



St John The Evangelist

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 16TH JANUARY 2022

Resolution: sharing our gifts with our parishes

This weekend we welcome Cardinal Vincent Nichols to the parish of St John the Evangelist in Mill End celebrating the 50th anniversary of the parish. In preparation for this celebration I have been learning a bit more about the history of all three of our parishes. We are very fortunate that for the past generation so many have invested not only their financial support to our parishes but also their skills, talents and time to ensure that our communities run smoothly and grow.

As I have settled into the parishes I can see that there are many who continue to give what they can to support the mission of our parishes to encounter Jesus by serving others. However, as in all areas, the pandemic has had a big impact on our parishes. Many who have contributed for many years have moved away or have come to a time when they need to step back. This gives us an opportunity for new ideas and gifts to be introduced to build on the mission of the parish to make disciples, but also on a practical level, to ensure that the churches and sites that our predecessors have created for us, are maintained and are fitting places for our community to flourish for many years to come. As a new parish priest, I have very quickly been learning that the principle role of the parish priest is not always, as you would expect, in providing the sacraments and teaching the faith, but in dealing with administration, many fields of which I have little experience or knowledge. This is where I rely on the goodwill and experience of members of the parish to support me. However, as a new priest, particularly in a time of pandemic, it is very difficult to get to know what skills are available to ensure positions are not filled by need but by the right person with the right skills who can make an efficient contribution to our parishes.

To this end, next weekend we will be giving a brief time at the end of Mass to request all parishioners to fill in a small form as a skills audit. On this form will be some suggested skills but also a space for you to add what you think you can bring to our parishes, recognising that everyone has something to give to our parishes. We do this fully aware that people also have different amounts of time that they can give, but asking you to reflect on how much time you could invest to ensure that our parishes continue to flourish and to help those in our community to truly encounter Jesus as we serve them.

Whenever we invest in something we hope that we can in return receive. Well Jesus reassures us in the Gospels "give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38). Let us seek in this coming year to make it our resolution to give what gifts we have been given by God to our parishes, so we can truly flourish and grow in our mission to bring the light of Christ into our world. *Fr Andrew*

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| SUN 16TH JANUARY | 11.30am | Reception following 50 th Anniversary Mass - Hall | St John's School |
| THU 20TH JANUARY | 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| SUN 23RD JANUARY | 9.30am 11.30am 4.15pm | SVP Coffee Morning - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians |

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

| | Our Lady Help of Christians | St John the Evangelist | St John Fisher |
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| SATURDAY 15 TH JANUARY | 9.30am Fr Eugene Lynch RIP | 6pm (Vigil) Paddy Kelly (Ints.) | |
| SUNDAY 16 TH JANUARY <i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 8.30am Starling Hopman RIP 11am Dominik Rozwod RIP 6pm Hugh Francis Keating RIP | 10.30am For the People of the Parishes | 9am Fr Desmond Baker RIP |
| MON 17TH JANUARY <i>ST ANTHONY, ABBOT</i> | 9.30am Adam & Ola Budzynski RIP | | |
| TUESDAY 18 TH JANUARY | 9.30am Private Intention | | 9.30am Moyra O'Donnell RIP (Anniv.) |
| WEDNESDAY 19 TH JANUARY | 9.30am William Farrell RIP (Anniv.) | 9.30am Mike Tighe (Ints.) | |
| THURSDAY 20 TH JANUARY | 11.00am Funeral - Tommy & Joan Carter RIP | | |
| FRI 21ST JANUARY <i>ST AGNES, VIRGIN</i> | 9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes | | |
| SATURDAY 22 ND JANUARY | 9.30am Fr Des Baker RIP | 6pm (Vigil) Edda Ali RIP | |
| SUNDAY 23 RD JANUARY <i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 8.30am Philomena Roche RIP 11am Joan Townend RIP 6pm For the People of the Parishes | 10.30am Paddy & Peggy (Ints.) | 9am Sydney Dommersen RIP |



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, 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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is from Tuesday 18th – Tuesday 25th January. Daily prayer resources are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/> In Rickmansworth and Mill End we will be uniting with our fellow Christian communities on Sunday 23rd January at 3.30pm at St Mary the Virgin Church for a service of prayer. This will also be available on zoom for those unable to attend - please email the parish office for the zoom link if you wish to join this service. All are welcome to join us for this service to continue to pray that the Lord's desire that 'they may all be one' will be true for all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ in our area.

TOMMY AND JOAN CARTER RIP

The funeral of Tommy and Joan Carter will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Thursday 20th January, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend them to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for their family at this sad and difficult time.

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

ALPHA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Are you, or do you know someone looking for an opportunity to explore faith, belief and the big questions of life? Starting in January 2022 Youth 2000 will be hosting an Online Alpha Course on Thursdays at 8pm. Anyone aged 16+ is invited with small groups being in age groups. We encourage any young adult who has not taken part in Alpha to join this course to meet new people, watch thought-provoking videos and discuss their faith in small groups each week. More details can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/alpha>

COVID PRECAUTIONS

It is now mandatory for face coverings to be worn in the church and when moving around our parish halls, unless genuinely exempt. 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. Anyone with Covid symptoms should refrain from attending Mass, public events, or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You may have an ordinary cold but equally it is important to ensure a precautionary approach.

PEACE SUNDAY – 16th JANUARY 2022

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Pax Christi's vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, Pax Christi works with all who share its values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. If you would like to make a contribution to the work of Pax Christi, place your donation in a Pax Christi envelope and put it in the offertory basket this weekend.

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

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.

SVP NATIONAL

"The Gift of Warmth": a one-off donation of £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. Please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/gift-warmth-0> to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

"CAP Life Skills"

The following course will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. This course is free to participants. 8 week course - Join a friendly community and gain skills to lift the pressure of life on a low income. Taster Session: Thursday 20th January 2pm. Course Starts: Thursday 27th January 1pm Lunch, 2pm course. Book your free place by contacting Elaine Hawkings on 07786 608303 or elainehawkings@caplifekills.org

INCLUSIVE PT

Bo Bambridge, a parishioner of St John's Church, Mill End, will be starting her free 30 minute taster sessions for her Exercise Sessions entitled Inclusive PT. These are for all those who want to get moving but do not know where to start. Sessions are for beginners and the more experienced, and will take place on Thursday evenings in St John's Parish Centre. Please do call Bo for more details (07973 311387) or email boanne@inclusivept.com

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

SVP COFFEE MORNING

Please join us in the hall for our coffee morning after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd January.

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.

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.

HELP DECLAN GET A MOTORISED WHEELCHAIR

Declan and his lovely family were very much a big part of Our Lady's parish and Our Father's House, the group set up to help families with children with special needs "singing" along at Mass. It would be lovely if any of the parish who do remember Declan would be happy to donate to this worthy cause however small an amount:

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

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

Thank you to all who have contributed to the organisation of our 50th Anniversary celebration with the Cardinal this weekend. 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 new 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.

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 2022 at Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL

St Alban's Cathedral Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th February 2022 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.redow.org.uk/scripturefestival

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