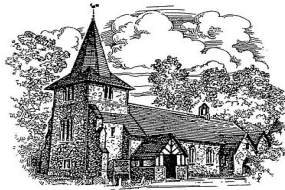


## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray in a special way this weekend for Daniel Sanchez, Hannah Melly, Isabella Johnson, James Ciccone, Nathan Meens and Nico Grieco who will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.00am Mass today.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, this will include the anointing of the sick around 4.45pm.

### MARY BINGHAM RIP

The funeral of Mary Bingham RIP will take place at **11.00am** on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### ORDINATION GIFT FOR REVEREND ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June** at **7.30pm** please sign the list in the sacristy. If possible, please attend the rehearsal on Sunday at 7.30pm.

### 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: £ 1609.73  
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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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

The parting of friends is seldom a matter for celebration or, if it is, it is a time when happy memories are mixed with sorrow. So why do we celebrate the Ascension, the last appearance of Jesus to his disciples?

The good news is that our celebration is not a leaving party. The angels told the disciples, 'this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you see him go there.' In the meantime, he is not absent. Saint Augustine of Hippo says, 'He did not leave heaven when he came down to us from heaven and he did not leave us when he ascended to heaven again.' In our first reading we hear how 'a cloud took him out of their sight.' Clouds can point to the hidden brightness of the sun, too bright for the naked eye, but although the clouds conceal the sun's brightness, it is still there. So it is with Jesus: he is still with us.

The consequence of our faith in Jesus' presence among us is that we have a message to share. Proclaiming the good news is not an optional part of being a Christian. We are proclaiming it by our presence at Mass: whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again. We proclaim it too by living caring, prayerful lives, serving others. We proclaim it by working for justice and peace. Finally, we proclaim it by bringing the message to whoever will receive it – the message that the risen Christ is still present in our world.

**Day Mass Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Response to Psalm:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

**Day Mass Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| <b>SUN 1ST JUNE</b> | 9.00am<br>10.30am<br>11.00am<br>4.00pm - 5.00pm<br>4.30pm - 6.00pm<br>7.30pm | 1st Holy Communion Mass<br>1st Holy Communion Mass<br>1st Holy Communion Mass<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Litezone – Hall<br>Confirmation Rehearsal | St John Fisher<br>St John the Evangelist<br>Our Lady Help of Christians<br>Our Lady Help of Christians<br>Our Lady Help of Christians<br>Our Lady Help of Christians |
| <b>MON 2ND JUNE</b> | 10.00am<br>10.15am - 11.45am<br>7.30pm<br><br>8.00pm                         | St John Fisher Ladies' Meeting<br>'Let's Get Together & Grow' – Hall<br>Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington<br>Choir Practice                 | Ilona Schwartz's home<br>Our Lady Help of Christians<br><br>Our Lady Help of Christians<br>St John the Evangelist  |
| <b>TUE 3RD JUNE</b> | 8.00pm - 9.30pm  | RCIA - Upper Room   | Our Lady Help of Christians  |
| <b>WED 4TH JUNE</b> | 11.00am<br>7.00pm - 8.30pm<br>7.30pm   | Funeral - Mary Bingham RIP<br>New Readers Training<br>Music Group   | Our Lady Help of Christians<br>Our Lady Help of Christians<br>St John Fisher   |
| <b>THU 5TH JUNE</b> | 11.00am<br>8.00pm - 9.30pm   | Funeral - Patrik Biel RIP<br>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall   | St Aidan's, Little Chalfont<br>Our Lady Help of Christians   |
| <b>FRI 6TH JUNE</b> | 10.00am  | Coffee after Mass for all - Hall  | Our Lady Help of Christians  |
| <b>SAT 7TH JUNE</b> | 10.00am<br>11.30am - 12.15pm   | Newsletter Folding - Presbytery<br>Confessions  | Our Lady Help of Christians<br>Our Lady Help of Christians   |

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Paddy Vaughan RIP  
11.00 am — People of the Parish  
6.00 pm — Patti Delaporte

#### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Margaret Connor RIP

#### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Stephen Birch (Ints.)  
9.00 am — People of the Parish

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Mon 7.30 pm — Confirmation Mass  
Tue 9.30 am — Patrik Biel RIP  
Thu 9.30 am — Joyce & Patrick Dowling RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — Mary Bingham RIP

#### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish  
Wed 9.30 am — For Vocations to the Priesthood

#### CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Patrik Biel RIP  
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June — St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June — St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

### 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

### CORPUS CHRISTI – RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

At all the Masses on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be re-commissioning the Ministers of Communion in all three parishes. Would all Ministers of Communion please make a special effort to be present at one of the Masses that weekend.

### HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec has requested that there be a Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood. This will take place at Our Lady's at **7.30pm** on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. It will also be an important opportunity to pray in a particular way for Andrew as he prepares for his own ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### PATRIK BIEL RIP

It was with great sadness that we learnt last weekend of the tragic death of Patrik Biel in a road accident. Patrik was 21 years old and was a Minister of Holy Communion at Our Lady's. Patrik's funeral Mass will take place at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont, Finch Lane, HP7 9NE on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at **11.00am**. We extend our deepest condolences to Patrik's family and friends at this most tragic and difficult time.

### 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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### LITEZONE

Litezone, our youth group, will be meeting this **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.