

## 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](mailto: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.

### LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive. Please email [awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 770826 by February 9<sup>th</sup> with any unavailable dates. Thank you. Richard and Angela

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Martha Campbell and Henry Whitehead 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.

### 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 this **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:louise.leahy@btinternet.com). Look forward to seeing you.

### 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: £630.40; Loose Plate: £588.69; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1718.09**

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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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Jesus displays his authority in two ways in this Sunday's Gospel. Firstly, he speaks with authority to the people of Capernaum in the synagogue, giving them teaching which, we're told, makes a deep impression on them. Immediately afterwards, Jesus is confronted by a man possessed by an unclean spirit. Jesus displays his authority for a second time through his exorcism of the man. With the simple words 'Come out of him!', the unclean spirit is cast out. This in contrast to the lengthy incantations used in exorcisms by Jesus' contemporaries. These two displays of authority leave the people astonished and in wonder.

Through these events we see how word and deed go together. Without the deed of the exorcism to reinforce the words spoken by Jesus, perhaps the people would have regarded Jesus as merely a great preacher and a charismatic orator. In our own witness to the Gospel, some people are blessed by God with being articulate, of being able to explain the faith well and being inspirational in what they say. However, if we are to be as effective as we can be in our witness to Jesus, our words also need to be backed up by our deeds. When people see the holiness we carry within us as we follow Jesus, our witness becomes so much more effective.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deut. 18:15-20

**Response to Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 1ST FEB</b>	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 9.30am 4.00pm - 5.00pm	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with anointing of the sick around 4.40pm)	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians  Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 2ND FEB</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 3RD FEB</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall 1st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 4TH FEB</b>	8.00pm	OLHC Finance Committee Meeting - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 5TH FEB</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 6TH FEB</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 7TH FEB</b>	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.)  
11.00 am — For the People of the Parish  
6.00 pm — Jonathan Pione RIP

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Michael Ferry & Family (Ints.)

##### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Richard Ashcroft RIP  
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Leslie Kennedy (Ints.)  
Tue 9.30 am — Michael Hollywed RIP  
Thu 9.30 am — Eve Brown RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — Frank Rice RIP (Anniv.)

##### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Tony & Ann Clark RIP (Anniv.)  
Wed 9.30 am — Bill McManamon RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Stanislav Mecner RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

#### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - SS Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - St Paul Miki 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

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION – PARENTS' MEETING

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

#### NEXT CONFIRMATION SESSION

A reminder that there IS a meeting for the confirmation candidates this week but it is on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, as stated on the initial letter sent out to candidates. As usual, it is at 7.30pm in Our Lady's hall.

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

A reminder for couples who have already seen Fr. Mark or Fr. Shaun regarding the baptism of a child that the next baptism preparation session is on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 2.00pm in Our Lady's hall.

#### JONATHAN PIONE RIP

On behalf of all the Pione family, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the very many parishioners whose ardent prayers, deep sympathy and constant support helped sustain us following the tragic loss of our beloved son, Jonathan. The many thoughtful cards and notes, kind words, masses and hugs have meant a great deal to us and made us proud to be part of such a caring and loving community. Heartfelt thanks, Dave & Jessie

#### KATHLEEN MORRIS RIP

The funeral of Kathleen Morris will take place at **11.00am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** at Our Lady's. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

#### FAITH MATTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Faith Matters Discussion Group will be meeting this Tuesday 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 Mercy Chaplet. 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](mailto: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 venue for our parishes is:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 7.30-9pm - Vaughan House, 46 Francis St., 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 this meeting please register by emailing [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.