



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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### St John Fisher

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<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/chorleywood>

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### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

## Our Synodal Journey begins

In October 2023 the bishops of the Church will come together in Synod. The path toward this Synod, *'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'*, is a worldwide invitation to all the faithful. Pope Francis writes:

*'Every synodal process, in which the Bishops are called to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church, not by themselves but by listening to the People of God, is an evident form of that "journeying together" which makes the Church grow.'* (Synod Preparatory Document 14)

This call to the synodal journey takes place in a period of global pandemic. Some parts of the world appear to be emerging from it, while other parts of the world are still suffering its full effects. The pandemic has exacerbated already existing inequalities in the world. *'At the same time, this global crisis has revived our sense that we are all in the same boat, and that "one person's problems are the problems of all"'*.

The Synod calls us, as urged by the Second Vatican Council, to *'scrutinise the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel'* (Lumen Gentium 4). It should, therefore, cause us to reflect on what we have learnt and experienced in the life of the Church during this time, and to reflect too on the anxieties and fears it has evoked within us.

This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through her experience which processes can help her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open herself to mission.

*'Our "journeying together" is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.'* (SPD, 1) So here are the intertwined elements of a synodal Church, that which the title of the Synod proposes: communion, participation and mission.

We will have some moments of reflection on the questions of the Synod in some of our existing forums and groups but primarily in our three parishes we will come together for this period of listening and reflection on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November** at the following times:

**Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth 9.30-10.30am**

**St John Fisher Church, Chorleywood 10-11am**

**St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Mill End 11.30am-12.30pm.**

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Margaret Simon - Youth Ministry Leadership Team:  
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We would encourage all parishioners to try and attend one of these sessions answering this important call to reflection after what has been a difficult couple of years for so many of us. It is only by spending this time listening and reflecting together, that we as a Church will learn to grow stronger together and live out our calling as missionary disciples.

### SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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#### Diocesan Safeguarding

### YOUTH MINISTRY

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	12.30pm	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Joan Townend RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6pm (Vigil)</b> Mary & Hugh Keating RIP	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Norah MacWilliam RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> Eve Clark RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Special Intention		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Marian Forrest RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Tony Bond RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
<b>THU 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>SS SIMON &amp; JUDE, APOSTLES</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Elizabeth Mary Kendrick RIP		
<b>FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Joan Townend RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Genova D'Cruz RIP	<b>6pm (Vigil)</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Mary & Aldo De Michiel RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Frazer Bradshaw RIP <b>6pm</b> Augustus Joachim RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Audrey Potts (Int.)	<b>9am</b> 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> November – 2.30pm Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 2.30pm Chorleywood Road Cemetery

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 **9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**30<sup>TH</sup>/31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER** - a reminder that clocks go back one hour next weekend.

### CONFIRMATION

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

### JOAN TOWNEND RIP

The ashes of Joan Townend will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please collect an envelope from church this week and give generously. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

### VIRGIN MONEY GIVING - Important news about giving online

You may have already heard that Virgin Money Giving – the online donation platform used throughout the diocese – is to close in November 2021. While the diocese is working towards alternative online donation systems, we thought it wise to make everyone aware of what this situation means for the parishes.

### What does this mean for you?

During the pandemic online giving has become increasingly important for many parishes. We are fortunate to receive many one-off donations online. Some people have also generously set up recurring monthly donations via Virgin Money Giving to support the parish during COVID-19. From **30<sup>th</sup> November** these monthly donations will be cancelled automatically by Virgin Money Giving. If you are someone who makes an occasional or regular donation online, you may now be wondering how you can continue supporting the parish. We will be setting up new online giving tools but this will take a little time to arrange. But before we get to that point, it is worth remembering that the best way to support the parish is by standing order.

### Giving by Standing Order

Regular giving is the financial bedrock of the parish. It also costs the parish less to manage than online giving so your money goes further. If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way. If you would like to know more about standing orders please contact Kerry, who will be happy to help you with this process.

We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has continued supporting our parishes during the pandemic. Thank you for your ongoing support of our diocesan family at this difficult time. We pray that you keep well and that your faith remains strong.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT.

This year, the service in our local area will be hosted by St Thomas' Church, West Hyde on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. The theme of the service this year is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and is based around a passage from the Gospel of Matthew. It calls on women, men and children to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, peace and love in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity, like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world. All are welcome to attend this service.

### SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know someone who is sick and housebound in our parishes who would like to receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know so that we can be in contact with them.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:laura.sharp@live.co.uk) or [aodonovan@ntlworld.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> November**. For more information, or if you would like to be involved please email [coatdrivewd3@gmail.com](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. With love, Mary x

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### DIOCESAN MASS FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC

On 7<sup>th</sup> 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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