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: **Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> October: 7.30pm - 8.30pm (St John the Evangelist's Hall)** and **Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am - 11.30am (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.

### 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 **11.00am** 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).