

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

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MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN – PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

It is diocesan policy that when a parish priest has been in post of six months the members of the Parish Finance Committee are to offer their resignations. As the parish underwent a diocesan financial audit this spring, I delayed requesting resignations until the audit process was complete. Now that it is, I have accepted the resignations of the Finance Committee members: Christina Watson, Jane Riddleston, Roy Langdale and Austin Finan. Jane has served on the Finance Committee for 20 years and Austin and Roy have both served for 17 years. I thank them for their long and dedicated service.

I wish to express very particular thanks to Christina who has served on the Finance Committee for nine years and for much of that time carried out the role of Treasurer. Christina has exercised this role with the greatest diligence, care and devotion and given immensely generously of her time and skills in service of the parish. Christina has also asked that on her behalf I express thanks to all those volunteers at the “sharp end” - the counters, the “Monday gang” and especially Roy and David for all their diligent and reliable support over the years. I, of course, echo those thanks.

On a personal note, I express my sincere thanks to Christina, Jane, Roy and Austin all for the support, encouragement and help that they have given me in my first year as parish priest. Over the summer I will be appointing a new Finance Committee and the names of the new members will be published in September.

Fr Shaun

MAUREEN MURPHY RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the sudden and unexpected death in Ireland of one of our parishioners, Maureen Murphy. We offer our deepest condolences to her husband John and to their children. Maureen's funeral will take place at Our Lady's but the exact arrangements have yet to be finalized. However, it is likely to take place in the week commencing 4th August 2014.

ROTAS

The new rotas for Ministers of Holy Communion are available from the church porch.

NEWSLETTER

There will be no parish newsletter during the month of August, but there will be a small leaflet each week giving the Propers of the Mass, Mass intentions for the week and the details of the previous weekend's collection. The Newsletter will resume on the weekend of 6th/7th September.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Sunday 7th September** from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, this will include the anointing of the sick around 4.45pm.

BRINGING A PARISHIONER TO MASS

Would any one who would be willing to bring a parishioner to the 11.00am Mass, twice a month, from Meresworth Care Home in Field Way and return her afterwards, please speak to Fr Shaun or Fr Mark.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

The last training session will be on **27th July at 4.45pm.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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, Neville Mathews, Norah MacWilliam, Agnes Harper, Diana Price, Joan Marioni, Eileen Durkan and Ginny Goodgol

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £ 1890.16
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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27TH JULY 2014 SUNDAY THOUGHT

When searching for a missing sock, we know what we are seeking because we have its mate in our hand. When searching for the kingdom of heaven, we know what we are seeking because we already have it in our hearts and our lives. Securing the missing sock will take some work on our part. Securing the fullness of the kingdom will take everything we've got.

God's kingdom is already present to us when we are self-giving in all our daily actions. In our pursuit of the kingdom we must continually search and sort and we must be willing to sell what we already possess. There can be no holding back because that which we seek is nothing less than divine Presence and will.

The kingdom of heaven is already ours when we put God's Presence and will above all else in our lives. We do this, for example, when we choose to do the right thing despite pressure to act otherwise, when we forgive those who have injured us, when we take the time to be present to others and share all the good we have been given. God's kingdom is not something abstract “out there” not entirely in the future; it is among us here and now when we give all according to God's guidance and favour. Living this way assures us that we will bask in its fullness “at the end of time”.

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

Response to Psalm: Lord how I love your law!

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 27TH JULY	12.30pm 4.45pm	Baptisms Altar Servers Training Session	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 28TH JULY			
TUE 29TH JULY			
WED 30TH JULY			
THU 31ST JULY	1.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	Wedding - Tommy Middleton and Paula Forde Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 1ST AUG	10.00am 1.30pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Wedding - Rowan Savage and Sharon Mangion	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 2ND AUG	11.30am - 12.15pm 4.45pm	Confessions Altar Servers Training Session	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

8.30 am — Lil McCarthy RIP and Paddy McCarthy RIP
11.00 am — People of the Parish
6.00 pm — Maurice Breen RIP

MILL END

6.00 pm (Vigil) — Sean Heneghan RIP
10.30 am — People of the Parish

CHORLEYWOOD

6.00 pm (Vigil) — People of the Parish
9.00 am — Connie & Henry Rogers

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

RICKMANSWORTH

Mon 9.30 am — Douglas Gardiner
Tue 9.30 am — Anthony Holmes RIP
Thu 9.30 am — Sheila Love RIP
Fri 9.30 am — Mrs Hughes

MILL END

Mon 9.30 am — Anne Brightman RIP
Wed 9.30 am — Joe Tydings RIP (Anniv.)

CHORLEYWOOD

Tue 9.30 am — Fr Sunith Nonis (Ints.)
Fri 9.30 am — For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 29th July — St Martha
Thursday 31st July — St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Friday 1st August — St Alphonsus Liguori, 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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 15TH AUGUST

On 15th August we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation when all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Mass times for the Holy Day across the three parishes will be:

Thursday 14th August **Vigil Mass 7.00pm – St John the Evangelist, Mill End**
Friday 15th August **9.30 am – St John Fisher, Chorleywood**
9.30am and 7.00pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

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.

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.

THE MILL

Mill End Community Trust have opened a community cafe on 1st July at the Methodist Church Berry Lane, Rickmansworth, to compliment the foodbank. Every Tuesday, from 29th July we are offering lunches 12.00pm - 1.30pm - everyone welcome.

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.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, a sensitivity group, a seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **19th - 21st September**, email; info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0797 338 0443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk