

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday, 18th January, is Peace Sunday and we pray in particular for the work of Pax Christi in sharing a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Pax Christi envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to support their work. These can be placed in the collection baskets this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Edith Helm and Jesse Joseph who were baptised here last weekend. 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.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND GROW GROUP

Do you have young babies / children and would like to meet up with other mums who are parishioners at any of our three parishes? Why not join our small, friendly group which meets on a Monday morning from around 10 to 11.30/45 in the church hall at Our Lady's. We have plenty of toys for the babies and toddlers to play with and there is always tea, coffee and cake for the parents! For more information, please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 / 07980 600549 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com).

CRECHE AT SUNDAY 11AM MASS

As you may be aware, there is a crèche in the large hall for pre-school children and toddlers which runs for the first part of the 11am Mass (we rejoin the congregation at the Offertory along with the Children's Liturgy). We could do with more volunteers as some of our helpers have moved away or their children are now at school. The more volunteers we have, the less frequently we all need to help! If you would like to join our friendly team (and meet parents of other young children in the parish), please contact Helen Nolan (01923 499523 or helenvnolan@ntlworld.com). You would need to have a DBS (formerly CRB) check before you can start.

ST JOHN'S PRE SCHOOL NURSERY, BERRY LANE, RICKMANSWORTH

We are located between St John The Evangelist, Mill End and St John's School and have been established for over 25 years with experienced qualified staff and an Ofsted rating of Good/outstanding. We can take children from the age of 2 years up to Reception. We are pleased to advise parents we have limited number of places available at the present and are also taking details of children who wish to start in September 2015. Should you be interested or wish to arrange a visit please contact the Nursery on Telephone 01923 721140 or e-mail info@stjohnsnursery.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maureen Digges, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, 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, Roshini Alles and Maureen Douglas.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Envelopes: £521.26; Loose Plate: £966.60; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1986.86**

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18TH JANUARY 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

What kind of people immediately attract us? Energetic? Intellectuals? Humorous? Honest? Trustworthy? Self-possessed? Humble? Wealthy? Powerful? What happens to our attraction as we get to know a person at a deeper level? Sometimes the attraction fades. At other times the attraction develops into an enduring bond. The two disciples in the gospel were so attracted to Jesus that they immediately followed him. What did they see in Jesus?

When John the Baptist points out Jesus to his two disciples, they call Jesus "Rabbi". They see in Jesus knowledge, wisdom, authority. What they did not yet see is that Jesus is the "Lamb of God" who would sacrifice his own life for our salvation. Nor did they yet see that this sacrifice would also be asked of them as his followers.

Our own journey of discipleship is a process of coming to know Jesus more fully, being more attracted to him, following him more faithfully even when the cost is great. What might that cost look like? We might have to walk away from the coffee machine at work to avoid gossip. We might lose friends when we speak up for justice. We might be shunned by a social group when we live out our gospel values. In all these ways we unite ourselves more fully with the total self-giving of Jesus and grow in faithful discipleship.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Response to Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 18TH JAN	8.45am - 9.30am	First Holy Communion Class	St John Fisher
	9.15am - 10.15am 3.30pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	St John the Evangelist
	7.15pm	Confirmation Information Meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 19TH JAN	10.00am - 11.45am	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
	5.30pm 8.00pm	First Holy Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 20TH JAN	7.30pm	Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist
	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 21ST JAN			
THU 22ND JAN	11.00am	Funeral - William Goulding RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 23RD JAN	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 24TH JAN	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Peter Carroll RIP
11.00 am — For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Patrick John Doherty RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
10.30 am — Alan Moss RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish
9.00 am — For World Peace

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Sisters Veronica, Laurie and Agnes RIP
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thu 9.30 am — John Carson RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Mary Robinson RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Patrick Linnane RIP
Wed 9.30 am — Joe O'Connor (Ints.)

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Private Intention
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 21st January - St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Saturday 24th January - St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

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 INFORMATION MEETING - OUR LADY'S HALL

A reminder that there will be an information meeting for confirmation candidates and their parents on **Sunday 18th January at 7.15pm.**

WILLIAM GOULDING RIP

The funeral of William Goulding will take place at **11.00am** on **Thursday 22nd January** at Our Lady's. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Faith Matters Discussion Group will be meeting this Tuesday (20th January) at 7.30pm in the parish hall at St John's, Mill End. Between now and the beginning of Lent, the discussion group will focus on different aspects of prayer - this week we will focus on the Communion of Saints. Everyone is warmly invited to come along. This is a great opportunity to share experiences of faith and prayer with parishioners from across the three parishes.

PROCLAIM '15: NEW NATIONAL INITIATIVE IN 2015

'Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes' is the name of a new national Bishop's Conference initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. There will be a series of meetings across the Diocese and parish priests have been asked to invite parishioners engaged in Evangelisation to meet with the Bishop and Agency for Evangelisation to introduce to them the Parish Materials. The nearest venues for our parishes are:

Monday 26th January 7.30pm – 9.00pm St Alban & St Stephen, 14-16 Beaconsfield Rd, St Albans, AL1 3RB

Tuesday 3rd February 7.30pm – 9.00pm Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster, SW1P 1QN

This meeting may be of particular interest to RCIA catechists, Catechists, Welcomers, Children's Liturgy leaders, Parish Pastoral Council members or others engaged in or interested in evangelisation. If you would like to attend one of these meetings please register my emailing livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or by calling or leaving a message on **020 7931 6078**. When registering please provide **your name, parish name** and your **phone number** or **email address**. Once you have registered please let Fr Shaun know so that he can make a note of all those attending from the three parishes.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year it is our turn to host the ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for local Christian communities in Rickmansworth and Mill End. The service will be held at **St John the Evangelist, Mill End at 3.30pm this Sunday 18th January**. It is an important opportunity for us to worship together and to pray for the unity of all Christians. We hope to see you there.

WHAT IS LIFE LIKE IN MYANMAR / BURMA?

Mark Chamberlain from CAFOD will be speaking to the Watford Amnesty Group at **8pm** on **Monday 26 January** at St Mary's Church, High Street, Watford, WD18 OEG. Mark has recently returned from visiting communities and development projects in Myanmar, also known as Burma, in areas of the country where Cyclone Nargis hit in 2008 and this would be a great opportunity to get a personal view of life in Myanmar.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 3.00pm.

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun or Fr Mark the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).