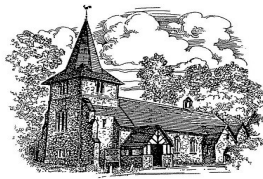


## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray in a special way this weekend for Sophia Oakton, Alazne Hopwood-Martin, Jack Hutchinson and Aiden Kelly Parker who will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.00am Mass today.

### FR ANDREW'S FIRST MASS CELEBRATIONS

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make last Sunday evening's celebration of Fr Andrew's First Mass such a wonderful occasion, especially our musicians and choirs, the altar servers, sacristans, the Social Events Committee and all those who helped with the catering in the hall. It was a magnificent celebration, which together with the moving Mass of Ordination at the Cathedral the previous day, made for a very special and memorable weekend for the parish community.

### THANKS FROM FR. MARK

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes on my anniversary of priestly ordination last Sunday. Do continue to pray for me in my second year of priesthood!

### 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION CHILDREN'S PICNIC

The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children's picnic takes place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm**. Families are reminded to bring a plate of food for the children to share. Children are invited to wear 1<sup>st</sup> Communion clothes (for the photos) and to bring some everyday clothes to change into for the picnic.

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Due to Fr Andrew's First Mass last Sunday evening, we did not take up the Peter's Pence collection at the 6.00pm Mass, and there were very few people at the 11.00am as many, of course, were attending the First Mass of Fr Andrew instead. Consequently, there will be an opportunity at both the 11.00am and 6.00pm Masses for those who wish to contribute to the Peter's Pence collection, which goes to support the Pope's charitable causes.

### 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.

### 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: £ 1515.97  
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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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Many people will be familiar with the American TV show "Judge Judy". The people appearing on this show bind themselves to the judgements given by Judge Judy in her TV courtroom. Judgement is a key part of our social system. Judgement is more than a key part – it is a decisive part of following Christ. It has eternal consequences.

Jesus makes clear that we need not fear his judgement about the future when we yoke ourselves to him. Being one with Jesus enables us to discern God's will for us, hear what God wishes to reveal to us, and enjoy even now the messianic peace promised to those who are faithful. We more easily choose faithfulness to Jesus when we journey in tandem with him.

We journey in tandem with Jesus – take his yoke upon ourselves – when we, for example, respond positively to someone's suggestion to think more openly, persevere through a difficult situation by walking in the direction Jesus would take, help one another to know more facts about a tense situation. These are all examples of faithful behaviour that ultimately brings us inner peace. This peace is the rest Jesus promises to those who come to him.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10

**Response to Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:9. 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 6TH JULY</b>	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 7TH JULY</b>	5.30pm — 6.30pm 8.00pm	1st Communion Picnic - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 8TH JULY</b>	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Registration for 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion - Hall	St John the Evangelist
<b>WED 9TH JULY</b>			
<b>THU 10TH JULY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 11TH JULY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 12TH JULY</b>	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm 5.00pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions Mass - Investiture of Andrew Rogers	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

5.00 pm — Andy Rogers (Ints.)  
8.30 am — People of the Parish  
11.00 am — Nuala Corr RIP & Gerald Corr RIP  
6.00 pm — John P. Tighe RIP

##### MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish  
10.30 am — Mary Noe RIP

##### CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish  
9.00 am — For Vocations to the Priesthood

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Stephen Birch (Ints.)  
Tue 9.30 am — Al Barnett RIP  
Thu 9.30 am — For Vocations to the Priesthood  
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

##### MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Danny Moran RIP  
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 — For Vocations to the Religious Life

#### THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July — St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

#### 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 this **Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

In September we will be beginning the RCIA process for those adults who are considering becoming Roman Catholics and for those adult Catholics who, for one reason or another, never received the sacrament of Confirmation and now wish to complete their Christian initiation. Leaflets with information about the RCIA process are available at the back of the church. If you are interested in being a part of the RCIA process please complete the "About You" section on the leaflet and return it to Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

#### REGISTRATION FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2015

The final opportunity to register children wishing to make their First Communion in **2015** is **Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> July at St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Mill End – 7.00pm to 8.00pm** (please come at any point during these times). 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. 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 AS NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN SEPTEMBER.** If you are unable to come on this evening please speak to Fr Shaun as soon as possible.

#### 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 **18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill).

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY.

#### PRO-LIFE GROUPS AND THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION — DAY PILGRIMAGES TO AYLESFORD AND WALSINGHAM.

**12 July** Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Aylesford, a day of faith and fun for all the family starting 11am. Bring a Picnic. For more information, contact Sona McCullough [sona@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:sona@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) Tel: 01328 560 333.

**12 July** Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham in reparation for sins against life and love starting 12 noon. All welcome, make your own way or get coach tickets from Cathy Kelly at Padre Pio Bookshop, Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1V Tel: 020 7834 5363.

**26 July** National Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Walsingham, a day of faith and fun for all the family starting 11am. Make your own way, all welcome. See <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/> or contact [sona@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:sona@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) Tel: 01328 560 333.