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ALL SAINTS 1ST NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today we remember those who have run the race, who have endured to the end and now share in the promises of heaven. We think of the well-known holy ones whose stories inspire us; we think also of the saints from our own lives, real people with real faults and failings as well as plenty of love and laughter, people whose lives we recall with pain and joy. We trust that these beloved children of God do indeed see him in truth, for to them have been revealed the truths that we know only in part.

In Revelation we read of a vision of the heavenly scene, a vision of salvation for members of the tribes of Israel and for the multitudes from every nation. The inclusiveness of this vision results from the nature of the lives led by these holy ones; they are all those whose clothing has been washed by the blood of the Lamb. They have trusted in the saving power of Jesus' death and Resurrection, even to the point of dying during persecution for the sake of their faith. To such as these and to us are addressed St Matthew's Beatitudes, words of encouragement and comfort despite the difficulties of life.

The Beatitudes of this Gospel do not have economic or social concerns as their central characteristics, as do the Beatitudes in Luke. Here the message is personal, the concerns spiritual. A person's disposition is all-important in determining who receives these blessings. They are directed at the humble ones, the "poor in spirit" and "the gentle"; those loathe to make demands will be recipients of both heaven and earth. Likewise the "pure in heart" will enjoy the splendour of God's presence. Those who bestow mercy will be reciprocated. The sense of aching that comes with sorrow and mourning will be eased. And finally, those persecuted for their faith can rejoice in heavenly reward.

As we reflect on the lives of the saints, we take comfort in knowing that they enjoy peace and have truly been blessed with the fulfilment of these promises for which we yet hope. We draw inspiration from their lives of faith and love, as we ourselves continue to struggle to be faithful and loving members of the Christian family.

WEEKDAY MASS AND VOLUNTEERS

We are now celebrating public Masses at **Our Lady's** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays, 9.30am**. There is no online booking, but attendance is on a first-come first-serve basis. Be aware that if there are funerals or memorial services on Wednesdays and Fridays, public Mass will be cancelled. However, information about cancellations will be given as soon as possible.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Although it isn't currently possible for the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, both Fr Damian and I are available for the celebration of the sacrament by individual appointment. The celebration would take place, outside of Mass time, either in the garden (weather permitting) or in an empty church. Any parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should contact either Fr Damian or me to arrange a mutually convenient time.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

If you are unable to come to Mass for health reasons, or because you could not book a place, please, join us for Mass by livestreaming. It is very simple to do. Simply go to <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth>, and you can join us for the public Sunday Masses at **Our Lady's (10am and 6pm)**, and all the private weekday Masses (**9.30am, Monday – Saturday**).

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

MON 3RD NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Online Bible Study - The Bible Course	
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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	Leo & Catherine Gaughan RIP		
SUNDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS	10am Josie Livingston RIP (Anniv.) 6pm John Reid RIP	10.30am Betty Page RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)</i>	Tommy Livingston RIP (Anniv)		
TUESDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	Holy Souls		
WED 4TH NOVEMBER <i>ST CHARLES BORROMEO</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
THURSDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Julia & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)		
SATURDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER	Holy Souls		
SUNDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10am Alexander Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Robert Burdin RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Julia & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)	9am Gregory McEwen RIP (Anniv.)

Entrance Antiphon:	Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
1st Reading:	Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
Response to Psalm:	Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
2nd Reading:	1 Jhn 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12
Communion Antiphon:	Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Next Sunday's Readings:	Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13 (Gospel)

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 Townend, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westhrop, and Gillian Loose.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, 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, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, and Paddy Goble.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls, when we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially remembering our departed family members, loved ones and friends. At most weekday Masses throughout November (excepting anniversary Masses) the Mass intention will be for the Holy Souls. As usual, we encourage you to write a list with the names of your departed loved ones to be included in this general intention. Due to the pandemic, this year we invite you to download and print the Holy Souls sheet from the special **Holy Souls** page on each parish website. Once completed, please email it to rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk. We will then print your list and add it to the Holy Souls box which will stand in front of the Our Lady's altar throughout November. If you would like to make an offering in connection with your Holy Souls list, you can use the **Donate to your Parish** tab where you can make a bank transfer directly to the parish. Please reference your offering as **Holy Souls**.

THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS APPEAL

Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. There will be no physical collection at Mass this year but you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. There is also a poster in the porch of each church featuring a 'QR Code' which you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021

Registration is now open for the 2021 First Communion programme. Full details of eligibility, how to register and how the programme will be delivered can be found on the three parish websites on the **First Communion 2021** page. If you have a child eligible for First Communion in 2021 please carefully read the relevant information on the website, complete the downloadable Registration Form and email it to us at rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk by no later than **30th November 2020**. Please be aware that, due to the global pandemic, the 2021 First Communion Programme will be delivered entirely online via **ZOOM**.

CONFIRMATION 2021

The details of the Confirmation programme 2021 are being finalised. Information about applying for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021, for those in Year 9 and above, will be given next week. The programme will be online, and we plan to start near the end of January 2021. The date for the Confirmation Mass/es will be given when we know if/when the Bishop is able to come.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) - Nursery/Reception - Academic Year 2021/22

The assessment of whether a CCP for a Nursery/Reception place at a Catholic Primary School for the academic year 2021/22 can be issued will be made in the following way: Only the Sundays from the beginning of December 2019 until and including Sunday 15th March 2020 will be assessed. The requirement of 70% attendance will be reduced to 65% attendance. This will mean that you will need 10 out of a possible 15 stickers in order for a CCP to be issued. If you are only applying for place at St John's School, Mill End and/or St Anthony's School, Watford, you do not need a CCP, as these schools have removed the need for a CCP from their admissions criteria. Fr Shaun will be available to sign CCPs on Saturday 28th November from 11.00am to 11.30am. You will need to book a specific (5 minute) appointment time by calling Kerry, our Parish Administrator, on 01923 773387 Ext 2, between 9.30am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Only one parent (no children) should attend the appointment. Please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment time and remember to bring your sticker card with you. Please wear a face covering. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MASS ATTENDANCE STICKERS AND CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) OF 2022 SECONDARY TRANSFER

With the Sunday Mass Obligation currently suspended and the ability of families to attend Mass in the parish each Sunday being very restricted due to social distancing measures, it is currently not possible to provide Mass attendance cards and stickers to families with a child making secondary transfer in 2022. There currently seems to be a level of uncertainty about if, and on what criteria, priests are going to be asked to complete CCPs for 2022 Secondary admissions. For the time being, all parents with a child who will be seeking a place in a Catholic Secondary school in 2022 should email me at shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk, providing the following information:

- Name of the child (first name and surname)
- Parents/Guardians names (first name and surname)
- Address at which you reside
- Telephone contact details

I will retain this information and keep a careful eye on Diocesan guidance with regard to the issuing of CCPs for 2022 transfer in the light of the prevailing restrictions caused by the pandemic. *Fr Shaun*

WATFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL – EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The Chaplaincy Team at Watford General Hospital are looking for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to support Catholic patients in Watford General Hospital by bringing Holy Communion during the weekends. Can you serve the Lord in this way? You must be under 60 years old and in good health. The Chaplaincy team will provide you with full training and support. Time commitment for this ministry would be between one and two hours per visit. Please prayerfully consider this invitation to a very special ministry and speak with Fr Shaun or Fr Damian who will contact the Catholic chaplain at the hospital with your details. All applicants must have the approval and support of their parish priests to be considered for this ministry.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PENPALS

Hello, we at St Joan's know how difficult lockdown has been for so many people over the last few months and recognise how many of the restrictions can be very isolating. We would love the opportunity to support you or someone you may know who you think would like to have a pen pal. Although it is not the same as face to face we think it is something that many may like to participate in. It is also a great chance to get back to some hand written exchanges and allow us to take a break from the immediate nature which comes with emails. This is a great chance for the different generations to stand together and support one another in these very difficult times, and hold true to our belief that we must "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Keep safe! If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested please contact St Joan of Arc and ask to speak to Miss Gaughan 01923 773881, or you can email directly tgaughan@joa.herts.sch.uk

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

APPEAL FOR HELP - MORE VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MASSES

We are making an urgent appeal for more volunteer stewards and cleaners to join the rota for Sunday Masses. With the re-opening of St John Fisher and St John the Evangelist parishes our pool of volunteers has been much reduced. We cannot allow the burden to fall upon the shoulders of just a few. If more volunteers do not come forward it may jeopardize our ability to have public celebrations of Mass every Sunday. If you have no underlying health conditions and would be willing to volunteer as a steward or a cleaner (or both) then please contact Sharon Blayney at sharon.blayney@btinternet.com as soon as possible. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

THE BOOKING OF MASSES

Currently we are celebrating Sunday Masses at Our Lady's at 10.00am and 6.00pm (Sunday evening). Places are limited and so you are invited to book online via the **EVENTS** page of Our Lady's website. Please note that you are booking **A PEW** not individual seats. *Please read the instructions on the booking page carefully and provide all the information requested.*

FOR THE MISSIONS

Please keep saving your stamps for the Missions. For the time being, please keep them at home, do not bring them to the church porch. Thank you, *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

HEATING THE CHURCH

With the onset of autumn and colder days, our expectation is that our churches will be heated. Every parish currently has to make thoughtful decisions about how to heat their churches whilst at the same time ensuring good ventilation as a part of our COVID secure measures. However, we have a particular problem at St John's, Mill End, in that our heating system is a fan-blower system which recirculates the heated air throughout the church. We have, therefore, been advised by the Diocese to heat the church prior to opening the church and then turn the heating off once people begin to arrive. This will mean that the church will be not be "toastily" warm during Mass, though hopefully it will retain some of the heat. As the days get colder, we encourage you to come to Mass prepared – i.e. lots of warm layers. If you are someone who feels the cold very strongly, you might wish to book a place at Mass at Our Lady's, rather than at St John's, at least when the winter is at its coldest.

THE BOOKING OF MASSES

Currently we are celebrating a Sunday Mass at 10.30am each week. Places are limited and so you are invited to book online via the **EVENTS** page of St John's website from the Monday of each week. Please note that you are booking **A PEW** not individual seats. *Please read the instructions on the booking page carefully and provide all the information requested.*

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

THE BOOKING OF MASSES

Currently we are celebrating a Sunday Mass at 9.00am each week. Places are limited and so you are invited to book online via the **EVENTS** page on the parish website from the Monday of each week. *Please read the instructions on the booking page carefully and provide all the information requested.*

NOT THE SJF CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

I am pleased to say we are up and running!! For *Christmas Cakes*, ring Marguerite Watkins 282780, large £16, small £11, for collection or delivery, mainly first week in December. Other delicious cakes, £4, will be available to purchase. For my potted hyacinths, daffodils etc, and the raffle and *The Silent Auction* and some bric a brac, please phone 284975 for an appointment to come in person or how to purchase long distance!!! All things are possible! Please look on our website for full details. Thank you and love, Mary Latimer