

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Last Sunday afternoon there was a very poignant and moving service at St Mary's Anglican Church to mark Remembrance Sunday. Although the church was very full, it was somewhat sad to see Our Lady's parish very poorly represented. As the Catholic community here in Rickmansworth, and probably the largest religious denomination in the town, it would be wonderful to see more participation by the Catholic community in these significant ecumenical moments when the different Christian communities gather together. While I fully appreciate the pressures on people's time, it would be my hope and prayer that such future events might see a more significant representation from Our Lady's community. *Fr Shaun*

SUNDAY EVENING FOLK GROUP

I am delighted to announce that Katy Pione has agreed to take up the leadership of the Sunday evening Mass Folk Group. Dave Pione (Katy's father) has been leading the Folk Group for many years and we thank him for all the wonderful work he has done in developing the music at this Mass. Dave isn't going anywhere! Together with Alex Kenny, he will continue to be very much involved in this very important music ministry. We wish Katy every blessing as she begins this new ministry of music leadership. *Fr Shaun*

LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: NEW ROTA (14/12/14 - 22/02/15)

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 ANNUAL MEETING - TUES. 25TH NOVEMBER

The annual meeting of Our Lady's Flower Group will be held 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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS - THURS. 27TH NOVEMBER

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas Luncheon Party in the Church Hall from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. If you are interested please telephone or e-mail Susan Ray on 01923 778796, e-mail sandaray17@hotmail.com by 20th November so that we may know the numbers for catering purposes. Transport provided, if necessary.

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

We still need **Tombola Prizes** - there is a box in the church porch for donations. Any info or offers of help ring Adrian 07503 898689, 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: £764.28; Loose Plate: £391.57; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1654.85**

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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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16TH NOVEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

A piano student who does not practice will not grow into a proficient musician; parents who do not invest time and energy in the formation of their children from birth onward curtail their growth in values and acceptable behaviours; a gardener who does not water plants regularly stunts their growth and can even kill them. Those who choose not to nurture the divine life given to them will bring upon themselves the judgement of losing their very selves.

In today's gospel Jesus' parable directs our attention to the end times and final judgement. Jesus challenges us to choose daily to increase the incalculable riches God has given us. This requires us to choose trust over fear, good over wickedness, disciplined work over laziness. Jesus challenges us to be faithful servants who choose to allow this life to increase, to grow within us. To choose otherwise is to bury our very selves.

What are the riches God has given us? The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, union with Christ in his body, adoption as God's children and heirs of the kingdom. What does it mean to increase these riches? To invest in bringing goodness and love to others, to expend energy making God's presence in the world evident, to reach out to anyone in need. What reward do we receive? Even more of God's life, even a greater bond of unity with Christ and others. We find our very selves.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Response to Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 16TH NOV	9.15am - 10.15am 2.30pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Blessing of Graves	St John the Evangelist Woodcock Hill Cemetery
MON 17TH NOV	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 18TH 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 19TH NOV			
THU 20TH NOV	8.00pm - 9.30pm 5.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall Reception of the Body - Sr Agnes Killeen RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 21ST NOV	10.00am 11.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral - Sr Agnes Killeen RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 22ND NOV	11.30am - 12.15pm 12.30pm 7.00pm	Confessions Baptisms Litezone Family Advent Evening - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Marion Kirby RIP
11.00 am — For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Gerard Koller RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Private Intention
10.30 am — For the People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the Sick and
Housebound of the Parish
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Tue 9.30 am — Mary Robinson RIP (Anniv.)
Thu 9.30 am — Jeanne Lebreton-Brown RIP
(Anniv.)
Fri 9.30 am — Holy Souls

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Wed 9.30 am — Holy Souls

CHORLEYWOOD

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

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Friday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 22nd November - St Cecilia, Virgin & 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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2014

Inside the Newsletter this weekend you will find the Advent and Christmas leaflet giving the times of all the Advent and Christmas Masses and services across the three parishes. Please keep this somewhere handy at home. Also include in a special flyer entitled "Our Advent Journey" giving details of the activities taking place during the holy season of Advent. We hope that many of you will take these opportunities for spiritual preparation for the feast of Christmas.

SISTER AGNES KILLEEN (MOTHER JOHN FISHER) RIP

The body of Sr. Agnes Killeen, Daughters of Jesus, will be received into Our Lady Help of Christians at **5.00pm** on **Thursday 20th November** and her funeral Mass will take place at **11.00am** on **Friday 21st November**, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

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:

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.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) and will be at our church on the morning of **Sunday 6th December** to collect them all. Put your clothing/bedding into sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 3 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (BERRY LANE, RICKMANSWORTH)

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 29th November** from **1.00pm - 4.00pm**. All most welcome - please come along and support our school.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Takes place at **6.30pm** at the Sacred Heart Chapel on Horseferry Road, SW1P 2EF and features the London Oratory School Chamber Choir. It will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Cardinal Hume Centre next door to the church. The suggested "donation" is £15. Tickets can be obtained by ringing 020 7222 1602.

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

The closing date by which you must have written to Fr Shaun is this **Sunday 16th November**. No applications will be considered after this date.

FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets at St John the Evangelist's hall, Mill End every Tuesday to reflect, discuss and debate different aspects of our Catholic faith and life. All are welcome.

CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUES NOW AVAILABLE!

Catalogues are available at the back of the church or buy online worldgifts.cafod.org.uk.