

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray in a special way this weekend for Natalia Woch, Molly Smith, Lucy Williams, Elsie Roche, Joshua Glenister, Luca Hopton and Jed Cook who will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.00am Mass today.

REVEREND ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC'S ORDINATION

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. All are welcome to attend.

PETER'S PENCE

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence. This is a worldwide collection which goes towards the Pope's charitable causes. Please give generously.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR ADULTS

The June meeting of Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-40) is on **Friday 27th June**, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt will be reflecting on Chapter 5 of Pope Francis' *Evangelium Gaudii - Spirit Filled Evangelizers*. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

YOUNG FRIENDS' RECEPTION

A wine and canapé reception on **Tuesday 1st July** to meet and find out about The Friends of Westminster Cathedral. From 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Vaughan House, Francis Street SW1P 1QN. Open to all with free admission. Contact address: young.friends@mail.com.

THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING...

All are invited to this special campaign evening on **Thursday 10th July**. Come find out what CAFOD is doing to tackle climate change from guest speaker Antony Mbandi, Director of Caritas Kitui (Kenya), and learn how you can help! Held from **6.00pm - 8.30pm** at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, corner of St George's Road and Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. Book online at cafod.org.uk/campaignsummerevents or call 0208 449 6970.

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: £ 1600.61
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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - 22ND JUNE 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, popularly known as *Corpus Christi* (Latin for 'The Body of Christ'), is a devotional feast established in 1264 in order to celebrate the greatest gift Jesus Christ left us – his real and true presence among us under the appearance of bread and wine. Even more so than the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which also focuses on Christ's washing of his disciples' feet and the institution of the priesthood, *Corpus Christi* allows us to reflect on how Jesus has made himself so intimately available to us in the food and drink of his Body and Blood.

Not only does participating in Mass and receiving Jesus in his Body and Blood allow us to share in some aspect of Christ's saving work, as all the sacraments do, but in receiving Holy Communion we receive the very source of our salvation, Jesus Christ himself. For this reason, Mass, the Eucharist, is the highest sacrament and the sacrament to which all the others are directed.

In receiving Holy Communion, not only do we share in Jesus' own divine life, but through him we also affirm our 'holy communion' with the Church which, as St. Paul tells us, is the mystical 'Body of Christ'. Our being part of the mystical 'Body of Christ' is effected by our receiving the physical Body of Christ. Receiving Holy Communion is therefore never a private devotion, a relationship just between Jesus and me. It takes part within the Church and includes all our brothers and sisters who are also members of the Church.

We should always make sure we are properly prepared to receive Jesus' Body and Blood by ensuring our 'holy communion' with him is strong; by committing our love to him, by turning away from our sins and asking for his forgiveness, and by our obedience to what he asks of us in his teachings through the Church. In this way we are able to receive the full treasure of the priceless gift that is Jesus' real presence in his Body and Blood. 'O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.'

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

1st Reading: Deut. 8:2-3. 14-16

Response to Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| SUN 22ND JUNE | 11.00am 12.30pm | 1st Holy Communion Mass Baptisms | Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians |
| MON 23RD JUNE | 8.00pm | Choir Practice | St John the Evangelist |
| TUE 24TH JUNE | | | |
| WED 25TH JUNE | 7.30pm | St John Fisher Feast Day Mass | St John Fisher |
| THU 26TH JUNE | 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| FRI 27TH JUNE | 10.00am | Coffee after Mass for all - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| SAT 28TH JUNE | 10.00am 10.30am 11.30am - 12.15pm 6.00pm | There will be no newsletter folding today Rev. Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec's Ordination There will be no Confessions today 1st Holy Communion Mass | Our Lady Help of Christians Westminster Cathedral Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist |

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — People of the Parish
11.00 am — Carmen Buhagiar RIP
6.00 pm — Jean Walsh RIP (Anniv.)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.30 am — John & Mary Gibson RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.00 am — Bertil Tyden RIP

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Christina Reiff RIP
Tue 9.30 am — Una Bugler RIP (Anniv.)
Thu 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am — Mary & Robert Templeman (Ints.)

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Private Intention
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
Wed 7.30pm — People of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am — Private Intention

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 24th June — The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Friday 27th June — The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

INVESTITURE OF ANDREW ROGERS

At a special Mass on **Saturday 12th July at 5.00pm**, to be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians, Andy Rogers will be invested as a Knight of St Gregory the Great by Bishop John Sherrington. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special occasion.

CORPUS CHRISTI – RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

At all the Masses this weekend we will be re-commissioning the Ministers of Communion in all three parishes.

COACH TO REVEREND ANDREW JAXA-CHAMIEC'S ORDINATION - 28TH JUNE

For those who have booked a place on the coach for Reverend Andrew's ordination, please note that it will be leaving at **8.30am** from the entrance of Rickmansworth Park Primary School (Park Road). Please make sure you are there in good time.

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.

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.

LITEZONE

Our youth group has finished for summer, so will not be meeting in July. The group will resume again in Autumn.

SUMMER CAR BOOT SALE AT ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL (GARSTON)

St Michael's is running a car boot sale on **Sunday 29th June 2014**. If you would like to book a pitch it is **£8 for a car** and **£10 for a small van**. Booking forms are available through the car boot sale link on the school website. You may prefer to come along to browse for bargains. **Entrance fee 50p** per person (under 5s free). The deadline for booking pitches is **Monday 23rd June**.