

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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GIFT AID

We recently received the sum of £14,378.84 from HM Revenue and Customs for the Gift Aid on the 2013/14 offertory collections and standing orders for Our Lady Help of Christians. Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please contact Michelle Meens, our Gift Aid Co-ordinator at Michelle@meenswagen.co.uk, or speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark. We will then be able to provide you with a Gift Aid form and, if necessary, planned giving envelopes, if you are not already using them. It is also possible to set up a standing order, if you prefer.

Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2014/15 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax. We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

GROWING IN FAITH AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

As you know, our plan is to use the funds we retain through *Growing in Faith* to fund a Youth Worker in the parish. Plans are currently being made to ensure we can undertake this project with confidence in the months ahead. We look forward to keeping you updated as our plans develop. Please continue to pray for our priests, our parishes and those in need around us.

A parish update on *Growing in Faith* cash received to date and pledges made is posted on the Notice Board in the porch.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS

We will be laying on coffee and treats after the 8.30am mass on the first Sunday of the month starting **Sunday 1st February**. Please do come along for a cuppa, a chat and to meet new parishioners! If you would like to help one month, please contact Louise at louise.leahy@btinternet.com. Look forward to seeing you.

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.

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: £532.96; Loose Plate: £431.29; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1463.25**

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25TH JANUARY 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

The theme of repentance runs through the readings this Sunday. We see how the prophet Jonah preached repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh, and met with an immediate and whole-hearted response. And Jesus began his public mission with the call: 'Repent and believe the Good News.' Unfortunately, he didn't meet with the same kind of response.

Many find the idea of repentance a disturbing one. To repent means to change one's outlook on life, and to adjust one's actions accordingly. It means a change of heart and a change of life, perhaps even a complete reversal of life. As such it is bound to be painful. That is why people are slow to embrace it, and just want to be left alone.

But repentance is basically something positive. While it does mean admitting that all is not well with oneself, it also offers the opportunity to discover something wonderful about oneself, namely, that we have potentialities which we didn't know we had. It means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction, setting oneself more worthwhile goals, living by better values. In a word, it means new life.

Unlike regret, repentance opens the way to rebirth. Understood like this, repentance is exciting, and always leads to joy. It means that we have heard the Good News and embraced it.

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Response to Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 25TH JAN	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 26TH JAN	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 27TH JAN	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall Confirmation Class - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 28TH JAN			
THU 29TH JAN	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 30TH JAN	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Pre Lent Social (Quiz night with Fish & Chips)	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
SAT 31ST JAN	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — June & John Batchelor (Ints.)
11.00 am — Mervyn Mascarenhas RIP
6.00 pm — For the People of the Parish

MILL END

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

CHORLEYWOOD

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Private Intention
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thu 9.30 am — For World Peace
Fri 9.30 am — Private Intention

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Joe Furey & Family (Ints.)
Wed 9.30 am — Mary Furey & Family (Ints.)

CHORLEYWOOD

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

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 26th January - SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday 28th January - SS Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
Saturday 31st January - St John Bosco, Priest

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

1ST COMMUNION – PARENTS' MEETING

The next meeting of 1st Communion parents with Fr Shaun is on **Tuesday 3rd February** at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall.

FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Faith Matters Discussion Group will be meeting this Tuesday (27th 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 Divine Office. 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.

FOOD BANK

For the last year and a half the Food Bank has been able to offer free haircuts to clients, this was a very appreciated service (twice a month). However we have lost one of our hairdressers, due to a job situation, and our other hairdresser currently has other commitments. We would really like to continue to offer this service and ideally have a Christian as the conversation occurring during the haircut can be very encouraging and supportive. If anyone is interested please contact Iris on 07716856892 or email info@rickmansworth.foodbank.org.uk.

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.

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).