

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, RICKMANSWORTH,  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILL END & MAPLE CROSS,  
AND ST JOHN FISHER, CHORLEYWOOD**



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## **28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

### **SUNDAY THOUGHT**

When do people refuse appealing invitations? When there is a conflict of commitments, when distance and expense are prohibitive, when unexpected illness afflicts them. Sometimes we simply cannot respond positively. With the invitation to be in the “kingdom of heaven,” however, there are no extenuating circumstances that preclude a positive and definite response from us.

Jesus said, “Many are called, but few are chosen.” From the parable we know that the king was adamant about filling the wedding hall with guests and persistent about this even to the point of having his servants be rather indiscriminate (“bad and good alike”) concerning who they gather for the feast. The “few” chosen are those who say yes to the invitation and to what it entails. God’s gracious invitations require our positive and definite response. At stake is fullness of life.

What do invitations to be in the “kingdom of heaven” look like? Sometimes we must choose between doing good or not. At other times we must choose to be attentive to another in spite of our own inconvenience. Or we must choose to be faithful to prayer, open to God’s presence, participate fully in the sacraments. Our faithful responses witness to the presence of God’s kingdom among us and the fullness of life toward which we are growing.

**Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10

**Response to Psalm:** In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 12TH OCT</b>	9.15am - 10.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Baptisms Mass to celebrate the gifts of all people with a special welcome to those with learning disabilities and their friends and families	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians  Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 13TH OCT</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm - 6.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Justice and Peace Meeting - Small Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 14TH OCT</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall Choir Practice - Church RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 15TH OCT</b>	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Signing of Priest's Reference Forms - Secondary Transfer - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 16TH OCT</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 17TH OCT</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Ashes of Anthony Holmes RIP interred in the Garden of Rest	Our Lady Help of Christians  Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 18TH OCT</b>	10.00am - 11.30am 11.30am - 12.15pm	Signing of Priest's Reference Forms - Secondary Transfer - 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 — Health & well being of Dr Jan Justin  
6.00 pm — Colin Lawrence RIP

#### MILL END

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

#### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish  
9.00 am — Caroline & Francis Holly (10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Margaret Murray RIP  
Tue 9.30 am — Fr William Rose RIP  
Thu 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Fri 9.30 am — Anthony Holmes RIP

#### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Canon Peter Phillips RIP  
Wed 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

#### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Cathy Ford RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October — St Edward The Confessor, Patron of the Diocese  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October — St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October — St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October — St Luke, Evangelist

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FIRST COMMUNION - PARENTS' MEETING

Parents with children in First Communion classes of all three parishes are reminded that there is a Parents' Meeting with Fr Shaun at **7.30pm** on Tuesday evening at Our Lady's Hall.

### PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available from this weekend. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

### ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Two copies of the Annual Report and one copy of the Accounts for the Diocese are available at the back of the church for parishioners to review. We would ask that these please be **not** removed from the church. So that all those who wish to review them may do so with ease. Both the Annual Report and the Accounts and the shorter Annual Report are available on the Diocesan website at [www.rcdow.org.uk/publications](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/publications).

### LITEZONE FAMILY ADVENT EVENING

Litezone youth group will be hosting a family advent evening on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at **7.00pm**. Please join us for an evening of mulled wine (Christmas punch for the children!) mince pies, festive nibbles and crafts for all ages, with an opportunity to make Christmas wreaths, advent calendars, Christmas cards and decorations. Activities to suit all the family and yes, that includes our teenagers! We would welcome expression of interest in order to cater for all, please email [katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katiebaichoo@hotmail.co.uk), call/text katie on 07518 352478 or speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark directly. This promises to be an evening full of fun and Christmas festivities, for the WHOLE family, from nanny and granddad to toddler and teen!

### 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. **Please make a note in your diary now.**

### 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.

### FRUGAL LUNCH for WINTER FUEL

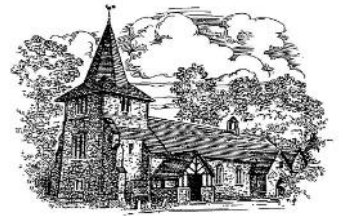
Next Sunday we will be asking as many of you as possible to come for a frugal lunch (homemade soups, bread and cheese) in Our Lady's Church Hall after the 11.00am Mass and offer a cash contribution which will go towards winter fuel costs at the Catholic Workers Farm in Maple Cross. *J & P Group.*

### SECONDARY TRANSFER - SIGNING OF PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORMS

Wed. 15 October 7.30-8.30pm (St John the Evangelist's Hall) & Sat. 18 October 10-11.30am (Our Lady's Presbytery). There is no need to make an appointment, please just come during these times. **Please note:** it is **essential** that the child to whom the application applies attends the meeting.

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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## READERS

The next reader's rota has been emailed to all those whose email address I have. There are also copies available at the back of the church. My email is dbarker47@outlook.com or contact me on 01923710112 - Dee.

## J & P MEETING

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group takes place at **7.30pm** on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** in the Small Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas Luncheon Party in the Church Hall on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Please make a note in your diary. Details will follow.

## ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Cancer & homeless charities

Like Christmas, the Advent Fair comes around so quickly. Anyone wishing to have a stall? We are thinking of a Grand Raffle but for that you need GRAND PRIZES!! Maybe a Holiday home? Anything that sounds Grand? Any offers will be gratefully received. BUT please reply at once as tickets have to be printed and distributed. Send your thoughts to [adventfair@justparkers.co.uk](mailto:adventfair@justparkers.co.uk) or ring Adrian 07503 898689.

## 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.

## 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.

### 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: £728.56; Loose Plate: £432.16; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1659.72**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY