

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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THANK YOU

Huge thanks to everyone who made cakes and helped out with the Coffee and Cake event after the 11.00am Mass last Sunday. It was another fantastic success. There were so many compliments for the bakers. We took £105 in donations, which will be added to the other funds raised at the frugal lunch for The Catholic Worker Farm.

JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group takes place at **7.30pm on Monday 10th November** in the Small Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: NEW ROTA

The next rota will run from December 14th to February 22nd inclusive. Please email awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk or phone 770826 with any unavailable dates by November 24th. Could you also indicate if you are able to help at any of the Christmas Masses. Many thanks. Richard & Angela

OUR LADY'S FLOWER GROUP

The annual meeting of Our Lady's Flower Group will be held on **Tues. 25th November at 7.30pm** in the small hall. We are seeking new members to help with the church flowers, not a demanding job but a very rewarding one. If anyone would like to join us please phone Annie 01923 773568 or join us at the meeting for a glass of wine.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now on sale in the repository.

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

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

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, Noel Jackson and Roshini Alles.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Envelopes: £618.29; Loose Plate: £375.32; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1492.61**

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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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - 9TH NOVEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Overflowing dustbins and increasing numbers of landfill sites indicate that we are a society of great consumers. Modern western society is zealous about having an abundance of possessions, a surplus of food, access to anything we want. The gospel raises an important counter question? Are we willing to be consumed for the sake of our faith and the life of the Church?

In today's Gospel passage, when Jesus overturns the tables of the moneychangers in the Temple, the disciples recall the words of scripture "Zeal for your house will devour me". The Greek phrase for 'devour me' – *katephage me* – can equally be translated 'consume me'. Jesus was willing to be consumed by his zeal for our salvation. He chose to confront those who profaned his Father's house. He chose to offer his body as a living temple, a sign of something new happening. He chose to give his life, and for that was raised to new life on the third day.

Like Jesus, we are consumed by zeal for salvation when we, for example, stand up for justice despite personal cost, empty our hearts to love the seemingly unlovable, pour out our patience pursuing those who swerve from Gospel living. Even while we are being consumed, God's Spirit fills us with life and courage and strength to continue Jesus' work of bringing salvation to others. The question always remains, however: Are we willing to choose this zeal that consumes us?

Entrance Antiphon: I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

Response to Psalm: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 3:9-11. 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Communion Antiphon: Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 9TH NOV	9.15am - 10.15am 12.00pm 2.30pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Baptisms Remembrance Service	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist St Mary's Church (CofE)
MON 10TH NOV	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Justice & Peace Meeting - Small Hall St John Fisher Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
TUE 11TH NOV	10.00am 11.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	St John Fisher Ladies Meeting Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Watford Deanery Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Edith Moid's Flat St Michael's, Garston St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 12TH NOV	7.30pm	St John Fisher Music Group	St John Fisher
THU 13TH NOV	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 14TH NOV	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 15TH NOV	11.30am - 12.15pm 3.00pm	Confessions Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Graham Williams RIP
10.55 am — For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Vinnie Spiteri (Ints)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Julia Rice RIP and Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)
10.30 am — For the People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Mary O'Sullivan RIP
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Tue 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Thu 9.30 am — Tony Westthrop RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Holy Souls

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Wed 9.30 am — Bevan Smith RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

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

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 10th November - St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
Tuesday 11th November - St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wednesday 12th November - St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

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

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING - TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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** at Our Lady's Hall.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

One of the traditional practices of the Church during November is the blessing of graves. Fr Shaun and Fr Mark will be blessing graves as follows:

Saturday 15th November 3.00pm - Garden of Rest - Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Sunday 16th November 2.30pm - Woodcock Hill Cemetery, Rickmansworth

Sunday 23rd November 2.30pm - Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery, Chorleywood

Parishioners who have loved ones buried in these places are warmly invited to come and join us.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The annual Mass for the deceased clergy of the Watford Deanery will take place on **Tues. 11th November at 11.00am** at St Michael's, Garston. All parishioners are warmly invited.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday 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.

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.

DEC Ebola Appeal

If you would like to donate to the work of CAFOD through the DEC you can do so through the website www.cafod.org/Ebola or by phone on 0500 85 88 85. If you would like the funds to be spent specifically by CAFOD please specify this when donating. CAFOD are providing vital hygiene kits and food for quarantined families as well as important education for communities on prevention. many thanks

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 next **Sunday 16th November 2014**. No applications will be considered after this date.

LITEZONE FAMILY ADVENT EVENING - 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.