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AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY

1st Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Response to Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel:

John 1:1-18

Communion Antiphon:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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!

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) 25TH DECEMBER 2016

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

One of the joys of the Christmas season is to go around our neighbourhoods looking at the colourful Christmas lights which illuminate people's homes and gardens. What would Christmas be without lights? What would Christmas be without *the* Light?

The mystery we celebrate during this season is that this Light come into the world is the very Son of God who chooses to dwell within and among us. Imagine: *God* has come to us – personally, in the flesh, like us in all things except sin. Now we are to be that Light, we are to be that Presence. As Christmas lights on trees multiply and bring light to every corner, so are we to shine brightly with the Light in every corner of our life and world. And when this season is over and the lights are packed away for another year, we are to continue to shine forth in our daily living the mystery of God's love, of God's salvation. We are not packed away! God's gift of Light is not given for a season, but for all time and eternity. Such a gift of Light we have and are!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The offerings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are your personal gift to your priests. The Christmas and Easter offerings, together with the stole fees and Mass stipends form the personal income paid by the parishes to Fr Shaun and Fr Mark. These monies are paid into the respective three parishes' accounts and are then paid to the priests as a monthly salary or stipend. If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please use the one marked Christmas Offering. If you do not use Planned Giving, there are loose Christmas Offering envelopes available at the back of church. Those of you who make your offering to the parish by standing order might also wish to use the Christmas Offering envelopes for your Christmas offering to the clergy of the parish. Thank you.

THANK YOU

The Parish Team would like to thank parishioners for their cards, gifts and good wishes this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.

NEWSLETTER

There will be no Newsletter next weekend.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHUMBRIA AND HOLY ISLAND – 30TH MAY TO 4TH JUNE 2017

There will be a 6 day parish pilgrimage to visit the places associated with the early saints of northern England (St Aidan, St Cuthbert and St Bede) in May 2017. Itineraries and booking forms are available in the three parishes and can also be downloaded from the parish websites.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – OUR LADY'S, RICKMANSWORTH AND ST JOHN'S, MILL END

Our Lady's parishioners who have any suggestions/ideas that they would like to be discussed at the next Our Lady's PPC meeting (**9th January**) should submit them to the Secretary at rickmansworthppcsec@rcdow.org.uk as soon as possible. Mill End parishioners who have any suggestions/ideas that they would like to be discussed at the next St John the Evangelist PPC meeting (**11th January**) should submit them to the Chair at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk as soon as possible.

<p>Year 7-8</p> <p>Tuesday 10 & 24 January 6 – 7.30 pm St John the Evangelist, Mill End – Parish Hall</p>	<p>Youth</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming you for some games, food, reflection and prayer!</p> <p>(£1.50 per evening)</p>	<p>Year 9-11</p> <p>Thursday 12 & 26 January 6 – 8 pm Our Lady's, Rickmansworth Parish Hall</p>	<p>Young Adults</p> <p>Pub Social</p> <p>All young adults (i.e. age 18-35ish!) are warmly invited to meet up at the Coach and Horses in Rickmansworth at 7.15 pm (after the 6pm Mass) on Sunday 8th January for a drink and a chat.</p>
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From the Parish Diaries

MON 26TH DECEMBER & MON 2ND JANUARY		NO choir practice	St John the Evangelist
SUN 8TH JANUARY	7.15pm	Young Adults Pub Social	Coach and Horses

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 24 TH DECEMBER <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	NO MORNING MASS 6pm For the People of the Parish 11.30pm For the People of the Parish	5.30pm For the People of the Parish 10.30pm For the People of the Parish	8pm For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 25 TH DECEMBER <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Special Intention NO EVENING MASS	10.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	9am Marylyn Lisbo RIP
MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER <i>ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR</i>	10am Deceased Members of the Guild of St. Stephen at Our Lady's		
TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER <i>ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST</i>		10am For the People of the Parish	
WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER <i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</i>	10am J.J. (Jack) Crossan RIP (Anniv.)		
THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER <i>ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	10am John Halter RIP		
FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</i>			10am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER <i>7TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</i>	10am Dessree Addison (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Gallagher Family (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Patrick Dowling RIP
SUNDAY 1 ST JANUARY <i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Tony Sargent RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Seamus Fagan RIP	9am Suzie Maguire RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 2ND JANUARY <i>SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS</i>	10am Kenny D'Cruz RIP (Anniv.)	10am Reg Viner RIP	
TUESDAY 3 RD JANUARY	9.30am For the people of Syria		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 4 TH JANUARY		9.30am Grace Manansala (Ints.)	
THURSDAY 5 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		
FRIDAY 6 TH JANUARY	9.30am For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life		9.30am For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
SATURDAY 7 TH JANUARY	10.00am Stephen Birch RIP	6pm (Vigil) Ryan Family RIP	6pm (Vigil) Kenneth Messer RIP
SUNDAY 8 TH JANUARY <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am Xenia Murray RIP (Anniv.) 11am Michael Jubber RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Joe Hornsby RIP (Anniv.)	9am Denis & Josephine Holly RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Elsie Alexander, Ruary Chisholm, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, Jeannine Simonds, John Caneparo, Josie Westhrop, Eric Selley, Henry Cutting and Noel Jackson.

St John the Evangelist: Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Joyce Baldwin, Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, Joe Donnelly, John Connor, Mary Hornsby and Mary Harris

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, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Thomas Gillies, Kitty Finucane, Susan Maynard, Don Williamson and Aidan O'Mahony.