

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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PETER'S PENCE

This 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.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

If you are in Year 3 (going into Year 4 in September) or above, have received your First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server, simply come along to a series of training sessions on **13th, 20th and 27th July at 4.45pm**. Please try to attend all the sessions, as each one will build on the other. Existing servers who would like a 'refresher' are also welcome to attend. Altar serving is a wonderful way for our young people to come close to the Lord in the Eucharist, become more engaged in Mass, learn about the liturgy, and servers play an important part in making sure the Mass is celebrated with dignity and devotion. Please speak to Fr. Shaun or Fr. Mark if you have any questions.

NEW READER'S ROTA

The new reader's rota has been emailed to all concerned. There are copies at the back of the church for those who prefer a printed copy.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Finn and Honor O'Brien who were baptised last Sunday. Please pray for them, that they will grow to be faithful disciples of the Lord in the years ahead, and that their parents and godparents may be effective examples of love and holiness.

LITEZONE

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

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 PASSAGE - GARDEN PARTY APPEAL - FRIDAY 11TH JULY

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Tickets at £32 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 0207 5921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk. See also www.passage.org.uk. It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

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 Eileen Durkan.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1586.90
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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STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - 29TH JUNE 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Going back to 1958, the song entitled "To know Him is to Love Him" (and variations on that title) has been recorded by various well known artists even to recent times. The popularity of this song attests to a realization that in order to love someone, we must invest in getting to know that person.

Peter knows who Jesus is: "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows who Peter is: the rock upon whom Jesus can build his Church. The Church is continually being built upon the faith disciples have in Jesus and on Jesus' faith in them. We followers know who he is; Jesus trusts who we can be. We count on who Jesus is. Can he count on who we are to be?

When we spend our lives coming to know Jesus more fully, we also come to know that it is not enough to conform ourselves to the externals of what the church asks or requires of us. Knowing Jesus requires an internal and ongoing conversion of heart that brings us to the same faithfulness and fruitfulness as Peter and Paul. We are to be living examples of followers of Jesus who risk everything because we know and love him.

Day Mass Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Response to Psalm: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Day Mass Communion Antiphon:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 29TH JUNE	6.00pm	First Mass of Fr. Andrew	Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 30TH JUNE	8.00pm	Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
TUE 1ST JULY	7.30pm	Catechists Gathering - Small Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 2ND JULY	7.30pm - 8.30pm 7.30pm	Registration for 1 st Holy Communion - Hall Music Group	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher
THU 3RD JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 4TH JULY	10.00am 1.00pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - Anthony Fields and Melissa Gibb	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 5TH JULY	10.00am 10.00am - 11.00am 11.30am - 12.00pm 12.30pm 7.30pm - 11.00pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Registration for 1 st Holy Communion - Hall Confessions Baptism Three Parishes Barn Dance and Céilidh	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St Joan of Arc School

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Powell Family (Ints.)
11.00 am — Maryann Riordan RIP
6.00 pm — Fr Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec (Ints.)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.30 am — June Boggins RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Private Intention
9.00 am — People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Private Intention
Tue 9.30 am — Private Intention
Thu 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Fri 9.30 am — Fr Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec (Ints.)

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Anne Brightman RIP
Wed 9.30 am — Danny Moran RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

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

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 1st July — Dedication of the Cathedral
Thursday 3rd July — St Thomas, Apostle

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR ANDREW!

We offer many congratulations to Fr Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec, ordained to the priesthood at Westminster Cathedral this Saturday. We assure him of our prayers and support as he sets out on his priestly ministry. Fr Andrew will celebrate his First Mass as a priest at 6.00pm this Sunday evening at Our Lady Help of Christians. All are warmly invited to attend this celebration.

HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY TO FR MARK!

We offer our congratulations to Fr Mark, who celebrates the first anniversary of his priestly ordination this Sunday, and we thank him for all the wonderful ways in which he exercises his priestly ministry in the three parish communities.

CATECHISTS GATHERING – TUESDAY 1ST JULY

There will be an “end of season” gathering for all the First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and Children’s Liturgy catechists from across the three parishes at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st July at Our Lady’s Small Hall. Mary Crowley, the Diocesan Catechetical Advisor will be giving some input. It is hoped that as many of our catechists as possible will be able to attend this gathering.

ASSISTED DYING BILL - PLEASE WRITE TO A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Bill to legalise “assisted dying” - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on **18th July 2014**. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.

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.

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. **PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER ON ONE OF THE DATES, AS NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN SEPTEMBER.** If you are unable to make any of these dates please speak to Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

THREE PARISHES BARN DANCE AND CÉILIDH – SATURDAY 5TH JULY

Next Saturday 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.