



St John The Evangelist

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) - 1ST MAY 2022

A month with Mary

Today we begin the month of May, a month which is traditionally dedicated to Mary, our blessed mother. The month contains a number of feasts linked to Mary, including the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 13th May, of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24th May and of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth on 31st May.

Recently I was showing a friend around our parishes and they commented that each of our churches contain beautiful statues of Mary for us to focus our prayers for her intercession. If you haven't spent time in front of these statues then perhaps this is the month to do so. Each week on Wednesday mornings we now pray the rosary with the particular intention of praying for the families of our parishes at St John the Evangelist Church in Mill End at 9am. Before each weekday morning Mass at Our Lady's Church in Rickmansworth we pray the traditional Angelus or Regina Caeli prayer. I would encourage that both of these are also private devotions in the home, whether alone or praying together as a family, particularly in this month of May. In this I echo the words of Pope Francis in 2020 when he wrote:

'I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome our time of trial.'

Let us make this May a month when we turn to our Blessed mother Mary asking for her intercession to help us journey through all that challenges us, and to follow her example to always focus our lives onto her beloved son, Jesus Christ.

Fr Andrew

The Memorare prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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| SUN 1ST MAY | 9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm | Coffee Morning - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians |
| TUE 3RD MAY | 5.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm - 9.00pm | First Holy Communion Rehearsal - Church First Holy Communion Rehearsal - Church Prayer & Life Workshop - Hall | Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians |
| WED 4TH MAY | 9.00am | Rosary before Mass | St John the Evangelist |
| THU 5TH MAY | 6.00pm - 8.00pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Prayer & Life Workshop - Church Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall | St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians |
| SAT 7TH MAY | 5.00pm - 5.45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | St John the Evangelist |
| SUN 8TH MAY | 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm | Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | 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 30 TH APRIL | 9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes | 6.00pm Jer Coffey RIP | |
| SUNDAY 1 ST MAY <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i> | 8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am (Family) James Creedon RIP 6pm Gordon Starck RIP | 10.30am For those receiving their First Holy Communion | 9am For the People of the Parishes |
| MON 2ND MAY <i>ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i> | 9.30am Paddy McConville RIP | | |
| TUES 3RD MAY <i>SS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES</i> | 9.30am Fr Antony Brunning RIP | 11.00am Funeral - Michael Massey RIP | NO MASS TODAY |
| WED 4TH MAY <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i> | 9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes | 9.30am Michael Massey RIP | |
| THU 5TH MAY | 9.30am Fr Antony Brunning RIP | | |
| FRI 6TH MAY | 9.30am Holy Souls | | |
| SAT 7TH MAY | NO 9.30AM MASS 10.30am For those receiving their First Holy Communion | 6.00pm Michael Massey RIP | |
| SUNDAY 8 TH MAY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i> | 8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Genie Buscarini RIP 6pm Peter Emmanuel (RIP) Anniv. | 10.30am For those receiving their First Holy Communion | 9am Michael Fields RIP |
| SANCTUARY LAMPS | | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, 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, Alfredo Rock and Paul O'Connor.

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

MICHAEL MASSEY RIP

The funeral of Michael Massey will take place at St John the Evangelist at 11.00am on Tuesday 3rd May, 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.

NIGEL JOHNSON RIP

The funeral of Nigel Johnson will take place at Chilterns Crematorium at 2.00pm on Thursday 5th May. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA – Sunday 29th May at 2.30pm at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth

Join us for great food and music to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All welcome! It will be an outdoor event (weather permitting). All proceeds to the SVP. Tickets £12 per adult and £6 per child are available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/326264585157> or by contacting Angela O'Donovan – aodonovan@ntlworld.com

GENIE BUSCARINI RIP

Carol Bartlett and family would like to thank everyone for the mass cards, messages of condolence and donations made in memory of Genie. Special thanks to those who were able to attend her funeral mass. She was always warmly welcomed by some many at Our Lady's during her twice yearly visits. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL ALPHA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2022

The annual Alpha Leadership Conference is a time to gather together to encounter Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to be empowered to play our part in building God's kingdom wherever we are in the world. We are gathering to take part online on Monday 2nd May 11-2pm, at Our Lady's parish hall. The day will involve a tea/coffee and croissant brunch, worship, lead into talks, interviews, stories, a time of prayer ministry & then close with worship. If you would like to come, please, email Fr Damian damiannryan@rcdow.org.uk by Sunday 1st May (for catering purposes). All are welcome!

YOUTH

We would like to invite everyone aged 11-16+ (Secondary school) to join us at our celebratory youth launch on the evening of Friday 27th May. Please, put the date in your diary and watch this space... We look forward to meeting you all. *Belinda, Toni and Margaret*

MILL END FOOD BANK

Chess Valley SVP will be collecting specific items needed by the food bank to supplement their food boxes. There are now collection boxes in each of the Church porches for these items. We will be monitoring what is needed by the Food Bank regularly and update this list accordingly both in the Parish newsletter and on the boxes. Items needed at present are; **dog food, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, washing powder, shower gel, long life juice/squash, long life milk & tinned vegetables.**

UKRAINE APPEAL

The Ukraine Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Donations can be made by cheque payable to AUGB LTD – Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ, directly to the central appeal fund – AUGB LTD, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89 with reference HelpUkraine or online <https://gofundme.com/f/helpukraine> Alternatively donations can be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee www.cafod.org.uk or to Aid to the Church in Need <https://acnuk.org> who are working particularly with the Christian communities in the Ukraine. If you are looking to offer your home to a refugee fleeing from the Ukraine and applying via the government scheme, please also let Fr Andrew know, so that the parishes may support you in whatever way you and your guest need over the coming months.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

6th Rickmansworth Sea Scout Group, who have their HQ on the grounds of Our Lady's Church, have for many years been affiliated with the Rickmansworth parishes. We are hoping that this relationship will continue and grow. The group are currently seeking new leaders for their Beavers (aged 6-8), Cubs (8-10 ½) and Scouts (10 ½ - 14) to support them. New members are also very welcome. For more information please contact 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Saturday 7th & 14th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church in the week before each First Communion Mass as indicated to families on the original schedule.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Due to First Holy Communion Masses there will be no 9.30am Mass on Saturday 7th & 14th May.

REPOSITORY NOW OPEN

The Repository Shop contains lots of cards for all occasions, crosses, icons, Bibles and religious books to buy. It will be open before and after each of our Sunday Masses and run by a team of volunteers who are ready to welcome you. Currently purchases can only be made in cash, but a cashless option is being investigated for the future. Please only purchase items when the shop is open or via the parish office. If you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact Fr Andrew.

PROVISION FOR OUR FAMILIES

Whilst we are waiting for more volunteers to help run Children's Liturgy at our 11am Mass, we will in the coming weeks be providing resource sheets for children to use during Mass to focus their minds on the week's Gospel. If you are able to assist in joining our Children's Liturgy team then please speak to Fr Andrew.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Sunday 1st May and 8th May at 10.30am. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 7.00pm on the Tuesday before each Mass.

RED MISSIO BOXES

I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who contribute towards the Missio / Mill Hill Missionaries with your Red Boxes. In 2021 you raised a total of £530.15. This is an amazing amount and the charities are so very grateful. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one please see me or ring me on 07725 748490. Thank you. Geraldine

PROVISION FOR OUR FAMILIES

Please do take the resource sheets for children to use during Mass to focus their minds on the week's Gospel. Children's Liturgy will return to the 10.30am Mass from Sunday 24th April. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with this. We will also now have a 'Family Mass' on each third Sunday of the month at our 10.30am Mass where the homily will be particularly directed at our children and our young people will play a more active part in the liturgy.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PROVISION FOR OUR FAMILIES

As we gradually welcome back our families to Mass we will in the coming weeks be providing resource sheets for children to use during Mass to focus their minds on the week's Gospel. Once a number of families are attending Mass we will look to restart Children's Liturgy in the parish, if there are adults willing to assist with this.

PLANNED GIVING

Standing orders are the simplest and safest method for the parish as it reduces the amount of cash that needs to be handled and taken to the bank. It also allows parishioners to gift aid their donations if they are able. Planned giving envelopes can also be a tax efficient method of giving as each set of envelopes has a unique number that can be linked back to an individual and therefore allows donations to be gift aided.

If you wish to set up a standing order and/or register for gift aid, please contact either the parish office (rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) or Carolyn Opie (carolynopie@rcdow.org.uk). If you wish to order a set of planned giving envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ST JOAN OF ARC

St Joan of Arc School is seeking to recruit a new Foundation Governor to contribute to the work of the governing body. To be eligible for appointment, you must be a practising and committed Catholic, in communion with the Church. This is because the ministry of a Foundation Governor is a carrying out of your Christian vocation by collaborating with the diocesan bishop in the great work of Catholic education. **If you are interested in the opportunity to apply to become a Foundation Governor at St Joan of Arc School please contact Christina Reffold, Clerk to the Governing Board via email joagovernor@joa.herts.sch.uk**

WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY REPORT

The Bishops' Synodal Pathway Report, sent to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on 8th April, has been published on the Diocesan website - <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.