

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

A summary of the recent meeting of the PPC is available on the porch notice board. The summary can also be viewed on the parish website at <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth/pastoral-council/>

COFFEE AND CAKE EVENT AND TRADCRAFT STALL ON 2ND NOVEMBER

Come and enjoy a slice (or two) of homemade cake from parishioners and a cup of tea or coffee after 11.00am Mass. We'll have something for small ones too so everyone very welcome. There will also be a Tradcraft Stall selling a wide range of fairly traded goods with the help of three of its youngest supporters (and a Fairtrade banana or two!). This year marks 20 years of the Fairtrade Mark. Fairtrade benefits 1.4m farmers and workers in more than 70 developing countries. As well as the usual staples, there will be a chance to stock up on some Christmas cards and sample one or two products.

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, 1.00pm to 3.00pm**. If you are interested please telephone or e-mail Susan Ray on 01923 778796, e-mail sandaray17@hotmail.com by Thursday, 13th November so that we may know the numbers. Transport will be provided, if necessary.

ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 30th November in aid of Cancer & homeless charities

Grand Draw prizes still required. We need any offers this week in order to have a chance of this taking place. Still a couple of stalls available, again haste is of the essence.

Tombola Prizes are needed. There will be a box in the church porch for your donations to the Tombola. Any info or offers of help ring Adrian 07503 898689 or email - adventfair@justparkers.co.uk

FRUGAL LUNCH SUCCESS!

The J&P group would like to thank all you lovely people who came along last Sunday - a good time was had by all. Thank you for the generous donations that brought the total to over £440 which was received by the farm with great appreciation. Lastly thank you all those who made soup, bread and helped on the day.

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.

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 carolbart37@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 Goodgole and Eric Selley.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Envelopes: £826.03; Loose Plate: £451.43; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1776.46**

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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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26th OCTOBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

In asking which the greatest commandment is, the Pharisees expected Jesus to tell them what he felt was most essential about the law. Jesus' answer – love of God and neighbour – centres all observance of the law on love. To those who heard him, people whose whole culture and way of life was based on the law, Jesus was saying that every detail of their lives depended on love.

The world has saturated our thoughts about love with human ideology. We are steeped in popular notions absorbed from TV, movies, magazines and books of all kinds. We tend to think of love as emotional, sensual, uncontrollable; we fall in love as if stumbled over in the dark, or wake up to find that love has gone as if it were a coward that has fled at daylight. But we are called to will and do what God wants and are empowered to do this by his love for us. That, and not a feeling inside, is love of God.

Love of God means that we worship him only, not our families, jobs or possessions; loving our neighbours means that we are patient and kind and bear all things. To understand this, we must first ask God to teach us what his love means in our lives. Only if our love is rooted in the love of God will it bear fruit for the salvation of others. The power comes from God – the decision is ours!

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Response to Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 26TH OCT	12.30pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 27TH OCT	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 28TH OCT	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	OLHC Finance Committee Meeting - Presbytery Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 29TH OCT			
THU 30TH OCT	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 31ST OCT	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 1ST NOV	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 — Frazer Bradshaw RIP
6.00 pm — Ann Breen RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
10.30 am — Bridget Tydings RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Sr Consilio (Patricia)
O'Regan RIP
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Marian Malone (Ints.)
Tue 9.30 am — Gerard Koller RIP
Thu 9.30 am — Mary O'Sullivan RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Gerry Koller RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Margaret & P.J. Keating
Wed 9.30 am — Mary O'Sullivan RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Joan McMahon RIP (Anniv.)
Fri 9.30 am — Ron Jackson RIP

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 28th October - SS Simon and Jude, Apostles
Wednesday 29th October - Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

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!

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.

CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUES NOW AVAILABLE!

World Gifts are alternative Christmas gifts that make a difference to someone living in poverty. You can help a child learn to read, give the gift of a goat, cow, or camel, or even help a community build a water supply, and in return CAFOD send you a certificate to give in lieu of a present which illustrates the gift that has been given. Catalogues are available at the back of the church or buy online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk.

ST JOAN OF ARC APPEAL

The Year 12 students are currently developing the Island (which was created as a prayer space by the founding religious order the Daughters of Jesus) into a place of serenity and worship which would be beneficial to the spiritual development of young Catholics at the school. They currently don't have the means necessary to undertake this project, so would be grateful for donations of any unwanted gardening tools (trowels, forks, spades rakes, loppers, secateurs etc.). Please bring your unwanted tools to The Presbytery (5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU). Thank you.