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ALL SAINTS (YEAR B) - 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

November is traditionally the month when we pray for those who have died. In our liturgy we pray *'for your faithful, O Lord, life has changed not ended; while our earthly dwelling is destroyed, a new eternal dwelling is prepared for us in heaven'*. This year we celebrate those who are already in heaven on Sunday 31st October in the celebration of All Saints. Throughout November, beginning with the All Souls Day on Tuesday 2nd November, we then pray for the faithful departed who are in purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. The need and duty of prayer for the departed souls has been acknowledged by the Church since the very beginning. In the Old Testament we read: *"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins"* (2 Macc 12: 46). It is also one of the Corporal Acts of Mercy to pray for the dead. Traditionally in this month we like to remember those we have known and loved, but it is also a time when we pray for those who have no-one to pray for them. Over the coming weeks we will have a number of events in the parish which will aid us in this prayer.

Firstly, on Saturday 6th November we will have a Mass for those who have died in our parishes, particularly remembering those who have died over the past year. This is an opportunity for us to pray for deceased members of our community and to support those who mourn their passing. This will be followed by a series of blessings of graves where our priests will be available to say prayers and bless the graves of those who are buried in the area. We will also have a Mass in memory of Fr Jim Duffy, who served the parish of Rickmansworth so faithfully, on 23rd November. Full details of all these events can be found inside this newsletter.

During the coming month we will also unite with our community in remembering those who have died in war, joining the Armistice Day Act of Remembrance, and the Remembrance Sunday Procession ending with prayers at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard. This is a chance for us to give thanks for those who have given their lives in service, but also to pray for peace in our world, so such a sacrifice does not have to be made again.

We will of course also have the names of the Holy Souls we wish to be remembered at Mass placed before the Altars in each of our churches throughout this month, and we may remember our loved ones who have died in many other ways.

November is also a month where we should think about our own death and be helping the community to pray for us when that time comes. The Church encourages us to be prepared for the day when our lives are ended, and to support our family and friends by having a plan for our funeral written down. Full information on how to prepare our funerals can be found at the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/liturgy/preparing-for-a-funeral/>

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

MON 1ST NOVEMBER	5.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUES 2ND NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Kairos	<i>via Zoom</i>
WED 3RD NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 4TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 5TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Peggy Langdale RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 6TH NOVEMBER	11.30am 2.30pm	Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest Blessing of Graves	Our Lady Help of Christians Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Genova D'Cruz RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 31 ST OCTOBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	8.30am Mary & Aldo De Michiel RIP (Anniv.) 11am Frazer Bradshaw RIP 6pm Augustus Joachim RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Audrey Potts (Int.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
TUE 2ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	7pm Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Martin & Nina Burke RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Holy Souls	
THU 4TH NOVEMBER <i>ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Peggy Langdale RIP		
SATURDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	11.00am For all deceased members of our parishes	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER <i>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Julia & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.) 11am Verna Kendrick RIP 6pm Mick O'Sullivan RIP	10.30am Chris Patton RIP	9am Gregory McEwen 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 Westthrop, Michael Gaukroger and Molly Gray.

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 Canon Robert Plourde.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Tuesday 2nd November is All Soul's day. Masses across the three parishes will be as follows:
Our Lady Help of Christians – 9.30am; St John Fisher – 9.30am; St John the Evangelist – 7.00pm

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available from this weekend. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On **Saturday 6th November** we will have a Mass for all deceased members of our parishes at 11am in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. At this Mass we will particularly remember all those who have died over the past year so please do encourage those recently bereaved to attend. This Mass will be immediately followed by the blessing of graves at Our Lady's Garden of Rest

BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Andrew and Fr Damian will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries:

Saturday 6th November – 2.30pm Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery

Sunday 7th November – 2.30pm Chorleywood Road Cemetery

Sunday 21st November – 2.30pm Woodcock Hill Cemetery

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The annual Deanery Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased priests of the Deanery will take place at St Helen's, North Watford on **9th November** at 12 noon. This Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Deanery. Parishioners of the three parishes are invited to join us for this Mass.

ARMISTICE DAY – THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

10.45am Gather at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard for the reading of the names on the War Memorial and in the Books of Remembrance in church.

11.00am Two Minute Silence

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 14TH NOVEMBER

Due to ongoing precautions relating to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the marking of Remembrance Sunday will take place with a Remembrance Sunday Parade through the Town Centre followed by the Act of Remembrance in the Churchyard at St Mary's. There will be no Service in church this year in order to allow for continued Covid-19 precautions.

1.30pm Parade assembles in the Car Park of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth.

2.00pm Parade marches off, heading west along Rickmansworth High Street.

2.15pm Parade arrives at St Mary's Churchyard. The Standard and Flag Parties proceed to the War Memorial entrance.

2.30pm Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial

CONFIRMATION

For those parishioners in Year 9 and above interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2022, please email rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk for more information and an application form before 14/11/21.

PEGGY LANGDALE RIP

The ashes of Peggy Langdale will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's on **Friday 5th November**.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. 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. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

GDPR COMPLIANCE

If you are a parish volunteer (eg a member of a parish committee, a catechist, a reader, a Minister of Holy Communion, a helper with teas and coffees, a member of the choir, welcomer, cleaner, etc) and have not signed a Confidentiality Agreement, please contact Kerry who will send one to you to complete. Thank you.

ALPHA - INVITATION TO PRAY

This year Alpha launched on Wednesday 22nd 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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR JIM DUFFY

Fr Jim was the parish priest of Our Lady's for 26 years and sadly when he died nearly a year ago it was not possible for many of the parish to attend his funeral. The parish will be having a Memorial Mass for Fr Jim on Tuesday **23rd November** at 7pm in Our Lady's Church before his ashes are taken to Ireland for burial. All are most welcome to come to this Mass and give thanks to God for Fr Jim's service to our parish and to pray for the repose of his soul.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

We're looking forward to the return of our Christmas Fair. We would be grateful to receive donations of bottles of wine/spirits and new unwanted gifts for our tombola/raffle. A box will be in the church porch. Are you available to help on the day? Please email laura.sharp@live.co.uk or aodonovan@ntlworld.com.

FOLK GROUP - APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

We wanted to extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to join the Folk Group as a singer or as an instrumentalist, we are always keen to have new woodwind, string, and guitar players. If you are an instrumentalist, there is some sight-reading involved, so all we ask is for you to be at a good standard to be able to learn any new music. We rehearse before the 6pm Mass each week and would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please drop me an email (cepione@hotmail.co.uk). *Katy Pione*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are planning to restart the Children's Liturgy group at the 10.30am Sunday Mass as soon as possible. We really need extra volunteers to help run the sessions. All materials are prepared by Liz and Regina, volunteers are needed to help on the day. New volunteers will always be paired initially with an existing member of the team. We have a team of 4 at the moment, 2 people are needed each week. Ideally we need a minimum of 6 volunteers therefore each person would only need to help once per month. If you are interested, please email liztownsenduk@gmail.com or speak to Fr Andrew or Fr Damian. All volunteers need to complete a DBS check arranged by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

WARM WINTER COATS WANTED

This November I am hoping to collect warm winter coats for the charity "Calling London". They distribute the coats to various charities helping the homeless, refugees, elderly and those in low income households. Any coats are welcome as long as they are clean and warm, but they particularly need children's and large adult sizes.

Donations should be left in the church porch where they will be collected. The last date for donations is **Sunday 21st November**. For more information, or if you would like to be involved please email coatdrivewd3@gmail.com

Thank you, *Allyson O'Grady*

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

ST JOHN FISHER CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

As we are still unable to have our traditional Fair, the event is taking place in **Mary's Garage** until 27th November. Please help us raise money for the Cardinal Hume Centre and the Franciscan Missionaries in Zambia and Nigeria by donating **Raffle Prizes**, and **new (or nearly new) items for the Gift Stall**. **Hyacinth bulbs** will be ready soon. **Christmas Cakes** and other cakes are available to order from Marguerite (Tel: 282780). Come and visit the stalls, bring and buy, during November on Thursdays 2-4pm or Saturdays 10-12noon. To visit at other times by appointment or for further information please call Mary on 284975. We are now open for business. With love, Mary x

DIOCESAN NOTICES

DIOCESAN MASS FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC

On **7th November** at 5.30pm Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral, for all those who have died during the pandemic, all who mourn them, all who have been bereaved or traumatised, those who were ill and those who cared for them, including all in the medical profession and care workers. All are welcome to this Mass, especially doctors, nurses, care workers and all health care professionals.

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