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ALL SAINTS - 1st NOVEMBER 2015 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Since the fourth century various Eastern Churches have commemorated a feast of all martyrs. By the sixth century this commemoration was celebrated at Rome. In 844, Pope Gregory IV established this date for all the Roman Church. Joined to the day was the commemoration of the dedication of the Pantheon as the church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

'Who are these people, all dressed in white? And where have they come from?' (Rv 7:13). The question demands an answer if All Saints is not to be a mere daydream unrelated to the reality of our lives. We are these people celebrating what we ourselves are in process of becoming. The solemnity of All Saints is the feast of the possible saint which each of us bears within. There are several mistaken ideas about the saints who have preceded us. The first error is to imagine them only in their final state, a halo around their heads above some altar. In reality the saints are in our midst, even if "what we shall later be has not yet come to light." (1 Jn 3:2). They belong first of all to the earth, to that pilgrim people coming from the great trial of this life and climbing, in uninterrupted procession, toward the final city. Often we also run the risk of considering the saints as superhuman, escaping the common lot of mortals by their miracles and their exceptional strength of soul. There again, if we look closely, we see that their faults of character were not always overcome. The saints remained subject to their passions but placed them at the service of their holiness. For holiness itself is passion converted. Saint Bernard liked to describe the Church between the two comings of the Lord as 'ante et retro oculata.' That is, we are looking back toward the ideal of the beatitudes, and forward toward that huge crowd of the Book of Revelation whom we must soon join.

Entrance Antiphon:	Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
1st Reading:	Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14
Response to Psalm:	Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
2nd Reading:	John 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12
Communion Antiphon:	Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28; **Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £584.66; Loose Plate: £403.01; Standing Orders: £499.00 **Total: £1486.67**

Mill End: Envelopes: £204.75; Loose Plate: £172.47; Standing Orders: £93.75 **Total: £470.97**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of September amounted to **£2162.43**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 1ST NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 9.30am	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Coffee and Tea after 8.30am Mass - Hall	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 2ND NOVEMBER	10.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Running Club - meet outside Our Lady's Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 3RD NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 4TH NOVEMBER			
THU 5TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 6TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 7TH NOVEMBER	10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions November Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Quiz Social Evening	Our Lady Help of Christians Woodcock Hill Cemetery St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	10am Private Intention	6pm (Vigil) John Linnane RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Fr Albert Ripberger RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Angela Maccini RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP
MONDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	8.00pm Holy Souls
TUESDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER <i>ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP</i>		9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
SATURDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER	10am Julia Rice RIP (Anniv.) & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) John Linnane RIP	6pm (Vigil) Ron Jackson RIP
SUNDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER <i>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE DAY)</i>	8.30am Graham Williams RIP (Anniv.) 11am Johnny Jacobs RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Maureen Digges, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Roshini Alles, Maureen Douglas, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Valerie Foster, Heather Kean and Olive Kiener.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Clare Schofield; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Seamus Fagan and Betty Page.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Rita Garrett, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Tony and Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Jacob Stern, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane and Susan Maynard.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ADVENT PROGRAMME 2015

This Advent we will be following Bishop Robert Barron's six part DVD series *Priest, Prophet, King*. Through this series we will have the opportunity discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. *Priest, Prophet, King* will be offered as both an afternoon and an evening programme beginning on **Tuesday 17th November** (we begin before Advent so as to be able complete the six episodes before Christmas) at **2.00pm and at 7.30pm** in **St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Mill End**. On the first three Wednesdays of Advent (2nd, 9th and 16th December) at **7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall**, there will be a series of *Thought-Provoking Films for Advent* (more details later in the month).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – 8TH NOVEMBER

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service takes place at St Mary's, Rickmansworth next Sunday at **2.30pm** (preceded by a procession of the uniformed organisations departing from Our Lady's car park at 2.00pm). Fr Shaun will be the preacher this year. We hope that many parishioners will attend this important annual act of remembrance.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

During the month of November Fr Shaun and Fr Mark will be blessing graves as follows:

Woodcock Hill Cemetery – Saturday 7th November at 2.00pm

Garden of Rest, Our Lady Help of Christians – Saturday 14th November at 12 noon

Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery – Saturday 21st November at 10.30am

Chorleywood Old Cemetery – Saturday 21st November at 2.00pm

Any parishioners with loved ones buried in these places are warmly invited to be present for these blessings.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION - 31ST OCTOBER / 1ST NOVEMBER

This weekend's collection is for the annual Sick and Retired Priests Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. The Fund ensures elderly and infirm priests are not alone in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Please be generous. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

GROWING IN FAITH – PARISH BULLETINS

The latest parish bulletins for *Growing In Faith*, which show details of pledges made and cash received so far, are now on display on the respective noticeboards of the three parishes.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those of you who would like to consider becoming a member you would be most welcome to come along to a meeting on Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm, at St John the Evangelist, Mill End.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Two copies of the Annual Report and one copy of the Accounts for the Diocese are available at the back of the church for parishioners to review. We would ask that these please be **not** removed from the church, so that all those who wish to review them may do so with ease. Both the Annual Report and the Accounts and the shorter Annual Report are available on the Diocesan website at www.rcdow.org.uk/publications.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED!!

Fr Shaun has appointed Eileen O'Sullivan as the Parish Youth Worker. Eileen lives relatively locally and attended St Joan of Arc school. Eileen will be joining us on 23rd November and we look forward to welcoming her and supporting her as she develops a programme of activities for the young people of our parishes.

CONFIRMATION 2016

We are now beginning the process of enrolment for the Confirmation programme for 2016. To be eligible the candidates must now be in **Year 9 or above** and must have been baptised in the Catholic Church. Those young people who wish to be confirmed, and meet these requirements, should write a letter (no emails please) to Fr Shaun setting out why they wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please be sure to include your full name and address. There will then be a meeting in the New Year with Fr Mark and the team of catechists to set out the expectations that we have for those preparing for Confirmation. The classes will take place at Our Lady's Hall. The closing date by which you must have written to Fr Shaun is this **Sunday 1st November 2015**. No applications will be considered after this date.

NOVEMBER DEAD

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed. Remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. At the back of the church there are some sheets on which you can write the names of departed loved ones and friends. These can then be placed inside one of the brown envelopes provided (with any offering you wish to make) and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box at the back of the church. During the month of November each weekday Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

WINE TASTING - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AT OUR LADY'S HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM.

What will you be drinking this Christmas??? Come to The Really Fine Wine Co WINE TASTING on **Friday 13th November** from **7.30pm** for a chance to taste and buy about 40 wines many on Christmas discount. We will serve some very scrummy cheese with French bread. The cost for this is just £8.00 per person. We have a customer base in the Eastcote area so this could be a busy event at Our Lady's Hall. Tell your friends all are welcome! Tickets are available via email from Adrian@reallyfinewine.co.uk or phone 07503 898689.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St John's Catholic Primary are holding two open days for parents interested in a place in our Reception class starting in September 2016 (children born between 01/09/2011 and 31/08/2012) - **Thursday 12th November at 9.30am** and **Wednesday 18th November at 2.00pm**. For further information call 01923 774004 or admin@st.johns705.herts.sch.uk. If you are unable to make either of these dates then private appointments are also welcome.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS (1ST NOVEMBER)

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass this Sunday.

1ST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2015/16

Parents are reminded that the first children's session will be this **Monday 2nd November at 5.30pm.**

QUIZ EVENING - SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

Quiz Social Evening open to all at **7.30pm** in our Lady's Hall to raise money towards the new Pipe Organ. A fish and chip supper and some jolly easy questions should make for a fun night out. If that is not enough a bar will raise your spirits.

Come along and join a table. Tickets £12.50 each and available this weekend after all Masses or phone Adrian on 773609.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY MISSIONARY GROUP

A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit us on Sunday 15th November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be much appreciated.

SUMMARY OF PARISH PASTORAL (PPC) COUNCIL MEETING

A summary of the Minutes of the PPC meeting held on 28th September 2015 is now available on the Pastoral Council tab of the parish website. A few 'hard' copies are also available at the back of the church for those without access to the internet.

ADVENT FAIR - SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 9AM - 1PM

Please keep tombola and raffle donations coming, boxes are in the porch. Invite your friends and family to enjoy brunch, foodie stalls and make a start on your Christmas shopping. Face painting and a sweet cart are on offer for little ones. Any questions contact laura.sharp@live.co.uk

NEW PIPE ORGAN

Skrabl will be building and tuning our new organ on-site between 3rd and 13th November. If all goes to plan we hope to have the solemn blessing of the new organ at the beginning of the **11.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd November.** Special envelopes are available at the back of the church for any parishioners who might wish to make an individual donation towards the cost of the new organ. If you are a UK Tax Payer, please consider filling in the Gift Aid information, as this will add a further 25p for every £1 that you give, at no extra cost to you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS - THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

The Parish would like to invite you to a Christmas lunch. Please keep the date free - details to follow.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

GROWING IN FAITH – FIRST PARISH PROJECT FUNDING RECEIVED

At the end of September we received the sum of £5,903 as the first payment of our Parish Project funding from the *Growing in Faith* campaign. This money will be used in part-payment for the work on the new sanctuary floor. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to support the Diocese and the parish by making contributions to the *Growing in Faith* campaign.

200 CLUB DRAW (SEPTEMBER)

Congratulations to the following winners: Rita Coleman (£25), Joan Smith (£20) and Sean Fagan (£15).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the Christmas Fair is on **Sunday 13 December** and the children's Christmas party is on **Sunday 20 December.** Both are immediately after the 10.30am Mass. The party is open to all children of primary school age and younger.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

NEW MASS DUTY ROTAS - WELCOMERS, READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Please pick up your copy from the lobby. Grateful thanks to everyone who helps with the celebration of the Mass by undertaking any of these duties. *Fr Shaun and Maureen*

CHRISTMAS FAIR 28TH NOVEMBER, 10AM - 12.30PM

HELP, PLEASE!! Urgently needed: a person or couple to run the Tombola Stall and others to take the entrance money at the door. Also any goods for Rosemary's new CHRISTMAS STALL as well as the usual suspects: bottles; cakes; gifts, house plants; gifts; books' toys; jewellery; accessories; new toiletries and cosmetics. Also please do not forget any special articles for our Silent Auction section. If you can offer to help or have any queries please contact Juliet Hale, 283602, Jenny McEwen, 284402 or Mary Latimer, 284975. Thank you.

LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERS

Please remember to take the laundry each week from the basket on the table in the lobby. Many thanks.

MONTHLY COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

We would like to introduce a monthly opportunity for coffee and a chat after the 6.00pm Mass. This would be a great occasion for parishioners to have some time to talk with the parish clergy and with one another. We would be grateful for any volunteers who might be willing to form a little rota of people who would be willing to take on responsibility for this. If you might be willing to help, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

	This week 31 October / 1 November				Next week 7 / 8 November			
	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters	Welcomer	Reader	Communion	Counters
6pm Vigil	M Foggo	E O'Sullivan	P Goble	Francis Holly Peter Mackie	A Dennis	A Roberts	E Harris	Una Lean Patsy Tyden
9am Mass	A Opie	P Byrne	E Price		J Hale	K Cottingham	L Turnbull	
31 October	Laundry: S Treanor		6 November		Church Cleaning: J McEwen			