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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR A) - 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### ‘GO, THEREFORE, MAKE DISCIPLES...’

Inside the Newsletter this weekend you will find a letter from me to all parishioners. I have entitled the letter ‘*Go, therefore, make disciples...*’ words from the Great Commission that Jesus gave to his disciples at the end of his earthly mission.

My letter sets out a vision of how we might rediscover, in the life of our three parish communities, this central calling that Christ makes to all his followers: that we become communities which are constantly inviting people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This weekend and next, in our homilies, Fr Damian and I will begin to share with you this passion and vision that we share for seeing these parishes become places where making “missionary disciples” is at the heart of everything we do. This is the dream and vision of Pope Francis and we, as your priests, invite you to join us in making it a living reality here in these parishes.

I encourage you to take the letter home with you, reflect on its message and pray about it in this coming week. Please don’t worry about needing to leave it behind for parishioners attending later Masses; we will make sure that there are enough copies for everyone.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As those baptised in his name, we are called to share in the mission of offering the opportunity of a personal encounter with him to anyone and everyone who is open to it.

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

**Response to Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### *Next Sunday’s Readings*

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8;; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £454.02; Loose Plate: £297.87; Standing Orders: £722.62 **Total: £1474.51**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £334.00; Loose Plate: £237.33; Standing Orders: £197.00 **Total: £768.33**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2623.31**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Special Gift? Top-Up Offering? For Rickmansworth text: **Parish RICKM** to 70800; For Chorleywood text **Parish CHORL** to 70800; for Mill End text **Parish MILLE** to 70800. It’s easy! To make a £5 Donation. Thank You!

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	8.45am 9.15am 11.30am 12.45pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am for 10.15am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lets Get Together and Grow - Hall Quiet Space 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents Meeting - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	10.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SVP Meeting - Upper Room First Communion Class - Hall Saints (school year 7-9) - Hall RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm	Choir Practice Mill End PPC Meeting - Presbytery	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Funeral Service - Kevin Keane RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER</b>	10.00am - 12.30pm 10.30am - 11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm 5.30pm	Christmas Fair Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Fire Warden Training Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Souls	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Jacqueline & Lucien Burdin RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Special Intention
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Peggy Carroll RIP <b>11am</b> Nicholas Jubber (Ints.) <b>6pm</b> Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Neal Perry RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER		<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls	
<b>THURS 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> <i>ST ANDREW, APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> Mike O'Sullivan RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER	<b>10.00am</b> Canon Louis Thomas RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Margaret De Menezes RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> Mary Higgins RIP <b>6pm</b> Denzil D'Cruze RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Pete Corrigan RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townsend and Mike Townsend.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Audrey and Paddy Lewin

**St John Fisher:** Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson and Helen Forrest.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2017

The leaflet giving the times and locations of Advent Lectio Divina, Advent Reconciliation and Christmas Masses across the three parishes is now available. Please take a copy home with you this weekend.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING - MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Parents are reminded that there will be a meeting with Fr Shaun at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall.

### CONFIRMATION LETTER

If you wrote to Fr Shaun last month about confirmation but have not received a letter from us, please contact the parish office.

### KEVIN KEANE RIP

The funeral of Kevin Keane will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am followed by burial at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** are now available (£1 per booklet).

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual Review and the Annual Report and 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/publications).

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2018

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Nursery and Reception 2018 on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 5.30pm to 6.30pm** and **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 5.00pm to 6.00pm**. These sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment or to bring with you the child for whom you are applying for a place; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you. ***Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card.*** If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY/RECEPTION 2019

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception place in a Catholic School for **September 2019** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or Fr Damian after Mass this weekend. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains **very important** information regarding what is required of you in order for us to be able to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your family.

### CATHOLIC WORKER FARM - CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our SVP group will be making up gifts for the refugee ladies currently living at The CWF and Mary House. Items can be placed in the CWF boxes in the church porches. We are asking for: jewellery, gloves and scarves (new or in good condition please). Shower gels, body butter, lotions and hand soaps. We had a very generous response in previous years and we are optimistic that it will be the same this time. Thankyou very much. SVP.

### SVP CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Do you know anyone who is on their own this Christmas? The SVP are hosting a Christmas Day Lunch at St John's RC Primary School. Doors open at 11.30am and a traditional Christmas dinner will be served at 1pm. The suggested donation is £5 and it will be a day of festive fun and laughter. To find out more information, or to book your place, please ring Geraldine or Emily Page on 01923 776100. We can offer lifts within Rickmansworth and the surrounding areas.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party is on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** after the 10.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist. Children from all Parishes are welcome to attend but we do ask that parents stay with their child(ren) at the party or nominate another adult to keep an eye on them and that your child knows who that adult is. The only donation requested is a plate of food. If you would like to come please email your interest to: [liztownsend\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk). Liz will email you back the plate of food we want you to bring. If you attend Mass at St John the Evangelist please sign up on the list in the porch as usual.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (BERRY LANE, RICKMANSWORTH)

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 1pm - 4pm. All most welcome. Please come along and support our school.

### SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 2pm

All are invited to the St Joan of Arc School, Community Christmas Lunch Party. Includes buffet lunch with Christmas entertainment. Please RSVP to 01923 773 881 or [jmiller@joa.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jmiller@joa.herts.sch.uk)

### PLEASE TAKE HOME A CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE AFTER MASS

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD World Gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who don't *need* anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water, and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue after Mass.

### SLEEPING BAG APPEAL ON BEHALF OF BARBARA JOHNSON

As the temperature, especially at night, continues to drop, we want to be able to meet the very real need for warm bedding for those who will be sleeping rough or struggling with the cold this winter. We need sleeping bags that are designed to withstand extreme temperatures (down to -10c). If anyone feels able to help please contact Anna on 07805 121379 or Malcolm on 07926 193877.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### Advent Fair, NEXT WEEKEND! Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9am – 1pm

This is the last weekend to leave tombola and raffle donations in the porch. We still need more prizes so please contact Angela, Caroline or Laura to arrange a drop off/collection if you still have bottles or unwanted gifts available. Please consider baking something delicious for the popular cake stall, cakes can be dropped off on the morning of the fair or Saturday afternoon 12-3pm. Do you know a skilled face painter that's available and willing to donate their time next weekend? If so please put us in touch. **Please help us spread the word and invite your family and friends!** We have lots of excellent stalls confirmed, see the flyer and posters at the back of the church for more details. All profits for the wonderful HPCC charity (group 183) which takes disabled children on holiday. Contact Angela 07971 587848, Caroline or Laura 07939 224664 / [laura.sharp@live.co.uk](mailto:laura.sharp@live.co.uk) with any questions or if you are available to help.

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT OUR LADY'S

The next Sunday Brunch will take place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** in the hall after the 11.00am Mass. We will be serving vegetable soup with a roll and bacon rolls. Tea and coffee will also be available. All proceeds will go to the Catholic Worker Farm. Please do come along and join us.

### THE AFTERPARTY

Hot chocolate in the hall after 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. And a ping pong table. Everyone is welcome, especially families.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now on sale in the repository.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The next meeting of the Mill End PPC has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. If any parishioners have any ideas or suggestions that they would like to be discussed please contact the Chair at [millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk). Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. If you are interested in helping with the fair, setting up, running a stall, clearing away or simply have something to donate please email Liz Townsend [liztownsend\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:liztownsend_uk@yahoo.co.uk)

### CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for Donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates and Homemade cakes to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola's; all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (10<sup>th</sup> December).

### CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale in the porch after Saturday evening Mass and both before and after Sunday Morning Mass. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 and other exciting prizes. Don't forget to get your tickets!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT & CHURCH ART CALENDARS** are now available in the repository.

**BURNS NIGHT** - this event has been postponed until January 2019.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am - 12.30pm

Thank you so much for all you have done so far, we are now on the final lap! The kitchen is beginning to look like Aladdin's cave. If you can, please come on Sunday from 10am to move the furniture and bring in the tables and books etc. Bring in all your extra gifts and cakes next Friday from 10am to 5pm. Open all day. Come along at 12.30pm to remove the goods and furniture and restore our Church back to itself again. Please also remember that the Silent Auction and raffle are now up and running. **MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL: BRING ALL YOUR LOVED ONES TO ENJOY AND MAKE A GREAT SUCCESS OF OUR FAIR WHICH AIMS TO SUPPORT SOME OF OUR POOREST NEIGHBOURS.** Any queries or extra access phone Mary Latimer 284975. Thanks again.

**WEEKDAY MASS** - please note there will be no weekday Masses at St John Fisher this week.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available in the lounge

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
25/26 Nov.	M Fields	S Hoy	E O'Sullivan	A Opie	M Golin	F Holly	Marguerite & Carolyn	S Tarrant
2/3 Dec.	J Ingham	E Page	D Gibney	J Hale	C Holly	L Turnbull	Ann & Kate	A McReynolds

### Saints (school year 7-9)

*Games, food & reflection*

Special guest this week! Rebekah from Westminster Youth Ministry will visit Saints. Come and ask her all about her passion for embarrassing dancing in public. **Tuesday 28 November, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall.**



### B-Attitude (school year 9-13)

*Put your faith into action*

**B-Attitude meet Monday 4 December @ Our Lady's parish hall** (it's in the upper room, up the staircase) **from 5 pm to 6 pm.** Next meeting we'll talk about personality and understanding. If you are interested in visiting the care home or packing presents you're so welcome to join us!

### YOUTH MASS and social Friday 8

**December @ Euston.** Come along and cheer for Fr Mark, our diocesan youth chaplain! Please let us know if you will be joining us: [ankevos@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ankevos@rcdow.org.uk).

Thank you for a fun **pub social**, possibly the craziest one yet... All young adults (age 18-35ish) are invited to join us **17 December, 7.15 pm—9 pm** at the Coach & Horses in Ricky for more craziness.