

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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rites signing and sending forth and rite of election

This Sunday at the 8.30 Mass, Kanat Ayyildiz, Chris Prytherch and Samatha Benson will take part in the Rite of Signing and Sending forth. Then in the afternoon they will attend the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, with Fr Shaun and their catechists, where they will be welcomed by Cardinal Nichols and be presented to the Bishops of the Diocese. These RCIA rites are the formal beginning of the period of Purification and their journey to full membership of the Church at Easter. Please pray for all of them at this important stage of their faith journey

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group in the Small Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 10th March. Any interested parishioner is welcome.

6th RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Spring Jumble Sale & Nearly New - Sat. 15th March at 10.30am at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church. **Book Sale & Quality Bric-A-Brac - Mon. 17th & Tues. 18th March from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm** at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church. Any suitable items can be left at the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church at the usual meeting times or collection can be arranged by telephoning – 246169 / 776035. Parents and Supporters are reminded that help is needed to run these events.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT / TRAIDCRAFT STALL/COFFEE & CAKE

This weekend is the end of Fairtrade Fortnight, an annual event which this year has marked the launch of a campaign to Make Bananas Fair. Did you know that over the past 10 years, the typical price of a banana in the UK has halved, while the cost of their production has doubled? If you think this is unfair, sign the petition at www.stickwithfoncho.co.uk If you'd like to know more about Fairtrade locally, you can find the Three Rivers Fairtrade Group on Facebook or ask Helen Nolan (helenvnolan@ntlworld.com or 01923 499523). As we are a Fairtrade parish there will be a Traidcraft stall next Sunday (16th) after 11am Mass and we would be very grateful for your support. In addition we will also have coffee/tea & cake in the church hall after mass. Everyone is welcome, it would be lovely to get a good crowd in to the church hall for coffee and cake.

LENTEN REFLECTION - THURSDAY 13TH MARCH AT 7.00 PM

St Joan of Arc Catholic School are hosting an evening of Lenten reflection led by Jenny Baker. She is a contributor to the widely used CaFE resources and a key coordinator of the Celebrate Conferences and weekends. Attendance is FREE but please RSVP at admin@joa.herts.sch.uk or by calling 01923 773 881 so that we can prepare a suitable venue and refreshments for the evening.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Madeleine McGrory, Maureen Digges, Gerry Koller, Elsie Alexander, Vinny Spiteri, Ruary Chisholm, Jonathan Pione, Bessie Collins and her daughter Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, John Byrne, John Overend, Monica Clatworthy, Peter Czarniecki, Tony Infante, Brenda Reynolds, Brian Hunt, Maureen Giles, Olive Cordery, Sheelah Spence, George O'Neill, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diane Price and Joan Marioni.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1757.90
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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 9TH MARCH 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Elite fighting groups in the armed services undergo intense physical, mental and emotional training to prepare for dealing with situations of extreme danger. Lent is our personal "training period" to build up strength to withstand the dangers of temptation. Everywhere we are confronted by what tempts us to turn from God and supported by the grace that keeps us close to God. In face of temptation, we have the model of Jesus himself who knows the struggle and gives us the strength to choose rightly: not self but God.

We all know people who are self-centred and put their own needs and desires first. They are not people we choose to be around because they tend to be selfish, demanding, thoughtless, hypercritical, and insensitive toward others. They likewise tend to be lonely and unhappy. Equally, we all know people who consistently choose the good of others, even when tempted to do otherwise by such things as fatigue, being short of time, a demanding work schedule. For all of us, temptation always presents a choice. At all times but especially during Lent we hone our strength to choose God and others before self.

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7

Response to Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 9TH MAR	9.00am - 9.50am 10.30am 12.30pm	1st Communion Class - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass Baptisms	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 10TH MAR	10.15am - 11.45am 12.00pm 5.45pm - 6.30pm 7.30pm - 8.30pm 7.30pm 8.15pm 8.30pm	'Let's Get Together & Grow' – Hall Funeral Mass of John Burke RIP 1st Communion Class – Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Justice & Peace Group Meeting - Small Hall AGM Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
TUE 11TH MAR	8.00pm - 9.30pm	RCIA - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 12TH MAR	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Catholicism Course - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 13TH MAR	8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Choir Practice Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 14TH MAR	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
SAT 15TH MAR	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm 7.30 pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions Quiz Night - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

6.30 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
8.30 am — Agnus Maguire RIP
10.30 am — Deceased members of the Infante Family
6.30 pm — Josephine Smith (Ints.)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — P.J. Conway
10.00 am — John & Mary Gibson RIP
6.00 pm — People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Private Intention
Tue 9.30 am — Stephen Birch (Ints.)
Thu 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am — Mary Robinson RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Jennifer Plaice RIP
Mon 12.00 pm — Funeral Mass - John Burke RIP
Wed 9.30 am — John Burke RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Private Intention
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

No Feast Days this week.

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

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Last weekend Bishop John Sherrington wrote to announce that, following the consultation period, Cardinal Nichols has now endorsed the new Mass schedule for the three parishes. Copies of Bishop John's letter are available at the back of church. The new Mass schedule will come into effect on the Second Sunday of Lent, 15th/16th March and will be as follows:

Rickmansworth	Mill End	Chorleywood
	6.00pm (Vigil) (Said Mass)	6.00pm (Vigil) (usually with hymns)
8.30am (Said Mass)	10.30am (Sung Mass with Choir & Children's Liturgy)	9.00am (Sung Mass with Choir)
11.00am (Sung Mass with Choir & Children's Liturgy)		
6.00pm (Sung Mass with Folk Group)		

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 10th March – Holy Hour – St John the Evangelist, Mill End – 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 12th March – Catholicism Series – Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Friday 14th March – Stations of the Cross – St John Fisher, Chorleywood - 8.00pm

Copies of the *Our Lenten Journey* leaflet with full details on all our Lenten activities are available at the back of church.

LENTEN ALMS

The Diocesan charities that we are supporting with Lenten Alms are: **Aid to the Church in Need** – providing relief especially for the people of Syria and the **Bakhita Fund with Caritas Westminster** supporting victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. One of the money boxes in the church is dedicated Lenten Alms for your almsgiving during Lent.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – 14th MARCH 2014

CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day! Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.

1st COMMUNION PARENTS – MEETINGS WITH FR SHAUN

Parents are reminded that their next meeting with Fr Shaun is on **Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm** in Our Lady's Hall. The third meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday 29th April**, has been **moved to Tuesday 6th May**.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING - OUR LADY'S HALL

A reminder that there will be an information meeting on **Sunday 16th March at 7.30 pm**.

QUIZ NIGHT AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - SAT. 15TH MARCH 2014

Tickets are available for a Quiz Night organised by Our Lady's Social Committee. 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Teams of 8 people - so start planning now. This event is open to all the parishes. Tickets are £12.50 and include a fish and chip supper.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI (15TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2014)

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Itineraries and booking forms are available. Please book soon to secure your place as we will soon be opening the pilgrimage up to other local parishes.