



St John The Evangelist
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St John Fisher
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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Looking ahead

It is only a couple of weeks since I arrived in the parishes and I would like to thank you all for the welcome you have given me. What I have witnessed are three very different communities united in faith, working alongside each other to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and seeking to share the treasure we cherish with those who have yet to discover it.

One of the challenges we have at this time is to start to carefully bring things back in the new reality of our Church following the past 18 months of the pandemic. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been counting how many are coming to the 4 masses across our parishes. We are currently at around 40% of the numbers that were attending Mass here two years ago, although these numbers are very gradually going up. Many of our parishioners have moved away over this time, whilst we also have some new families who have moved into the area, and they are most welcome. This appears to be a trend that is found across the diocese and we have been encouraged by the Bishops' to use this time as a period of reflection about how we use the resources we have, to maintain vibrant communities where people are welcomed and feel safe. With this in mind we will be making some changes from the first weekend of October (2/3rd October) to create more space for those returning but also aware that our resources are limited. These are very much transitional changes and the SLT will review them early in 2022.

The timetable will be as follows:

St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Sunday Mass will remain at 9am with the addition of a weekday Mass on Tuesdays at 9.30am.

St John the Evangelist, Mill End

The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm will return preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 5-5.45pm. The 10.30am Mass will also continue on Sunday mornings.

In addition, there will be a 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays. This will be preceded by praying the Rosary for our families at 9am. Parents on the school drop-off and parishioners are all invited to join us.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Sunday Masses will revert to 8.30am, 11am and 6pm.

There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions on Sundays from 5-5.45pm.

Weekday Masses will remain at 9.30am Monday – Saturday.

All services from Our Lady's will continue to be live-streamed for those who are sick and housebound.

Our vision is to make each of these Masses vibrant and worthy celebrations of faith, to encourage those who have yet to do so, to return, whilst also continuing our mission to evangelise the Gospel to those who have never discovered the truth we profess.

I ask for your understanding at these times when difficult decisions are having to be made soon into my arrival in the parishes. I am most grateful for the support and wisdom of the members of the SLT to aid me in this and ask you to continue to pray for us as we seek to serve our parishes.

Fr Andrew

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| WED 22ND SEPTEMBER | 7.30pm | Alpha - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| THUR 23RD SEPTEMBER | 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Life in the Spirit Prayer Group | <i>Via Zoom</i> |
| SAT 25TH SEPTEMBER | 1.00pm | Wedding | Our Lady Help of Christians |

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

| | Our Lady Help of Christians | St John the Evangelist | St John Fisher |
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| SATURDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER | 9.30am Fr Stephen Delany RIP | | |
| SUNDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10am Roger Barker RIP 6pm Bridie Carey RIP | 10.30am Chris Paddon RIP | 9am For the People of the Parishes |
| MON 20TH SEPTEMBER ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS | 9.30am For the sick & housebound of the parish | | |
| TUE 21ST SEPTEMBER ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST | 9.30am Fr Colin Whatling RIP | | |
| WEDNESDAY 22 ND SEPTEMBER | 9.30am For the sick & housebound of the parish | | |
| THU 23RD SEPTEMBER ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST | 9.30am Fr Stephen Delany RIP | | |
| FRI 24TH SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM | 9.30am Eithne Jackson RIP | | |
| SATURDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER | 9.30am For the sick & housebound of the parish | | |
| SUNDAY 26 TH SEPTEMBER 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10am For the People of the Parishes 6pm Margery Hollingsworth RIP | 10.30am Alan Moss RIP (Anniv.) | 9am Michael McGrath RIP (Anniv.) |



Mass Intentions

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered, or you would like a Mass said for someone who is sick or for your own intention. For Mass to be offered it is the tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priests. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westhrop and Michael Gaukroger.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Michael Dixon and Alfredo Rock.

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, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick, Julian Harris and Robert Plourde.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

RCIA

If you are an adult wishing to enter fully into communion with the Roman Catholic Church then please contact Fr Andrew for more information regarding our RCIA course that will begin soon. If you know of any member of your family or a friend who this may be suitable for, please do pass on the message and encourage them to seriously consider this life-changing process.

ALTAR SERVERS

If any young person who has made their First Holy Communion would like to be an Altar Server, please could their parents email Fr Andrew stating which Mass and parish you attend and for further information about training sessions over the coming weeks.

CONFIRMATION

For those parishioners in Year 9 and above interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2022, parents and young people are invited to an information session on 10th October at 4.15pm at Our Lady's hall.

KAIROS

Kairos is the parish online ministry where all people are invited to connect, belong, and grow in faith. A trained and dedicated team will welcome you, provide stimulating input, facilitate open and honest discussion in small groups, and guide simple but powerful prayer. It is every fortnight from 5th October to 12th December. Registration is open now, so please, register ASAP to guarantee your place. To register, please, email: kairos@rcdow.org.uk

ALPHA - INVITATION TO PRAY

This year Alpha launches on Wednesday 22nd September, however Prayer Ministry starts on 29th September. We are inviting all parishioners to join some of the Alpha team at Our Lady Help of Christians church for one or more alternate Wednesdays from 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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Although it isn't currently possible for the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, Fr Andrew and Fr Damian are available for the celebration of the sacrament by individual appointment.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday 26th September is World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Please find a way to mark the day.

You can read the Pope's message here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html

And find a range of resources here: <https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2021/>

We also have a video on our YouTube channel – the recording of our last Quarterly Meeting of those involved in welcoming refugees. Do take some time to watch this, to meet four refugees and hear their stories; their journey to the UK, their experience of the UK asylum system and their successes, dreams and aspirations. It includes a specific call for action on the Afghan Refugee Response and in challenging the Nationality & Borders Bill as it passes through parliament this Autumn. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bz7ZxZr6Vds>

In the coming days we will create shorter clips of this video that can be shared on social media or in parish communications.

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Open Evening 7th October & Open Morning 8th October 2021

We are very pleased to announce that we will be able to hold our Open Evening and Open Morning for prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2022. The dates and times are as follows:

Open Evening to take place on Thursday 7th October 2021 from 6.00pm until 9.00pm

Open Morning to take place on the following morning, Friday 8th October 2021 from 9.00am until 11.30am

Details of our Open Events together with our Admission Policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can also be found on our school website. NB: Should regulations surrounding Covid 19 alter, then details of any possible cancellations, or change to an online event, will be detailed there for parents to view.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THE GARDEN CALVARY

You may have noticed over the past year that the garden Calvary is not in the best of condition. After over 100 years of exposure to the elements the wood of the cross is largely rotten. The parish Finance, Operations and Premises (FOP) Committee, is currently working on a plan for the renewal of the Calvary. The cost of this work will be significant at a time when the parish finances are stretched due to the pandemic. The FOP Committee has agreed that when we have finalized the plans and assessed the costs involved, we will appeal to parishioners for specific donations to support the restoration of this iconic, unique and much loved garden Calvary. There will be more details about this soon.

200 CLUB

The 200 Club begins again in October and if you are interested in joining (or cancelling your membership) please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. The membership fee is due by the end of September for those who prefer to pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

200 CLUB - AUGUST DRAW

Congratulations to Josie Westthrop £33; Mary Thomson £24.75, Clare Loose £16.50 and Angela Steele £8.25.

FOR THE MISSIONS

Thank you for saving your stamps for the Missions, the box is now in the church porch. Please keep them coming!
Sheila Harrington.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

OUR LADY'S REREDOS AND ALTAR AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH

The new reredos for Our Lady's statue, together with the refurbished altar, has now been fitted in the side chapel, which now becomes the Lady Chapel. Cardinal Nichols was due to bless the reredos at the special Mass on 27th June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church. However, due to the extension of the social distancing regulations, this has sadly had to be postponed. A celebration of this important anniversary, and the blessing of the reredos, will be rearranged to take place soon.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A number of parishioners who use planned giving envelopes but are currently unable to attend Sunday Mass have contacted us regarding their planned giving and the offering that they make to their parish using them. For any parishioner who is in this situation and wishes to make a Sunday offering, we invite you to either drop your envelopes, together with your donation, at the parish office at the Presbytery at Our Lady's or to post a cheque made payable to St John Fisher, Chorleywood, together with at least one planned giving envelope, to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you could make a donation via an electronic payment to St John Fisher parish using the following details:

Account Name: WRC DT Chorleywood

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 21095552

Please annotate the payment as: **Sunday Offering**. Thank you for your continued and valued support.

MISSIO/APF REF BOX HOLDERS

Many thanks to all for their donations so far received. May I please have any more by next weekend so that I can pay in by the end of September. Our Missionaries must be in dire need. New donors always welcome, contact me please. Love to all, Mary 284975.

MARY'S MINI ART GALLERY (GARAGE)

We now have nearly 50 artworks for sale: oils, watercolours, prints, a batik, cigarette cards, pewter, china, bamboo and embroidery. Also greetings cards. New items are being given every week. We have so far raised £625 for the **Cardinal Hume Centre** for the homeless in Westminster. Do call me to come and see. Mary 284975 xx