

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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COFFEE AND CAKE!!!!

After the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, coffee, tea and a variety of delicious homemade cakes will be available in the hall. All the cakes have been made specially by parishioners. There will also be a Traidcraft Stall offering a range of fairly traded goods. Please do come and join us!!!

STAGE CLEAROUT

There is a lot of STUFF on the stage which needs to visit the dump. If anyone wants to save anything please ring Adrian on 07503 898689

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

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

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas Luncheon Party in the Church Hall on **Thurs. 27th November, 1-3pm**. If you are interested please telephone or e-mail Susan Ray on 01923 778796, e-mail sandaray17@hotmail.com by 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

A live pianist to add to the morning's excitement!!! Some new stalls. But most of all we need some **TOMBOLA PRIZES**. 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

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.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Charlotte Milner, Darcy Rae, Henry and Sophie Snell who were baptised last Sunday. Please pray for them, that they will grow to be faithful disciples of the Lord in the years ahead, and that their parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

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: £728.20; Loose Plate: £401.02; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1628.22**

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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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - 2ND NOVEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints (transferred from Saturday 1st November). In the Gospel today we hear Jesus speak the Beatitudes. In Matthew's gospel the Beatitudes are delivered on a mountaintop; they outline a high calling indeed. Yet they speak about lowly ones: the meek, the mourning, the merciful, those who long for righteousness and work for peace. So are the Beatitudes lofty or lowly, heavenly or earthly, unattainable or achievable? The answer is, they are both: they wed the idealism of holiness with the practical demands of discipleship.

The Feast of All Saints originated in the Eastern Church as a remembrance of martyrs who faced the ultimate cost of discipleship: they gave their very lives in fidelity to Jesus. Over time the church recognised that holiness of life (being a saint) is lived by ordinary people doing ordinary good things.

The lofty ideals of the Beatitudes are embraced by those who care for a sick child, forgive someone who has made a sharp remark, share with those who have little, listen compassionately to those who are grieving, and exhibit courage in the face of injustice. All of us are called to this same holiness; all of us are called to be saints, by faithfully following Jesus.

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

Response to Psalm: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

2nd Reading: John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 2ND NOV	9.15am - 10.15am 12.00pm 4.00pm - 5.00pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Coffee and Cake and Traidcraft Stall - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with anointing of the sick around 4.40pm)	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 3RD NOV	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
TUE 4TH NOV	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 5TH NOV			
THU 6TH NOV	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 7TH NOV	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 8TH 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 — Mary Robinson RIP
6.00 pm — Liam Smith RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Kathleen Clarke RIP
10.30 am — For the People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
9.00 am — Mary Parker RIP

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Thu 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Fri 9.30 am — Holy Souls

MILL END

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Wed 9.30 am — Holy Souls

CHORLEYWOOD

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Tue 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Fri 9.30 am — Holy Souls

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 3rd November - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tuesday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day will be celebrated on **Monday 3rd November** (as All Saints Day is transferred to the Sunday). Masses for the repose of the Holy Souls on this day will be as follows: **Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth - 9.30am and 8.00pm; St John the Evangelist, Mill End - 9.30am; St John Fisher, Chorleywood - 8.00pm.**

CARDINAL NICHOLS' PASTORAL LETTER ON THE EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

Last weekend Fr Shaun and Fr Mark read out Cardinal Nichols' Pastoral Letter on the Extraordinary Synod on the Family. The full text of the pastoral letter can be downloaded at <http://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/pastoral-letter-on-the-synod-on-the-family/>
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 9th November is Remembrance Sunday. The main service of Remembrance in Rickmansworth will take place at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church of England Church in Rickmansworth, with civic dignitaries and representatives of the local uniformed groups laying wreaths at the war memorial. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. The 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher Chorleywood, the 10.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist, Mill End and the 11.00am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians will all be celebrated as Requiem Masses for those who have lost their lives in war in the cause of justice and freedom. The 11.00am Mass at Our Lady's will begin at **10.55am** so that we can observe the two minutes silence at 11.00am.

GERARD KOLLER RIP

Maureen Koller and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, Mass offerings and support following Gerard's passing and Funeral. We are all very grateful to know that we are being cared for at this sad time

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. 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.

LITEZONE FAMILY ADVENT EVENING - SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM

Litezone youth group will be hosting a family advent evening. 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.