

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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GERRY KOLLER RIP

The funeral of Gerry Koller RIP will take place at **11.00am on Thursday 23rd October**, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

PHOTOS OF THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

Photos of the parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in September can now be seen on the parish website <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth>. Thank you to all the pilgrims who shared their photos. We hope to have an evening in January (with an open invitation to all) to look at more of the photos of the pilgrimage and "re-live" some of the experiences!

MONEY COUNTERS

We are very grateful to our loyal group of money counters who have been giving up their time for many years. It is much appreciated. For various reasons, some of our counters are unable to continue and we have a few vacancies. At present, we count in pairs after the 11.00am mass on Sundays. The commitment is usually 7 to 8 times a year. If you would like to hear more about what is involved or feel you can volunteer, please contact Carol Bartlett on 01923 773841 or at carolbart37@gmail.com. Thank you.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for your generous donations - the amount raised was £750.93.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS

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

ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 30th 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 or ring Adrian 07503 898689.

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, 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: £706.02; Loose Plate: £360.35; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1565.37**

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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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19th OCTOBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Rudyard Kipling, in both the opening and closing stanzas of "The Ballad of East and West," wrote the oft-quoted line that "East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet." Rarely, if ever, however, do people quote what he wrote in subsequent lines: "But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth, When two strongmen stand face to face..." where he implies the separation need not exist. When people look more closely, many (if not most) dichotomies dissolve. In today's gospel Jesus dissolves a dichotomy between what belongs to Caesar and to God.

Three images appear in the gospel: on the face of the Roman coin, the image of Caesar, on the face of Jesus, the image of the "truthful man" committed to God and uninfluenced by flattery; on the faces of the Pharisees and Herodians, the image of malice and hypocrisy. With goodness and truth, Jesus shows that one can act with integrity in both earthly and divine kingdoms.

What image do people see when they look upon our face? When we are guided by God's values and ways, our face bears the image of Jesus and we make visible the kingdom of heaven.

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

Response to Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.

2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 19TH OCT	9.15am - 10.15am 12.00pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Frugal Lunch (Justice & Peace Group) - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 20TH OCT	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall St John the Evangelist Finance Committee Meeting - Presbytery Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 21ST OCT	7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall St John Fisher Finance Committee Meeting RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 22ND OCT			
THU 23RD OCT	11.00am 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral — Gerry Koller RIP Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 24TH OCT	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Ashes of George O'Neill RIP interred in the Garden of Rest	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 25TH OCT	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Jack Dominian RIP
11.00 am — Bill Osgood RIP (Anniv.)
6.00 pm — For the People of the Parish

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
10.30 am — Frank D'Rosario RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Tom Leslie (Ints)
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Deceased members of the Infante Family
Tue 9.30 am — Harry Roberts RIP
Thu 9.30 am — Nancy O'Sullivan RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Adele Cortese RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Private Intention
Wed 9.30 am — Kitty Burke (Ints.)

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Canon Peter Phillips RIP
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

No feast days this week.

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

CONFIRMATION 2015

We are now beginning the process of enrolment for the Confirmation programme for 2015. To be eligible the candidates must now be in **Year 9 or above** and must have been baptised in the Catholic Church. Those young people who wish to be confirmed, and meet these requirements, should write a letter (no emails please) to Fr Shaun setting out why they wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please be sure to include your full name and address. There will then be a meeting in the New Year with Fr Mark and the team of catechists to set out the expectations that we have for those preparing for Confirmation. The classes will take place at Our Lady's Hall. The closing date by which you must have written to Fr Shaun is **Sunday 16th November 2014**. No applications will be considered after this date.

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.

ROOM TO LET?

Would you have a room to let to a married professional couple for about 8 weeks from January 2015? If you think you might be able to help with this please speak to Fr Shaun.

LITEZONE FAMILY ADVENT EVENING

Litezone youth group will be hosting a family advent evening on **Saturday 22nd 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, 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 23rd 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 this will be a real highlight of our day together. **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.

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.