



St John The Evangelist

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Our Lady Help of Christians

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 30TH JANUARY 2022

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

“Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy.” - St. Therese of Lisieux

“Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us.” – St. Theresa of Avila

“Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours.” - St. Augustine

“Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.” - St. John Chrysostom

"If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unravelled." - Cynthia Lewis

“Whoever kneels the most, stands the best.” – D. L. Moody

“Love to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of himself.” - Mother Teresa

“Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.” - Saint John Vianney

“Without Prayer nothing good is done. God's works are done with our hands joined, and on our knees. Even when we run, we must remain spiritually kneeling before Him.” - Blessed Luigi Orione

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?" - Corrie ten Boom

“There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer.” A.T. Pierson

"Seven days without prayer makes one weak." Allen E. Vartlett

“If you have lost the taste for prayer, you will regain the desire for it by returning humbly through its practice.” – Pope St. Paul VI

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

Do you ever feel like you're not sure how to pray? Do you ever wonder if your prayers will be heard? You can learn some of the most powerful Catholic methods of praying, to grow in greater confidence and a relationship with God, at the **Prayer and Life Workshops**. It is for everyone, whether you are a beginner or more experienced in prayer.

Taster sessions will be held:

- Tuesday 15th February at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall, Rickmansworth 7pm – 9pm
- Thursday 17th February at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Mill End 7pm – 9pm
- Saturday 19th February at St John Fisher Church, Chorleywood 10am – 12pm

For those who wish to join them the workshops will then continue for 15 weeks.

Before the taster session members from the Prayer and Life Workshop Team will come and speak at all Masses on **6th and 13th February** with more information about the workshops and how to register. Both Fr Andrew and Fr Damian have done the workshops, and have benefitted enormously!

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 30TH JANUARY	11.30am	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall	St John the Evangelist
THU 3RD FEBRUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 5TH FEBRUARY	12.30pm	New parishioners welcoming event - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SUN 6TH FEBRUARY	9.30am 11.30am	Coffee Morning - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall	St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 29 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6pm (Vigil) Vera Taylor RIP	
SUNDAY 30 TH JANUARY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Tess & Jimmy Logan RIP (Anniv.) 11am Merwyn Mascarenhas RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am Mary & Eileen (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MON 31ST JANUARY <i>St JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Val Connolly RIP		
TUESDAY 1 ST FEBRUARY	9.30am Tommy Folan RIP		9.30am Fr Des Baker RIP
WED 2ND FEBRUARY <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30am Jack O'Neill (Ints.)	9.30am Pascal Rock RIP	
THU 3RD FEBRUARY <i>SS LAWRENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE</i>	9.30am Martin & Philomena Conway (Ints.)		
FRIDAY 4 TH FEBRUARY	9.30am Danny Keeney RIP (Anniv.)		
SAT 5TH FEBRUARY <i>St AGATHA, VIRGIN</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6pm (Vigil) Maureen O'Connor (Ints.)	
SUNDAY 6 TH FEBRUARY <i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Joe Grove RIP (Anniv.) 11am Vincent RIP 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am Pascal Rock 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, Michael Gaukroger, Molly Gray and Leslie Edwards.

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

SKILLS AUDIT

Thank you to all those who completed the skill audit form last week. We have some very talented people in our parishes! This information will be collated over the coming weeks and used to help the SLT when seeking certain skills to help the parishes to run efficiently. If you were not at Mass last weekend the forms are available in the Church. Please do fill them in and pass them to one of the priests to be added to the audit database.

PETITIONS TO LOURDES

As part of his role as Assistant Director for the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Fr Andrew will be in Lourdes from 9th-13th February on the International Pilgrimage Directors' Conference. If you would like him to drop off a petition of prayer at the grotto whilst he is there then please put it in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Petition' and drop it off at the Presbytery before Monday 7th February.

JOSIE WESTHROP RIP

The funeral service of Josie Westhrop will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 14th February, 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

CANDLEMAS

This coming Wednesday, 2nd February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. Mass on Wednesday will begin with the blessing of candles. Candles will be provided, but if you wish to bring your own, please feel free to do so.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Thursday 3rd February is the Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of throats will take place at the end of Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOMING EVENT

We are aware that over the past two years there are many people who are new to the parish. Please do pick up one of our leaflets in the Church porch and fill in the form so we know who you are. There will also be a Welcome soup lunch with the Parishes' Senior Leadership Team for all new parishioners on Saturday 5th February at 12.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Please do come along and introduce yourselves and find out more about how our parishes work together and ways in which you can get involved. To assist with catering please do let Kerry in the parish office know you are planning to attend and if you have any allergies on rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk

MOTHERS PRAYERS

For mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren. Mothers Prayers was launched in England in 1995 and is now in over 100 countries. A group will start in our parishes in January, meeting for an hour each week one morning. For more information visit www.mothersprayers.org. If you would like to join the group please contact Guyonne at guyonneberger@yahoo.fr

Lord, give me the eyes to see you in my children, your heart to love them and your gentleness to help them grow. Give me your wisdom to guide them, and your strength when I need to let them go. Amen

SVP NATIONAL UPDATE - THANK YOU!

We are very pleased to announce that our **Christmas Kindness Appeal** raised £110,000 for the Hardship Fund, smashing our target of £50,000. A huge thank you to all members, Conferences and other supporters who gave so generously. As a result of the success of the appeal many people suffering deep hardship over the coming months will be helped.

As winter is now established please don't forget the homeless - give the **Gift of Warmth** (<https://www.svp.org.uk/shop>). £20 will provide warm, nutritious meals, food parcels and vital 'Vinnie Packs' containing essential winter items, including hats, gloves and socks, to people suffering homelessness at this time of year. Thank you!

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick will take place at 2pm on Saturday 12th February at Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL

St Alban's Cathedral Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th February from 10.00am to 4.00pm. We will be offering different ways of exploring the Scriptures in prayer, through creative activities and in Bible study. Join us for a joyful and profound experience. Come and join the pilgrimage. Explore the 'tents of encounter with the Word', participate in the times of prayer and reflection, enjoy family friendly activities and much more. To find out what's on see www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival

ACCOMPANIMENT FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Beginning Experience Weekend - a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. Contact Freda 01322-838415; Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Restored Lives also provide workshops to support teenagers & young adults coping with their parents separation: 13-18 years Wednesday 2nd March 5.30pm - 6.30pm; 18 - 30 years Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm - 9.00pm, go to <https://www.restoredlives.org/yourdirection>

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday. Donations go to the Catholic Worker Farm.

REPOSITORY SHOP

Over the coming weeks we would like to reopen the Repository Shop to sell cards, books and other items. However, we need volunteers who will help to steward this when it is open before and after each Sunday Mass. If you are willing to be involved with this then please email Fr Andrew for more information.

11.00AM CHOIR

Would you like to sing in the 11.00am choir? We practise from 10am most Sundays, restarting on 6th February, when we'll start working towards Easter. It's a lovely way to contribute to the Mass - no experience needed, and you don't need to read music. Contact Cormac on cormac.purtill@gmail.com or 07759 118770, or just turn up!

THE GARDEN CALVARY

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.

UPDATE - HELP DECLAN GET A MOTORISED WHEELCHAIR

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-declan-get-a-motorised-wheelchair>

We started this journey on the 31st December 2021 and have managed to get to £13,000 on the 11th January 2022. We are so amazed that we have managed to reach our goal in such a short amount of time and we are all so grateful for the support that we have received for Declan. Thank you to everyone that had contributed in any way that you have been able to. Anything raised now is going to cover the gofundme fees and future maintenance costs for the chair. *Helena Rhodes*, Organiser

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The diocese have featured an article about our Anniversary Mass on their website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/celebrating-50-years-at-st-john-the-evangelist-mill-end/>

Thank you to all who have contributed to the organisation of our 50th Anniversary celebration with the Cardinal. A special thanks to our welcomers and stewards, musicians, readers and altar servers at the Mass, and to all those involved in preparing and serving at the reception afterwards. Our thanks also to Mr Hall and all at St John's School for their support for this event.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our digital collection plate (Dona) in the church porch. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

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.