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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 25TH SEPTEMBER 2021

TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER “WE”

God created us male and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a “we” destined to become ever more numerous in the succession of generations. God created us in his image, in the image of his own triune being, a communion in diversity. When, in disobedience we turned away from God, he in his mercy wished to offer us a path of reconciliation, not as individuals but as a people, a “we”, meant to embrace the entire human family, without exception. Salvation history thus has a “we” in its beginning and a “we” at its end, and at its centre the mystery of Christ, who died and rose so “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). The present time, however, shows that this “we” willed by God is broken and fragmented, wounded and disfigured. And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.

The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer *others*, but only a single “we”, encompassing all of humanity. For the members of the Catholic Church, this appeal entails a commitment to becoming ever more faithful to our being “catholic”. The Holy Spirit enables us to embrace everyone, to build communion in diversity, to unify differences without imposing a depersonalized uniformity. In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are by right, members of both their local ecclesial community and the one Church, dwellers in one home and part of one family.

In our day, the Church is called to go out into the streets in order to heal wounds and to seek out the straying, without prejudice or fear, without proselytising, but ready to widen her tent to embrace everyone. Among those dwelling in those peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached. The current influx of migrants can be seen as a new “frontier” for mission, a privileged opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message at home, and to bear concrete witness to the Christian faith in a spirit of charity and profound esteem for other religious communities.

*Holy beloved Father,
we ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the “we” of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.*

*Extract of the Message & Prayer of Pope Francis for the 107th
World Day for Migrants and Refugees, 26 September 2021*

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 26TH SEPTEMBER	12 noon	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 29TH SEPTEMBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 29TH SEPTEMBER	7.30pm	Alpha Prayer Ministry - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 30TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	<i>Via Zoom</i>
SAT 2ND OCTOBER	2.00pm	Wedding	Our Lady Help of Christians
SUN 3RD OCTOBER	11.45am	First Communion Parents' Meeting - Hall	St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am For the sick & housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 26 TH SEPTEMBER <i>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10am For the People of the Parishes 6pm Margery Hollingsworth RIP	10.30am Alan Moss RIP (Anniv.)	9am Michael McGrath RIP (Anniv.)
MON 27TH SEPTEMBER <i>ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIEST</i>	9.30am Máirín Kelly RIP		
TUESDAY 28 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Private Intention		
WED 29TH SEPTEMBER <i>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</i>	9.30am Ola & Adam Budzynski RIP		
THU 30TH SEPTEMBER <i>ST JEROME, PRIEST</i>	9.30am John (Terry) Terence McGrady RIP		
FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER <i>SS THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN</i>	9.30am Josefina Caranto RIP (Anniv.)		
SAT 2ND OCTOBER <i>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</i>	9.30am Special Intention	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 3 RD OCTOBER <i>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Nalene Nixon (Ints.) 11am For the People of the Parishes 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am Kathleen & Percy Matthews RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes



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, Robert Plourde and Patsy Tyden.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

REVISED TIMETABLE

From Saturday 2nd October the timetable of our three parishes 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 or housebound.

These are transitional changes and the SLT will review them early in 2022 in light of Mass attendance across the three parishes.

Newsletter by email: If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email then please email the parish office with your contact details so that you can be added to the distribution list.

ORGANIST WANTED

The Chorleywood parish are in need of an organist to help support our choir at the Sunday 9am Mass. If you have the gift of being an organist and are able to assist please speak to Fr Andrew as soon as possible.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY (FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER) – CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents who have registered their children for the First Holy Communion programme, are reminded that there will be a Parents Information Meeting in October. For those who have registered at St John's, Mill End – Sunday 3rd October at 11.45am. For those who have registered at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – Monday 4th October at 7.30pm.

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 launched 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

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.

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH AND BLESSING OF OUR LADY ALTAR

It has now been confirmed that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will come to Mill End to celebrate Mass for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church and to bless our new Lady Altar on **Sunday 16th January 2022** at our 10.30am Mass. Please add this date to your diary and look out for more details regarding this celebration in the coming weeks.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Following a meeting of the COVID task force, seating in the Church has been returned to the pre-pandemic set up, and the one-way system removed. Hymn books have also been distributed as we welcome the return of the choir and congregational singing. However, we would request that Parishioners continue sanitising their hands on entering the Church and wear a mask throughout Mass. Good ventilation continues to be a key safeguard against the spread of the virus and so the front and side doors will remain open throughout. However, recognising that we are now in autumn and temperatures are dropping, the back door in the main Church will be closed just as Mass commences should the weather and temperature in the Church require it. We also recognise that parishioners will have differing thoughts with regard to what they feel is a comfortable social distance to maintain between households and will provide notices that enable someone to request that the seat directly next to them is kept free. While it isn't appropriate to remove all restrictions at this time, we hope this is seen as a welcome step along that road

MISSIO/APF RED BOX HOLDERS

Very many thanks for your most generous donations of £169.87. I think this is the highest September quarter total ever achieved by us!!! I think our Missionaries and their parishioners would be so pleased if they knew. Please contact me if you would like to join in. Love from 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 £677 for the **Cardinal Hume Centre** for the homeless in Westminster. Do call me to come and see. Mary 284975 xx

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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 from 6.00pm until 9.00pm

Open Morning to take place on Friday 8th October 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.