

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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RCIA

At the Easter Vigil next Saturday, Kanat Ayyildiz will receive the Sacrament of Baptism and with Samantha Benson and Christopher Prytherch will be Confirmed and they will join us in the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them and their sponsors at this important stage of their faith journey.

ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

For those who would like to attend the ordination at Westminster Cathedral on the 28th of June and would be interested in travelling up by coach, please put your name and telephone number on the list at the back of church by the end of April. This is in order that we can gauge numbers for the coach

READER ROTAS

Please will any reader who has not received an email regarding the next rota collect a copy from the back of the Church. Any issues please contact Dee Barker on 01923 710112 or dbarker47@outlook.com. Thank you.

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.

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 Purtill on lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk or 01923 897957.

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: £ 1521.09
CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION: £ 853.87
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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 13TH APRIL 2014 CONNECTING THE READINGS

The Church's selection of the third Suffering Servant song in Isaiah as the first reading today poignantly underscores Jesus' conscious and active choice to remain faithful to his saving mission no matter what the cost "*I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me*". The more something costs, the greater the demand on our resources and personal commitment. The cost of our salvation was Jesus' very life; he did not shy away from the demands or the cost or personal commitment.

At the Last Supper Jesus warns the disciples that their faith would be shaken, but the disciples deny that this will ever happen. Nonetheless faith is greatly threatened when there is a great cost, and we instinctively protect ourselves: the disciples flee; the Jewish leaders are adamant about destroying Jesus. Jesus alone remains unshaken in his faith: in the garden he says yes to his Father's will, he is silent before his accusers' false accusations, he willingly gives up his spirit on the cross, Instead of protecting himself, Jesus embraces the cost of suffering and death – the great sign of his own faithfulness. An even greater sign is yet to come in his glorious Resurrection.

This Palm Sunday we are invited to reflect on who Jesus is and how well we confess to knowing him in our daily living. We must embrace the death of daily self-giving if we, too, are to pass through death to new Life.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Response to Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 13TH APR			
MON 14TH APR	7.30pm - 8.30pm 8.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Choir Practice	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist
TUE 15TH APR	12 noon 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Chrism Mass RCIA (Rehearsal for Easter Vigil)	Westminster Cathedral Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 16TH APR	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Catholicism Course - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 17TH APR	4.00pm 8.00pm	Music Group Mass of the Lord's Supper	St John Fisher All Three Parishes
FRI 18TH APR	10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 3.00pm 8.00pm	Stations of the Cross for Children Stations of the Cross for Children Ecumenical Walk of Witness for Good Friday The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Crossroads in Chorleywood All Three Parishes Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 19TH APR	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm 6.00pm 8.30pm 8.30pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions Easter Vigil Easter Vigil Easter Vigil	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Stanislaus Stephen RIP
11.00 am — Charlotte Louis RIP (1st Anniv.)
6.00 pm — People of the Parish

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.45 am — Frank Page RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Tue 9.30 am — Private Intention
Thu 8.00 pm — People of the Parish

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Wed 9.30 am — Cyril Borthwick RIP
Thu 8.00 pm — People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thu 8.00 pm — People of the Parish

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 available at the back of the church. 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 28th June 2014**. Andrew will then celebrate his First Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at the **6.00pm** Mass on **Sunday 29th 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 this weekend. Thank you.

THREE PARISHES BARN DANCE - SATURDAY 5TH JULY

On Saturday 5th 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI (15TH - 20TH 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.

THE ENGLISH AND WELSH BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION (www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) will be launched on Friday 9th May, 10.30am – 3pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1EP. Any grandparents wishing to represent their parish at the launch should please contact Edmund Adamus edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk 020 7798 9363 as soon as possible as space is limited.

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY - SUNDAY 18TH MAY

Our parishes have been invited to send representatives as part of the annual CAFOD family-friendly sponsored bike ride. This will take place in the beautiful Lee Valley Country Park in North London / Hertfordshire on Sunday 18th May. Please contact CAFOD for a registration form for either a 10 or 19 Mile Ride by phoning 0208 449 6970 email: westminster@cafod.org.uk or see our web page: cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk