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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C) - 9TH JANUARY 2022

Building peace through dialogue between generations

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, “some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations”.

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and positive exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust. The current health crisis has increased our sense of isolation and a tendency to self-absorption. The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of a shared vision about the future. The crisis has indeed been painful, but it has also helped to bring out the best in people. Indeed, during the pandemic we encountered generous examples of compassion, sharing and solidarity in every part of the world.

Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. The global crisis we are experiencing makes it clear that encounter and dialogue between generations should be the driving force behind a healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present “with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes”, but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others, in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future.

If, amid difficulties, we can practise this kind of intergenerational dialogue, “we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another”. For without roots, how can trees grow and bear fruit?

Extract from the message of Pope Francis on the 55th World Day of Peace, 1 January 2022

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 9TH JANUARY	9.30am 11.30am 4.15pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Confirmation Session - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 13TH JANUARY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SUN 16TH JANUARY	11.30am	Reception following 50 th Anniversary Mass - Hall	St John's School

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 8 TH JANUARY	9.30am Michael Jubber RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Mary & Billy Kerins (Ints.)	
SUNDAY 9 TH JANUARY <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	8.30am John Eldridge RIP 11am Brian Feehely RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Joanne Nairn RIP	10.30am Mary Doherty RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 10 TH JANUARY	11.00am Funeral - Joseph Jobling RIP		
TUESDAY 11 TH JANUARY	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 12 TH JANUARY	9.30am John Eldridge RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
THURSDAY 13 TH JANUARY	9.30am Fr Des Baker RIP 11.00am Funeral - Patrick Murphy RIP		
FRIDAY 14 TH JANUARY	11.00am Funeral - Pascal Rock RIP		
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 For the People of the Parishes	10.30am For the People of the Parishes	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, 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

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>

MILL END 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

The Cardinal has confirmed that he will be coming to celebrate the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 16th January at St John the Evangelist Church, Mill End for our 50th Anniversary and blessing the new Lady Altar. This is a great honour for our parish and we hope as many people as are able will join us for the Mass. After the Mass there will be a celebratory hot meal served in St John's School, to which all are welcome. Assistance is needed to move tables and chairs for this on Saturday 15th from 1pm. If you are able to help please contact Geraldine Page from the SLT.

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.

JOSEPH JOBLING RIP

The funeral of Joseph Jobling will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 10th January, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

PATRICK MURPHY RIP

The funeral service of Patrick Murphy will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Thursday 13th January, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time

PASCAL ROCK RIP

The funeral of Pascal Rock will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Friday 14th January, followed by committal at Chorleywood Road Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

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, donation envelopes are available this weekend. Simply place your donation in the Pax Christi envelope and place it in the offertory basket either this weekend or next.

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

"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@caplifefskills.org

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.

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 this Sunday. Donations go to the Catholic Worker Farm.

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>

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*

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Chris Doran £31, Annie Kent £23.25, Adrian Parker £15.50 and Patricia Kelly £7.75.

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

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

'THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR THE PERPLEXED'

A series of five online talks by Fr John Deehan as part of the Agency's series in 'The God Who Speaks', Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd and 10th February, 7.00pm. Please book by Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-the-new-testament-for-the-perplexed-tickets-221344626737> or contact Anna - annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

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.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival

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