

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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LENTEN TALKS 2014 - MARRIAGE

Dr Jack Dominion, an Our Lady's parishioner, will be giving a Lenten talk on Marriage at 7.30 pm on 19th March at the MSC Centre attached to SS Alban & Stephen Church, Beaconsfield, St Albans, AL1 3RB. All are welcome.

WELCOMERS AT SUNDAY 6.00 PM MASS

We are looking for some volunteers to join our team of Welcomers at the Sunday 6.00pm Mass. If you would be interested in playing a part in the crucial parish ministry of welcome please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark or contact Martin Brady at martin.brady@mustangeng.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes for 2014/15 will be available for collection next Sunday from the foyer in the hall.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT / TRAIDCRAFT STALL/COFFEE & CAKE

There will be a TRAIDCRAFT STALL and TEA/COFFEE/CAKE after 11.00am MASS this Sunday (16th March). Please drop in to the church hall to show your support. Despite producing 70% of the world's food, over half of the world's hungriest people are smallholder farmers. Fairtrade seeks to transform the lives of poor producers in the developing world by enabling them to use their skills and resources to trade their way out of poverty. We are a Fairtrade parish so please come and support the stall.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Isabella Gomes and Grace Sharp who were baptised last Sunday. Please pray for them, that they will grow to be faithful disciples of the Lord in the years ahead, and that their parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

RICKY WEEK – BOUTIQUE FAIR 16TH MAY 2014

It's time to start planning this year's Boutique Fair. This fund raiser is a way our family of parishes can contribute to bringing our community together during Ricky Week. All proceeds go to the Rickmansworth Society. It takes a lot of organisation so I would love to hear from anyone willing to help me this year. No experience is necessary. Help is needed for the organisation of the event, during the fair itself, from baking cakes, tombola donations, taking a stall, selling tea/coffee, making phone calls, or ideas for fund raising. Please call Angela O'Donovan on 07971 587848, email aodonovan@ntlworld.com. All help gratefully received.

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: £ 1770.62
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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 16TH MARCH 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Coming to see another in a new light takes effort, listening, willingness to change ourselves. Often seeing the other in a new light results from a fresh and surprising encounter. Peter, James and John certainly had a fresh and surprising encounter with Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration. But changing themselves took growth and time. Coming down the mountain left them with much listening still to do.

The glory of Jesus in the transfiguration foreshadows the glory to be given to all who remain faithful to him. God offers this glory: it is for us, however, to do the ongoing work of listening to Jesus, of living lives pleasing to him, of being open to his Presence. The mountain is steep; the climb is ours to choose; the vision at the top is divine.

We listen to Jesus when we are open to the suggestions of others for changing our behaviour, when we take time to listen to God in prayer, when we allow ourselves to be strengthened by the support and encouragement of others. We are pleasing to Jesus when we live as he did. We experience Jesus' presence in the goodness and kindness of others, in the community gathered for liturgy and prayer, in our reflective moments with those we love. Can we see him beckoning us in his glory? Yes!

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Response to Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 16TH MAR	7.30pm	Confirmation Information Meeting - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 17TH MAR	10.15am - 11.45am 5.45pm - 6.30pm 7.30pm - 8.30pm 8.00pm	'Let's Get Together & Grow' – Hall 1st Communion Class – Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 18TH MAR	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	1st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall RCIA - Presbytery	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 19TH MAR	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Catholicism Course - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 20TH 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 21ST MAR	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SAT 22ND MAR	10.00am 10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm	Day of Recollection Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions	Niland Centre, Bushey Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Bernie Waine RIP
11.00 am — John McGuinness RIP
6.00 pm — People of the Parish

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.30 am — Malcolm Borthwick RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.00 am — Fr Geoffrey Webb RIP

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — For the People of Ireland
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thu 9.30 am — Sr Margaret Devine (Ints.)
Fri 9.30 am — Private Intention

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Johnny Burke RIP
Wed 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — For vocations to the Priesthood
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 17th March — St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
Wednesday 19th March — St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese

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

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

The new Mass schedule will come into effect this weekend 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)		

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION – 22ND MARCH

Nearly 70 Readers and Ministers from across the three parishes have signed up for the Day of Recollection next Saturday. The following parishioners have kindly agreed to coordinate departures from the three parishes:

Our Lady Help of Christians - Deirdre Barker
St John the Evangelist - Geraldine Page
St John Fisher - Eddie O'Sullivan

Car parking space is somewhat limited at the Niland Centre, so we encourage you to leave unnecessary cars at the three parishes and share lifts wherever possible. We plan to depart from each parish at 9.30am. Please also remember to bring some finger food for our **shared lunch** together.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Monday 17th March – Holy Hour – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 19th March – Catholicism Series – Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Friday 21st March – Stations of the Cross – St John the Evangelist, Mill End - 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

Last Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day and this weekend we will have a retiring collection after all the Masses to support the work of CAFOD amongst the poorest and most destitute people in our world. If you did not receive a CAFOD Fast Day envelope last weekend, there are still some available at the back of church.

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**.