

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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GROWING IN FAITH

Last week we launched *Growing in Faith* in our parish. This is an important campaign for us here at Rickmansworth and for our Diocese. I'm happy to update you and to tell you that that we have already raised more than £124,000 towards our goal of £200,000. This has come from 35 families whose support we greatly appreciate. To ensure we can employ a youth worker in our parish, we hope that many more families and individuals will also join the campaign. We are still waiting for the response of 200 families – so we are encouraged that we will reach our goal.

Volunteers will be contacting you by phone on our behalf over the next few weeks to see if you have any questions. Do welcome them, as they are generously volunteering their time to help us make sure that everyone has had an opportunity to ask questions. We are also available after all Masses. If you have decided to join the campaign, I encourage you to please complete your pledge form after Mass today and place it in the box at the back of the church, or you can hand it to either Fr Mark or me.

By getting involved today, your support will ensure we can support priestly life at all stages, promote Catholic social action and fund our parish project. Our hope is that everyone will consider joining the campaign by Sunday December 7th. **Fr Shaun**

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

Calling all cake bakers - We'd be grateful for donations of homemade cakes to sell at the fair. Please bring your goodies to the hall on the day (30th November) anytime from 8am and before 11am Mass. Many thanks.

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.

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. If anyone would like to join us please phone Annie 01923 773568 or join us at the meeting.

OUR ADVENT COLLECTION FOR THE FOODBANK

We will be collecting groceries for the foodbank during Advent again. There will be the usual Christmas tree at the side of the Lady altar and plastic tubs to receive your donations. Remember the food must keep so no fresh or frozen food and nothing out of date. Last year we were commended on our generosity so let's keep it up. People going to the foodbank have to be referred by an authorised person such as a social worker, GP or parish clergy. They are given food for 3 days and directed towards help to solve their problems.

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: £643.32; Loose Plate: £327.08; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1469.40**

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 23RD NOVEMBER 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

When Pius XI established the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe in 1925 it was against a backdrop of increasing secularism. It was felt that Catholicism was being side-lined and losing its proper place in European society and culture. Pope Benedict XVI echoed this sentiment for our times when he said "It would be a disaster if today's European culture could only conceive freedom as absence of obligation, which would inevitably play into the hands of fanaticism and arbitrariness. Absence of obligation and arbitrariness do not signify freedom, but its destruction." The obligations of freedom or rather the freedom that comes from fulfilment of obligation come under the Kingship of Christ and find their meaning there.

This feast is not as it may have been at certain times a call to combative Christianity and certainly not extremism. This feast is about our call to be confident imitators of our King. He is Ezekiel's shepherd King with all of us in view and a particular eye for the weak and the wounded. He is Paul's victorious King, not triumphalist; his victory is over death through sacrifice not domination. He is the compassionate King of the Gospels who is found among the hungry and the thirsty, the strangers and the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. It is this king we imitate and proclaim, his kingship that brings freedom and peace. As the motto of the founder of this feast reads: 'Christ's peace through Christ's reign.'

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Response to Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 15:20-26. 28:

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 23RD NOV	9.15am - 10.15am 12.30pm 2.30pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Baptisms Blessing of Graves	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery
MON 24TH 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 25TH NOV	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Our Lady's Flower Group Annual Meeting - Hall Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 26TH NOV			
THU 27TH NOV	1.00pm - 3.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Christmas Luncheon Party for Older Parishioners from Our Lady's - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 28TH NOV	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 29TH NOV	10.00am - 12.30pm 11.00am - 12.00pm	St John Fisher Christmas Fair First Reconciliation Service and Confessions (Our Lady's and St John Fisher)	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Powell Family (Ints.)
11.00 am — For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Frank & Mary Leary RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
10.30 am — Regina Noonan RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
9.00 am — Patrik Biel RIP

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Tue 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Thu 9.30 am — Deceased members of Johnson
& Courtney families & Margaret Moore RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Holy Souls

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Holy Souls
Wed 9.30 am — Charles Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

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

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 24th November - St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

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

RECOMMISSIONING OF READERS

At all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of **6th/7th December** (2nd Sunday of Advent) all of our Readers will be re-commissioned in their ministry. All Readers are requested to make a special effort to attend one of the Masses on that weekend.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – PRIEST'S REFERENCE

Fr Shaun and Fr Mark will be available for the signing of priest's references on the following dates: **Tuesday 9th December** (Our Lady's Parish hall) – 4.30pm to 5.30pm; **Monday 15th December** (Our Lady's Parish Hall) – 5.00pm to 6.00pm; **Saturday 3rd January** (Our Lady's Presbytery) – 10.00am to 11.00am. It is essential that you bring with you the child to whom the application applies.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP QUIZ EVENING & BUFFET SUPPER.

We invite you and your friends to join us for this Social Evening on **Saturday 6th December** at **7.30 pm** in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Licensed Bar. Tickets £10.00 inclusive. Quiz Teams comprise tables of 8 people – either bring your own team or you are welcome to take pot-luck. Tickets or further information available from Chris Doran – 776035.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2014

Copies of the Advent and Christmas leaflet giving the times of all the Advent and Christmas Masses and services across the three parishes are available this weekend. Please keep this somewhere handy at home.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES - SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM

Fr Shaun will be blessing graves at **Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery, Chorleywood**. Parishioners who have loved ones buried in here are warmly invited.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks time to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Please collect your unwanted clothes and put them in sacks, then on the morning of **Sunday 7th December** bring them with you when you come to Mass. Not only will you be getting rid of un-needed clothes/bedding but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity. Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 12 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £12.20 per child per year!

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

Our Christmas Fair will take place next **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 phone 0500 85 88 85. If you would like the funds to be spent specifically by CAFOD please specify. Many thanks.

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.