



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU  
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### St John Fisher

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## ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR A) - 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

#### SUNDAY THOUGHT

Who do we identify with in today's Gospel? Perhaps we identify with Simeon and Anna, two elderly people who had grown old waiting. We, like them, are looking for something better. We may have personal problems or our economic situation may not look good. Problems are much worse for people in poor countries with problems of hunger, disease and political repression. They, like Simeon and Anna are looking and waiting for the chosen one who would bring liberation and peace to a troubled world.

The Good News is that they were not disappointed for the Lord they were waiting for to 'suddenly enter his Temple'. Malachi's prophecy was fulfilled when the child Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon and Anna were not disappointed.

We are not disappointed either. Nobody who longs to see Christ is going to be disappointed. Jesus is present among us but we only see him with the eye of faith. We believe that he is present in the Eucharist and in our everyday life. But the coming of Christ can hurt us because he comes to bring about change that will be painful - fuller's alkali (1st reading) was a harsh, abrasive soap. And he comes as a sign that will be contradicted. Following him will bring the fulfilment of what we longed for but Jesus is 'a sign that is rejected' and, like Mary, for those who serve him, a sword will pierce their own soul too. If we welcome Jesus we must expect the path to be difficult.

### SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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#### Diocesan Safeguarding

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#### 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:

Malachi 3:1-4

#### Response to Psalm:

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-18

#### Gospel:

Luke 2:22-40

#### Communion Antiphon:

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

#### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (Gospel)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Belinda Calen - Alpha Youth:

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### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envs £450.00; Loose £298.66; S/Orders £647.01; **Total £1395.67**

**Mill End:** Envs: £288.20; Loose: £173.91; Standing Orders: £159.08 **Total: £621.19**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£2507.68**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.00pm	Afterparty - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall RCIA - Small Hall Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.30pm 7.30pm	Alpha - Invitation to pray- Church Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>THU 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10.00am</b> Mgr Charles John Klyberg RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Mgr Charles John Klyberg RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Pdraig Joyce RIP <b>6pm</b> Private Intention	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>9am</b> Mgr Charles John Klyberg RIP
<b>MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN &amp; THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTEBURY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Persecuted Christians in North Korea	<b>9.30am</b> Philip McLaughlin (Ints.)	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>St AGATHA, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Hernando Ariza RIP	
<b>THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>St PAUL MIKI &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Eileen Creedon		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Robinson RIP		<b>9.30am</b> John Barnett RIP (Anniv.)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>10.00am</b> Mgr Charles John Klyberg RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Frank Rice RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) John Barnett RIP (Anniv.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parish <b>6pm</b> Mgr Charles John Klyberg RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Tony Barrett RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townsend and Maureen Douglas

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray; John Connor, Michael Dixon, Alfredo Rock and Joan Hart

**St John Fisher:** Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams, Paul Kennett and Ann Penn

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC) MINUTES

The Minutes of the January JPPC meeting are now available for viewing on the parish websites. A copy of the Minutes is also posted on the parish notice boards.

### A WORD FOR LENT

Following on in this year's theme of The Year of the Word, the Diocese of Westminster together with Redemptorist Publications have produced a 6 week Lent programme for 2020 called 'A Word for Lent'. Using sacred scripture and sacred art, we are taken on a Lenten journey seeing salvation through the eyes of Gospel women and men. Groups will start week commencing 17 February. If you would be interested in participating, there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you can e-mail the discipleship team on [chessvalleydiscipleshipgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chessvalleydiscipleshipgroups@rcdow.org.uk). We would be particularly grateful if you could host or lead a group as this will increase the number of groups that can run giving more choice for participation. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the accompanying book. Many thanks, *The Discipleship Team*.

### SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE

SVP members will be selling tickets for the SVP National Raffle after all Masses on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February. The National Raffle is the biggest annual fundraising event held by the SVP, a percentage of which goes to your local Chess Valley SVP group. Books are just £5 each. Please support us in helping the people who need it most.

### ALPHA - INVITATION TO PRAY

We are inviting all parishioners to join some of the Alpha team at Our Lady Help of Christians church for one or more of the next nine Tuesdays at 7.30-8.30pm to pray for the guests and team attending Alpha. In addition to this we would also love to invite you to pray daily for our parish community and its ongoing formation. Maybe you could consider praying the following prayer:

*Thank you loving Father for all those you have called to participate in Alpha; we ask your blessing upon all, both team and guests. Without you we can do nothing you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Pour out your Holy Spirit and abundant blessings and gifts during this Alpha. May Alpha ignite or re-ignite the flame of faith in all hearts so that we may experience the wonder, joy and hope that being in relationship with you brings. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... Amen*

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS (APMs)

The APMs for the three parishes will take place as follows:

Mill End – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 12 noon – Parish Centre

Rickmansworth – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 3.00pm – Parish Hall

Chorleywood – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm – Hill Cottage

There are no elections to the Joint Parish Pastoral Council (JPPC) this year, but there will be reports on various aspects of parish life, a report on the parish finances for 2019 and the opportunity for parishioners to ask questions. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the APM of their respective parish.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The origins of WDP date back to 19<sup>th</sup> century in USA and Canada when Christian women from different denominations started organising days of prayer for missionary work. Gradually the movement spread throughout the world and to the UK as well, where the first service was held in Scotland in 1930. Now it is a truly international and ecumenical world day of prayer with about 170 countries participating. Every year the focus is on a different country and the service is written by the women of that country and then translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the Rickmansworth area the service rotates among the different participating churches and is a great opportunity for meeting and praying with fellow believers. This year we are celebrating the WDP on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm** at one of our own parishes - St John the Evangelist, Mill End. The time to be confirmed. This year's service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. We extend a warm invitation to all parishioners – men, women and children – to join us. Some children from St John's School will also be taking part in the service. *Geraldine and Cristina*.

### MUM'S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 12.30PM IN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Boshoff on [caitbos22@gmail.com](mailto:caitbos22@gmail.com) or 07484 754843.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

### CAP – CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

The following course will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. This course is free to participants.

**8 week Fresh Start Course** to support those who wish to overcome life-controlling issues (smoking, drinking, gambling). This course starts on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1pm. Contact Annabel Brown on 07849678171 to find out more.

### WATFORD, HEMEL AND ST ALBANS NHS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know if you or a close relative are in hospital. To contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling **01923 217994** or **0777 659 8704** referrals can also be made via email: [spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk](mailto:spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk)

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## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of Our Lady's FOP committee on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. If there is any matter concerning finances, operations or parish premises that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact the Chair of Our Lady's, Mark Blayney, at [markblayney@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:markblayney@rcdow.org.uk)

### THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall just behind Our Lady's church. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS** - This has been postponed to next Sunday (**9<sup>th</sup> February**).

### CRECHE

There is a creche for small children under the age of 5 during the first half of the 11.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome! We would be very grateful for any parents willing to volunteer to join the rota. The Sunday School liturgy group runs at the same time for children of Reception age upwards. Both groups are a brilliant way for your children to make friends and enjoy church! If you would like to volunteer (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please contact Henry Egbu at [hegbu3@gmail.com](mailto:hegbu3@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Creche Toy Appeal** - thank you to all who very generously donated their spare/unwanted toys, there was a fantastic response and we now have more than enough toys for the children.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John's FOP committee on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. If there is any matter concerning finances, operations or parish premises that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact the Chair of St John's FOP, Sandra Miller, at [sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sandramiller@rcdow.org.uk)

### PARISH CORE GROUP (PCG) MEETING – MINUTES

The Minutes of the recent PCG meeting can be found on *the Senior Leadership Team and Joint Parish Pastoral Council* page of the parish website. The Minutes are also available for viewing on the parish notice board in the porch.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### FINANCE OPERATIONS AND PREMISES (FOP) COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St John Fisher's FOP committee on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. If there is any matter concerning finances, operations or parish premises that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact the Chair of St John Fisher's FOP, Carolyn Opie, at [carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk)

**SJF SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT the screening of La Bohème on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30pm, at The Elgiva Cinema**

The Social Committee look forward to seeing all those who have booked tickets for this event. Tickets will be distributed on the evening of the event. ***There is free parking from 6.00pm in the Council owned car park beside the Cinema and in the Star Yard car park in Blucher Street (HP5 1DS) near the library and Sainsbury's.*** Committee members will be in the bar from 6.30pm and invite you to join them if you wish to have a drink before the 7.30pm start of the show.

### FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

Safety is our key responsibility as a Parish community, particularly to ensure the church is evacuated quickly and safely in case of fire. For this reason, a simple two Fire Warden system will be introduced for Saturday and Sunday Masses and festivals/solemnities when the church is full. A copy of the Fire Warden notes is on the noticeboard. It is not an onerous duty as action is only required in the unlikely event of a fire, one warden responsible for evacuating people at the front and the second for evacuating those at the back. A rota is not needed as wardens volunteer on arrival for each service. If you are willing to consider acting as a fire warden, please contact Alan Opie ([Alan.opie@live.co.uk](mailto:Alan.opie@live.co.uk)).

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHORLEYWOOD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - 2.00PM ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

This year's service will be held at the Free Church in Hillside Road. It has been put together by the women of Zimbabwe on the theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". All are most welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
<b>1 &amp; 2 Feb.</b>	M Bychawski	E Page	M Latimer	M Calvert	C Holly	L Turnbull	Yasmin & Francis	V Terrill
<b>8 &amp; 9 Feb.</b>	C Pierce	M Foggo	C Johnson	M Mackie	L Munro	J Hale	Peter & Carolyn	C Steet

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare. If you or someone you know plan to attend in a wheelchair, please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**.

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.