

Tuesday 26th December – St Stephen, the First Martyr

10.00am Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

Wednesday 27th December – St John, Apostle & Evangelist

10.00am Mass – John the Evangelist, Mill End (*Patronal Feast Day*)

Thursday 28th December – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

10.00am Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

Friday 29th December – St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

10.00am Mass – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Saturday 30th December – 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

10.00am Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

(See Vigil Masses below)

Sunday 31st December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

6.00pm Vigil Mass – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

6.00pm Vigil Mass – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

8.30am Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

9.00am Mass – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

10.30am Mass – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

11.00am Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

6.00pm Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

Monday 1st January – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10.00am Mass – Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

11.00am Mass – St John the Evangelist, Mill End

12 noon Mass – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth
St John the Evangelist, Mill End & Maple Cross
St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Advent and Christmas 2017



ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is a form of meditation rooted in liturgical celebration that dates back to early monastic communities. The Latin phrase 'lectio divina' may be translated as "divine reading". As one reads and invites the word to become a transforming lens that brings the events of daily living into focus, one can come to live more deeply and find the presence of God more readily in the events of each day. The method of lectio divina follows four steps: lectio (reading); meditatio (meditation); contemplatio (contemplation) and oratio (prayer). We invite you to join us for lectio divina as part of your Advent journey towards Christmas.

Tuesday 5th December St John the Evangelist, Mill End - 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th December St John the Evangelist, Mill End - 7.30pm

Tuesday 19th December St John Fisher, Chorleywood - 7.30pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

This year there will be no Reconciliation Services but there will be additional times when a priest will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you.

Wednesday 20th December St John the Evangelist, Mill End
7.30pm - 8.30pm Fr Tim Dean and Fr Shaun

Friday 22nd December Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth
7.30pm - 8.30pm Fr Tim Dean and Fr Damian

On each of these evenings there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction.

The parish clergy are available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday mornings between 10.30am and 11.25am.

Friday 22nd December

6.00pm **St John the Evangelist, Mill End** - decorating the Christmas Tree, preparing the Christmas Crib and cleaning the church. Families are warmly invited to come and share in this event.

23rd/24th December - 4th Sunday of Advent

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED MASS TIMES

6.00pm Vigil Mass - St John the Evangelist, Mill End

6.00pm Vigil Mass - St John Fisher, Chorleywood (no Sunday 9.00am Mass)

10.00am Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth (no 8.30am or 11.00am Masses)

10.30am St John the Evangelist, Mill End

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm Christmas Eve Family Mass - St John the Evangelist, Mill End (for families with young children). Children wishing to take part in the presentation of the Nativity story should come to the hall at 5.00pm for a rehearsal.

6.00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass - Our Lady's, Rickmansworth (for families with young children). Preceded by carols from 5.30pm. Children wishing to take part in the presentation of the Nativity story should come to the hall at 5.30pm for a rehearsal.

8.00pm Mass during the night - St John Fisher, Chorleywood (preceded by carols from 7.30pm)

10.30pm Mass during the night - St John the Evangelist, Mill End (preceded by carols from 10.00pm)

11.30pm Mass during the night - Our Lady's, Rickmansworth (preceded by carols from 11.00pm)

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.30am Mass of Christmas Day - Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

9.00am Mass of Christmas Day - St John Fisher, Chorleywood

10.30am Mass of Christmas Day - St John the Evangelist, Mill End

11.00am Mass of Christmas Day - Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

NO EVENING MASS