

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Canon Law recommends that each parish has a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). A PPC is not a deliberative structure but rather is a consultative body, which advises the Parish Priest. Initially I have invited eight parishioners to serve on the PPC for a period of 18 months from September 2014. These are Michael Curtin, Dave Pione, Richard Dumughn, Neil Hilary, Samantha Benson, Louise Leahy, Sharon Blayney and Maud Cutting. One of the chief tasks of the PPC in this period will be to decide how some of its members might be elected from the parish community after the initial 18 month period. I am very grateful to these eight parishioners for accepting this invitation and I look forward to working with them from September of this year. I am also establishing a PPC at St John the Evangelist, Mill End. St John Fisher, Chorleywood already has a PPC. **Fr Shaun**

THANK YOU

Maggie Stacey has indicated to me, that due to other commitments, she would like to step down from her role as leader of the 1st Holy Communion programme in the parish. Maggie has led the programme for over 20 years, and on behalf of the whole parish, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Maggie for the devoted and energetic way in which she has given so generously of her skills and time in preparing children for their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion over so many years. **Fr Shaun**

RAMIRO MONTESEDOCA RIP

The ashes of the late Ramiro Monteseodeca will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 18th July**

GEORGE O'NEILL RIP - TUESDAY 22ND JULY

The funeral of George O'Neill will take place at 11.00am followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We offer our condolences to George's family at this sad time.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Anthony Fields and Melissa Gibb who were married here on Friday 4th July. May they be blessed with many years of happiness and be a witness and reminder to us of God's faithful love, made present in the sacrament of their marriage.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEETING - MONDAY 14TH JULY AT 7.30PM

Will take place in the small hall. Any interested parishioner is welcome.

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.**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please notify me of any extended periods when you will not be available for service for the next rota period (through November) prior to 14 July. I would also appreciate it if you would remind me of your preferred Mass and any other special circumstances (e.g. impending transfer to another parish, etc). Many thanks, Dave Pione (jdpione@hotmail.com).

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: £ 1582.59

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: £ 367.69

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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13TH JULY 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

Effective leaders evaluate students not on perfection, but on progress and growth. The hobbyist does projects for sheer joy and satisfaction and isn't concerned about producing a professionally marketable product. All these life examples remind us that quantity is not always the best measure of growth and life.

Jesus' parable about seed and soil teaches us that God desires an understanding heart; God desires that we hear the Word; God desires growth and life. We strive to produce a harvest of good works and are successful when we see, hear, and understand God's word. The harvest is not measured in bushels, but in fidelity to what God wants of us. When we are faithful, God actually gives us more than even a hundredfold. God gives us fullness of life forever.

We are so used to thinking of the concreteness of quantity, that it is hard for us to hear this gospel's challenge to be more focused on growth and life. To be fruitful, the seed of God's word must break through the surface of our indifference, fears, distractions, misguided expectations, limited vision to take root in the rich soil of open hearts and produce the fruit with which God is pleased. In such soil grows fullness of life.

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Response to Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 13TH JULY	12.30pm 12.30pm 4.45pm	Parish BBQ Baptisms Altar Servers Training Session	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 14TH JULY	10.00am 7.30pm 8.00pm	St John Fisher Ladies Meeting Justice & Peace Group Meeting - Small Hall Choir Practice	Helen, Jo & Patsy's house Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 15TH JULY	8.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	St John Fisher
WED 16TH JULY			
THU 17TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 18TH JULY	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Ashes of the late Ramiro Montesdeoca interred in the Garden of Rest	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 19TH JULY	10.00am 11.30am - 12.15pm 4.45pm	Newsletter Folding - Presbytery Confessions Altar Servers Training Session	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

5.00 pm — Andy Rogers (Ints.)
8.30 am — Mgr. Michael O'Neill
11.00 am — Mary Robinson RIP
6.00 pm — Edward Holmes (Ints.)

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
10.30 am — Tom Bugler (Ints.)

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.00 am — Mrs Price

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Joss & Stephen Dowds RIP
Tue 9.30 am — For the Priests of the Parish (Ints.)
Thu 9.30 am — Agnes & Bert West
Fri 9.30 am — Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Mary Elizabeth Bobby RIP
Wed 9.30 am — Danny Moran RIP

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Ellen & John Reynolds
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 15th July — St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

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

BARN DANCE

A massive "thank you" to everyone who supported the Three Parishes Barn Dance last weekend. Around 180 parishioners from across the three parishes attended and had a really enjoyable evening. Special thanks to all those who worked so hard preparing for and running the event on the evening. Although the Barn Dance wasn't planned as a Fund Raising event, we made a profit of £1305.20, which will be divided equally between St Joan of Arc School and the Peace Hospice.

BARN DANCE PHOTOS

If anyone has any good photos taken at the Three Parishes Barn Dance could they please let Fr Shaun or Fr Mark know.

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.

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.

INVITATION FOR WATFORD DEANERY CATECHISTS

Catechists for all programmes are invited to a day for Renewal and Reflection on **Saturday 27th September 2014**. 9.30am (coffee and registration) until 3.30pm. Please respond: attention of Cecilia Finn - Watford@rcdow.org.uk

WELCOME TO THE FARM FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

A fundraiser with and for homeless women and children at The Catholic Worker Farm, Old Uxbridge Rd, West Hyde, Herts, WD3 9XJ. **Saturday 2nd August at 2.00pm - 11.00pm**. Tickets £5 at the door, under 12's free. Amazing bands to be announced! For more details and updates on performers contact us on 01923 777201, 07983 477819 or look at www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org.

MATHS REVISION COURSE IN GCSE AND AS MATHS

St Dominic's Sixth Form College will be running 10 week courses in GCSE & AS Level Maths. Classes are due to commence on 20th September. Spaces will be limited and external applications are welcome.

For more information or an application form, please contact Marie Middlemass via email mcm@stdoms.ac.uk or by phone 020 8422 8084.