

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN – OUR PARISH LIFE OF PRAYER

One of the areas identified by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at its first meeting as a 'growing edge' for development was the prayer life of our parish community. At our recent PPC meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, I set out some proposals as to how we might enrich and develop the communal prayer life of the parish. I suggested the following:

- That we introduce a Saturday morning Mass at Our Lady's to take place each week at 10.00am
- That the Saturday morning Mass be followed by a Holy Hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. During the Holy Hour Fr Mark or I would be available for the individual celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This would replace the current times at Our Lady's for the individual celebration of this sacrament. The Holy Hour would also replace the Sunday afternoon Holy Hour, currently celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.
- That we introduce the public celebration of Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) before the weekday Masses (excluding Wednesday and Saturdays) to begin at 9.10am. This would be led by parishioners. After the 9.30am Mass on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** Fr Mark will be giving some simple guidance on how to lead Morning Prayer for any parishioners who would like to form a little rota of people willing to do so.

The Pastoral Council was unanimously in favour of these suggested developments and so I propose to introduce them from the beginning of Lent this year. We will begin Morning Prayer before the weekday Masses on **Ash Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> February)** and the Saturday morning Mass and Holy Hour will begin on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. I encourage all parishioners, as far as they are able, to make the most of these new opportunities for prayer. We hope to have a summary of the main matters discussed at the Pastoral Council available for parishioners shortly.

*Fr Shaun*

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

I'm pleased to announce that Alison Foster is joining Dave Pione as part of our parish safeguarding team. Dave has asked Alison to help conduct an internal audit over the next few weeks involving all parish groups serving young people or vulnerable adults. Could I ask the cooperation of all group leaders in contacting Alison ([afoster@vyners.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto:afoster@vyners.hillingdon.sch.uk) or 07870594966) to arrange a meeting within the next two weeks? Alison will want to obtain a list of all parish volunteers involved in such activities as crèche, home communion visits, children's liturgy, altar servers, youth groups, etc. Thanks for your cooperation.

*Fr Shaun*

### 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: £535.05; Loose Plate: £391.27; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1425.32**

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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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

"Everybody is looking for you." For whom do people look today? Most often, the latest sports hero, pop or movie star, supermodel. Yet most often these people's personal lives leave little to admire. The challenge is to redirect for whom and for what we look.

Today's gospel gives us clear direction. We look for Jesus whose way of living and relating is totally in accord with what he preached by word and action. He approached Simon's mother-in-law, grasped her hand, and helped her up; he cured the sick, drove out demons, prayed, and went out to bring Good News to all people. Jesus did none of this to draw attention to himself, but instead to draw attention to God's work of salvation.

God's work of salvation is the Good News. We ourselves become Good News when we look for Jesus in the goodness of others, during prayer, in choosing good over evil. We ourselves become Good News when we speak words of comfort to those who are suffering or grieving, encourage those in difficulties, take a stance for Gospel values. When, like Jesus, we make preaching the Good News through words and actions the purpose and pattern of our lives, others will say, "Everybody is looking for you."

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Job 7:1-4. 6-7

**Response to Psalm:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 8TH FEB</b>	8.45am - 9.30am 9.15am - 10.15am 10.00am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion Class First Holy Communion Class - Hall Coffee and Tea after 9.00am Mass Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 9TH FEB</b>	10.00am - 11.45am 5.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Holy Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice St John Fisher Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher
<b>TUE 10TH FEB</b>	11.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral - Kathleen Morris RIP Faith Matters Discussion Group - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 11TH FEB</b>			
<b>THU 12TH FEB</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 13TH FEB</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 14TH FEB</b>	11.30am - 12.15pm	Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — For the People of the Parish  
11.00 am — Mary Robinson RIP  
6.00 pm — Jonathan Pione RIP

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — For the People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Mary D'Souza RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Sarah Daly RIP  
9.00 am — For the People of the Parish

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Joe Ward (Ints.)  
Tue 9.30 am — Edith Raidt & Ajay Gutka (Ints.)  
Thu 9.30 am — Giulio & Angiolina Broccardi RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — Michael James Denning RIP

##### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Bennie Cronin  
Wed 9.30 am — Mary Anne Kelly (Ints.)

##### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Fri 9.30 am — Stephen Birch (Ints.)

#### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - St Scholastica, Virgin  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February - SS Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

#### 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

#### REVIEW OF MASS TIMES

Last weekend we read out a letter from Bishop John Sherrington concerning the promised review of the new schedule of Mass times. Copies of the letter are available this weekend, if you haven't already seen a copy. Bishop John encourages each of you to write to the Chair of your respective Pastoral Council with your views, thoughts and comments about how the new Mass schedule is working out in practice. On the reverse of the Bishop's letter are details of the various ways in which you might choose to make your thoughts known to the Chair. The Bishop sets out in his letter how the process of review will proceed from there. The Bishop's letter and the ways to contact the Chair of the Pastoral Council are also available on the three parish websites (details on the top of the front page of this Newsletter) under the *Review of Mass Times* tab.

Fr Shaun

#### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2015

We will soon be beginning our observance of the solemn season of Lent. Inside the newsletter this weekend is a leaflet giving the details of all the Lenten activities taking place across the three parishes during Lent this year. Please do, wherever possible, take up these opportunities to share in the great traditional Lenten activities of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

#### GROWING IN FAITH – DIOCESAN UPDATE

Following the completion of the *Growing in Faith* campaign, the Diocese has produced a stewardship newsletter to keep parishioners updated on how the *Growing in Faith* funds are being used and how, in the words of Cardinal Nichols, "Your efforts, prayers and generosity have made *Growing in Faith* a huge success for our parishes and our diocese." Copies of the *Growing in Faith* stewardship newsletter are available at the back of church/ in the porch/lobby this weekend. We encourage you to take a copy home so that you can read more about how *Growing in Faith* is helping to support our priests, our parishes and our outreach to those in need.

#### 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.

#### KATHLEEN MORRIS RIP

The funeral of Kathleen Morris will take place at 11.00am this Tuesday 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 *Lectio Divina*. 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.

#### LENT @ THE NILAND CENTRE (Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, WD23 4EE)

Refreshments provided at all events. Details at <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programme-of-events/> or 020 8950 4000.

**Why Climate Change Really Matters** - with CAFOD Sat. 21 February, 10am-4pm. Reflections in the light of the General Election.

**Ashes to Fire** - looking at the Sunday readings of Lent with Sr Anne Walsh OP. Wednesdays from 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12noon.

#### VALENTINE'S DANCE ON SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 6.30PM

Wealdstone Social Club, Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX. Tickets: £10 (adults); £7 (under18). [www.jillianhaslam.com/valentine](http://www.jillianhaslam.com/valentine). Contact edithcassel@hotmail.co.uk (tel: 0208 4294344); chelsie@champagnecelebrations.biz (tel: 07932 419592). Raffle tickets will be on sale. The proceeds from this dance will be donated to a homeless charity in the U.K.