

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF FEET

There is a list in the porch for anyone willing to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please do sign up.

#### JOHN BYRNE RIP

The funeral of John Byrne RIP will take place here at **11.00am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. We offer our deepest condolences to John's family at this sad and difficult time for them.

#### RESTORATION OF THE PRAYER GARDEN AT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last weekend's special collection for the restoration of the Prayer Garden at St John's School. A total of £510.86 was collected, which together with the £204.01 collected at St John the Evangelist makes a total of £714.87. A number of people mentioned that they would like to contribute this weekend. If you would like to make a contribution please pass it to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

#### ALTAR SERVERS – HOLY WEEK

Altar Servers wishing to serve during Holy Week are asked to sign up on the list in the sacristy for whichever days they wish to serve at. Due to the complexity of these celebrations it is important that all Altar Servers serving on these days attend the appropriate rehearsal on the day:

**Holy Thursday – Rehearsal at 10.30am** – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm

**Good Friday – Rehearsal at 10.40am** – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday – Rehearsal at 10.00am** – The Easter Vigil at 8.30pm

#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please could anyone who hasn't collected their envelopes pick them up from the Sacristy after the Sunday Masses. If you are interested in starting Planned Giving, please contact Liz Purtil on [lizpurtil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizpurtil@yahoo.co.uk) or 01923 897957.

#### WELCOMERS AT SUNDAY 6.00PM MASS

We are looking for some volunteers to join our team of Welcomers. 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](mailto:martin.brady@mustangeng.com)

#### PARISH MUSIC

It is with much sadness that we announce that Peter and Julia Adlard have decided to step down at the end of Holy Week from their leadership of the 11.00am (formerly 10.30am) Choir. Peter and Julia have given nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the choir and their enthusiasm and hard work have resulted in a choir of which the parish is rightly proud. We thank them for their dedicated and generous service to the parish community and wish them much happiness in their future endeavours. Their departure means that we need to look for an accomplished musician who can play the organ and direct the choir. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in taking on this role please do speak to Fr Shaun, Fr Mark or Peter or Julia Adlard.

#### 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 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: £ 1613.96  
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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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014 CONNECTING THE READINGS

In the first reading Ezekiel describes God's desire to untie Israel from the grave of their captivity and lead them back to the freedom of their land where they can renew their covenantal relationship with God. In the Gospel Jesus commands the bystanders concerning the raised Lazarus to "unbind him, let him go free." Psalm 129 is an individual lament arising from some unnamed anguish so profound that the psalmist feels buried in the bowels of the earth. There is a sense that the underlying cause of the anguish is sin. If God were to tally our sins we would never rise from the pit. But because God does not tally sin but forgives it, the psalmist has hope. God's kindness is greater than Israel's iniquities; redemption is assured. We only have to wait.

And what do we wait for? The redemption is not only about our souls but of our bodies, promised metaphorically in the first reading, foreseen in the future by St Paul in the second, and experienced here-and-now in the gospel when Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb. The closer Jesus moves to his own death in Jerusalem the more clearly he reveals his power over death. The closer we move to Jesus, the more we rise from the pit. In him the mercy of God is made flesh and our redemption is made real.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Response to Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 6TH APR</b>		<i>Please note there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's today.</i>	
<b>MON 7TH APR</b>	7.30pm - 8.30pm 8.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 8TH APR</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Confirmation Group - Reconciliation Service RCIA - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 9TH APR</b>	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Catholicism Course - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 10TH APR</b>	11.00am 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Funeral - John Byrne RIP Lenten Reconciliation Service Choir Practice Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 11TH APR</b>	10.00am 8.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SAT 12TH APR</b>	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm 12.30pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — People of the Parish  
11.00 am — Celia Roberts (Ints.)  
6.00 pm — Shirley Doran RIP

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Mrs E. Page (Ints.)

##### CHORLEYWOOD

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

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Tue 9.30 am — Eric Considine RIP (1st Anniv.) and Nancy Kelly RIP  
Thu 9.30 am — Peg Kehoe RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — Mary Robinson RIP

##### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Wed 9.30 am — Stephen Birch (Ints.)

##### 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

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LEAFLET

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter leaflet, giving the times of all the Masses and liturgies over Holy Week and Easter are inside the Newsletter this weekend. Please be sure to take one home with you.

#### NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR WESTMINSTER

Pope Francis has appointed Mgr. Nicholas Hudson as the new Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Mgr Hudson is currently Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon and previously served as the Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. Mgr. Nicholas Hudson's episcopal ordination will take place at Westminster Cathedral at 11.00am on 4 June 2014.

#### DEACON ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC ACCEPTED FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful news that Deacon Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec (a Rickmansworth parishioner) has been accepted for ordination to the priesthood and will be ordained as a priest at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014**. Andrew will then celebrate his First Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at the **6.00pm** Mass on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014**. We offer our warmest congratulations to Andrew and assure him of our continuing prayers as he prepares for his ordination.

#### EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offerings at the Easter 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 *Easter Offering*. If you do not use Planned Giving, there are loose *Easter Offering* envelopes available at the back of church. If you know that you are going to be away for Easter you might wish to put your Easter Offering envelope into the collection either this weekend or next. Thank you.

#### WHAT TO DO ABOUT PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES WHEN ATTENDING MASS AT ONE OF THE OTHER PARISHES

You can still use your existing Planned Giving envelopes should you choose to attend Mass, either frequently or occasionally, in one of the other two parishes. All such envelopes will be returned unopened to the parish from which they originated and will be counted in the collection for that parish.

#### THREE PARISHES BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be having a Barn Dance in the hall of St Joan of Arc School. This will be a Three Parish event, and we hope for a good turnout from the three parish communities. We would like to put together a special planning committee for this event with volunteers from each of the parishes who would be willing to help plan and organise it. Please give your name (and ideally your email address) to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark if you would like to be involved in the planning and organising of this important event.

#### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at Our Lady Help of Christians – 7.30pm. Visiting priests will be available.

In the local parishes the times of Reconciliation Services are:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Rood, Watford – 10.30am**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – St Helen's, North Watford – 8.00pm**

#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI (15<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)

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.