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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

Time to listen

As has been mentioned over the past few weeks 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 next **Sunday 21st 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.

We would encourage all parishioners to try and attend one of these sessions if at all possible. It is only by listening and reflecting together, that we as a Church will learn to grow stronger together and live out our calling as missionary disciples.

In preparation for this we would encourage you to reflect in advance on what it means to listen when we are journeying together as a Church and what might be a stumbling block to us listening to one another. It is important to remember here that Pope Francis is quite clear that *"What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not the traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time"*. This is why the Synodal meetings are called to be processes of listening to one another, rather than seeking an end in themselves. It is hoped that through this listening process 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 and to open herself for mission.

So how will we reflect on this at our meetings? We suggest that over the coming week you think and pray about the following themes and come to the meeting prepared to share where the Holy Spirit has spoken to you.

- i) What was your experience of the lockdowns of the pandemic and what role did the Church play during that time?
- ii) What do our parishes do well and where can they grow?
- iii) How do we think our parish mission of *'Encountering Jesus, serving others'* can be lived out more fully in our parishes today?

If you are unable to attend the parish meetings, then it is possible to join some diocesan online listening events on 15th November 7-9pm, 20th November 10am-12pm, 24th November 7-9pm. More details of these can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/synod

Synod Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 14TH NOVEMBER	9.15am 11.30am 4.15pm	First Communion Class - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 15TH NOVEMBER	5.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUES 16TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Kairos	<i>Via Zoom</i>
WED 17TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 18TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 20TH NOVEMBER	12.30pm	Wedding	Our Lady Help of Christians
SUN 21ST NOVEMBER	9.30am 10am 11.30am 11.30am	Westminster Synodal Pathway Event Westminster Synodal Pathway Event Westminster Synodal Pathway Event Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER <i>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Reena Henry (Ints.) 11am Bernadette Hayden RIP 6pm Mgr Peter Smith RIP	10.30am Roisin Harrington RIP	9am John and Mary Harris RIP
MONDAY 15 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Ann Mulholland RIP (Anniv.) 11am Funeral - Gillian Wilton RIP		
TUE 16TH NOVEMBER <i>St EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
SATURDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am James Harbird RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Intentions of the Kenny Family	
SUNDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am In Thanksgiving 11am Patrick Mantle RIP 6pm In Thanksgiving	10.30am Mary Rapa (Ints.)	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, 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

ST PATRICK MISSIONARY SOCIETY APPEAL

On the weekends of 13th/14th and 20th/21st November we will be joined by Fr Richard Filimar who will speak to us about the work of St Patrick's Missionary Society and make an appeal for our financial support. Fr Richard will be present at the following Masses:

13th/14th November: Mill End (6pm Vigil), Chorleywood (9am) and Rickmansworth (11am)

21st November: Rickmansworth (8.30am & 6pm) and Mill End (10.30am).

There will be a retiring collection at each of the Masses to support St Patrick's Missionary Society.

GILLIAN WILTON RIP

The funeral of Gillian Wilton will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on **Monday 15th November**, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

Fr Andrew will be away on a National Pilgrimage Directors Conference next week (Tuesday to Friday).

COVID PRECAUTIONS

To aid ventilation the church doors and windows will remain open during the celebration of Mass. We encourage parishioners to wrap up warmly, especially as we approach the colder months.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available in the back of the church, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21st November** at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

We desperately need volunteers to help with the set up, help in the kitchen, and to clear away. If you are able to help, please email Geraldine on geraldine.page21@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are happy to announce the popular children's party will be back this year on **Sunday 19th December 2021** at 11.30am in St John's Parish Centre, Mill End. Please put the date in your diaries. All children from across our parishes who are primary school age or younger are welcome to come along. We would ask that parents stay with the children please. Mr Marvel will be there to entertain the children while the parents can relax and enjoy a cup of tea. No booking is required, please just turn up.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Damian will be blessing graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery on Sunday 21st November at 2.30pm

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

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

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.

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.

GIFT AID

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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.

Food and drinks will be served in the hall afterwards. We will need volunteers on the evening to serve food and to help set up and clean up after Mass. Please contact Angela if you're able to help aodonovan@ntlworld.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are in need of a team of volunteers to assist as leaders and helpers so that we can revive our Children's Liturgy at the 11am Sunday Mass. All volunteers would need to have DBS Check and will receive training. If you are interested in this role, please contact Fr Andrew for further information.

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.

APPEAL FOR CLEANERS

Would you have a couple of hours to spare every 6-8 weeks to help us keep our beautiful church clean, shiny and safe? We have a small, dedicated team of volunteers already, but we would really need to boost our numbers to have more flexibility. You'd have a 'cleaning buddy' and it's surprising what friendships can develop while vacuuming, mopping or dusting. If you think you might be able to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Cristina on 07470 266 284 or at cristinapersonal19@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

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: **WRCDT Chorleywood**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account Number: **21095552**

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

ST JOHN FISHER CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

Once again in Mary's garage in Turneys Orchard and running from **now** until **Saturday 27th November**. Please help us raise money for **The Cardinal Hume Centre in Westminster** and **Franciscan Missionaries in Africa** by donations of bottles for the raffle, gifts, new or nearly new or antique!, good toys, toiletries, etc., and also more valuable items for the Silent Auction. The hyacinths and other bulbs are ready to order and we are **now selling** tickets for our amazing **Raffle**. Marguerite (282780) is now taking orders for her delicious **Christmas Cakes** and **Sponges**. Come and **Bring and Buy** at any time by appointment or drop in at our **Open Times** of 10am - 12 noon on Saturdays and 2-4pm on Thursdays during **November**. We will be selling raffle tickets after Mass today and next Sunday. For appointments or extra information phone Mary on 284975. With love to all xx