

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray in a special way this weekend for Angelina Paz-King, Emma Treen, Carlita Rahaman, Nathan Williams and David Santos, who will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.00am Mass today.

ORDINATION GIFT FOR REVEREND ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC

On **Saturday 28th June** one of our parishioners, Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral. At the 6.00pm Mass here at Our Lady's on **Sunday 29th June**, the then Fr. Andrew will celebrate his First Mass. We would like to make a presentation from the parish community to him on that occasion and so at the back of the church this weekend you will find an envelope which you are invited to use if you would like to make a contribution to that gift. The envelope can either be put into the collection basket at Mass this weekend or over the coming few weeks or alternatively it can be posted through the presbytery letterbox. Please make cheques payable to *Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth*.

REPOSITORY - Ordination cards now on sale in the repository.

ALTAR SERVERS

If any servers are available for the Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington on **Monday 2nd June** at **7.30pm** please sign the list in the sacristy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CLEANING OF ALBS

I would be grateful to anyone who would like to offer their help with the washing of the Albs. The commitment would be for one month each year. Please call Sharon Blayney on 01923 712479 for more information.

RICKY WEEK

It is very difficult to find anything like adequate words to express the most grateful thanks of the Rickmansworth Society on receipt of the net proceeds of **£798.20** from the latest Boutique Fair held at Our Lady's. This was organised by parishioner Angela O'Donovan (with the invaluable help of mothers of pupils at St John's JMI and Charlotte House), and it has been a splendid way of showing the support of Our Lady's (which is affiliated to the Rickmansworth Society) for Ricky Week, having raised since 2012 a truly remarkable £1920. Angela has worked like a Trojan each year to make a success of these fairs, especial thanks for all her hard work! Many thanks must also be expressed to all who supported the fair by taking stalls or turning up to patronise them. Now that she is stepping down, it is hoped that these fairs will continue, and we hope that a few mothers (whom Angela is happy to advise on the action to be taken) will be prepared to form a small team to take over from her. Next year's fair will be on Friday 15th May and enquiries or offers of help should be directed either to Angela on 01923 776492 or 07971 587848 or to me on 01923 775505 or 07925 568287. Thanks once again to all concerned.

Peter Waters (Hon. Treasurer, The Rickmansworth Society).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1623.18
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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 25TH MAY 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

People come alive when engaged in activities they enjoy. Often the end of the activity brings an end to the *joie de vivre* it generated. By contrast, faithful disciples engaged in the activity of making God's love visible are animated in a permanent way by the "Spirit of Truth" who dwells within.

The world, says Jesus, can see neither him nor the Spirit given by the Father. By contrast, those open to the life and love Jesus offers can see the works of those who keep his commandments, receive his "Spirit of truth," and love with his love.

We make God's love visible when we make the difficult choice to do the right thing against opposition from the world; when we embrace those the world considers unlovable; when we choose love that gives life over a kind of selfish love that brings death. In all these and other ways we are obedient to Jesus' commandments, loving with his self-giving love, living by his Spirit, and transforming the world from death to life.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Response to Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 25TH MAY	11.00am 3.00pm - 4.00pm	1st Holy Communion Mass Holy Hour	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
MON 26TH MAY	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 27TH MAY	7.00pm	1st Communion Rehearsal	St John the Evangelist
WED 28TH MAY			
THU 29TH MAY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 30TH MAY	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 31ST MAY	10.00am 11.30am - 12.00pm 12.30pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions Catenian President's Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Powell Family (Ints.) and Molly Easterbrook RIP
11.00 am — People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Patrick and Mary O'Brien RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Timothy O'Driscoll RIP
10.30 am — People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.00 am — Rosanna Hanson RIP

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Mary Stangroom RIP
Tue 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thu 9.30 am — Private Intention
Fri 9.30 am — Ellie Henshaw and Mary Robinson RIP

MILL END

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

CHORLEYWOOD

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

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday 26th May — St Philip Neri, Priest.
Tuesday 27th May — St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Saturday 31st May — The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

NOTICE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Dress for the Confirmation Mass should be smart i.e. shirt and jacket for boys; girls should be appropriately dressed bearing in mind the Mass includes kneeling and standing before the Bishop. Dresses should therefore not be too short or low cut nor heels too high. **Hannah, Jane and Jackie.**

REGISTRATION FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

In early July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in **2015**. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2014 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father, Hail Mary* and *Glory Be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Wed 2nd July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Sat 5th July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 10.00am to 11.00am

Tues 8th July – St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Mill End – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist Mill End, you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate.

You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance. **First Communion preparation will continue to take place in the three parishes.**

THREE PARISHES BARN DANCE AND CÉILIDH – SATURDAY 5TH JULY

On Saturday 5th July there will be a Barn Dance (Céilidh) at St Joan of Arc's School for the three parish communities. This will be a wonderful way for parishioners from the three parishes to socialize together. There will be a professional "Caller" and a Hog Roast. Tickets will cost £15 per adult and £5 for children under 12 and will be available in all three parishes this weekend.

HOLY HOUR FOR POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO BETHLEHEM

This Sunday afternoon, Pope Francis will be meeting with other Christian Communities in Bethlehem as part of his visit to the Holy Land. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked that parishes hold a Holy Hour between 3.00pm and 4.00pm this Sunday, to coincide with the Pope's visit. We will have our Holy Hour at **St John's, Mill End**. We are asked to pray with and for the Holy Father and for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. We hope that many of you will be able to come and share in this important time for prayer.

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

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage with Fr Shaun to Rome and Assisi. Itineraries and booking forms are available. Please book soon to secure your place.

LITEZONE

Litezone, our youth group, will be meeting on **Sunday 1st June at 4.30pm to 6.00pm** in Our Lady's hall. There are lots of exciting activities planned and we welcome all our young parishioners in Years 6 to 9.