



### 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 OF EASTER (YEAR C) - 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## I know my sheep and they know me

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday when traditionally we focus on our calling by God. Often, we think of this in terms of those who are called to the priesthood or religious life, but we recognise that we are all called by God to serve him in some way. However, we cannot know what we are called to, unless we know God and we know how to listen to him. For many of us this relationship begins in the family home – but we are aware that our families are increasingly in need of support in sharing this faith with their children in a culture where so often the messages around us are so different to what we profess. We want to help!

Therefore, over the coming months we will begin a new journey for our families called Growing in Faith Together (GIFT). This will be a new style of family catechesis to help support parents to live out their promises at their child's baptism, to train them in the practice of the faith and to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us.

Whether you are already engaged with your faith and the Church, looking for a way to become more engaged or seeking the sacraments for your child, GIFT is for you. Encouraging you to pray, talk about faith issues, and have more family time together is good, but we believe it is not enough. We want to provide a place for you to learn what engaging with your faith actually looks like and then give you the opportunity to do it!

Initially this family catechesis will be available in two ways:

#### Saturday family sessions

Families will be invited to come along on one Saturday morning a month. The sessions will be engaging, spirit-filled and fun, and they are for all the family. We will celebrate Mass, enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment before sharing catechesis and activities. Each month we will explore a different topic such as the Saints, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week.

#### Faith Formation for parents

On one evening each month we will gather online (Zoom) with parents to explore our faith. These sessions are designed to help parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith.

We hope that those who have journeyed through First Holy Communion classes over the last few years will see this an opportunity for their families to continue to grow in their faith together. For those who have yet to make their First Holy Communion, this process will be a gateway to the sacraments which will help us to discern together the right time for your child to receive the gifts of reconciliation and holy communion.

We pray that GIFT will be a new way of approaching family catechesis across our parishes that will give all our families encouragement and strength in journeying together in faith. If your family would like to sign up for GIFT then please email the parish office ([rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk)) with the names of each of your family, the children's ages and a contact phone number. Further details will then be sent to you.

We ask that everyone in our parishes prays for this new and exciting venture, and if you would like to assist the team as a catechist or helper, then please also contact the parish office for further details.

*Fr Andrew*

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## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	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
<b>MON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	5.30pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	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
<b>SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	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
<b>SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>No 9.30am MASS</b> <b>10.30am</b> For those receiving their First Holy Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Michael Massey RIP	
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>11am</b> Genie Buscarini RIP <b>6pm</b> Peter Emmanuel RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> For those receiving their First Holy Communion	<b>9am</b> Michael Fields RIP
<b>MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Bill O'Connell RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> Fr Antony Brunning RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Ruth Thompson RIP	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Andrew Dumughn RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Aida & Lawrence Rooney RIP		
<b>SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</b>	<b>No 9.30am MASS</b> <b>10.30am</b> For those receiving their First Holy Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>11am</b> Alma Mussi RIP <b>6pm</b> Canon Philip Cross RIP	<b>10.30am (Family)</b> Alan Moss RIP	<b>9am</b> Kathleen Stewart RIP
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>	This week our Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp burns for Ruth Thompson RIP		This week our Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp burns for Michael Fields RIP

### 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

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

### JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:aodonovan@ntlworld.com)

### YOUTH UPDATE

Come and join us for an evening of fun, food and friends. For those in school year 6 and above. May 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Our Ladys. Can we ask parents to text names, contact details, and how many attending to either Toni or Belinda on 07788 721222 or 07802 750243. We look forward to meeting you all. *Belinda, Toni and Margaret*

### MICHAEL MASSEY RIP

We would like to thank Father Andrew for the lovely service and the parishioners from all three parishes who attended Michael's funeral on Tuesday, what a send off you gave him. Also thanks to all who sent Mass and Sympathy cards, they were very much appreciated, *Marion Massey*.

### 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](http://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.

### SPONSORED SANCTUARY LAMPS.

In each of our churches 2 sanctuary lamp candles burn throughout the week – one by the tabernacle indicating the Lord's presence, and the other by the statue of Our Lady. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, for your intention to be remembered and recorded in the weekly newsletter. Please hand your donation into the Parish Office or to one of the priests marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation', together with a note stating your particular intention, and the Church and the location of the lamp that you would like to burn for that intention.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

6<sup>th</sup> 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 (8-10½) and Scouts (10½ - 14) to support them. New members are also very welcome. For more information please contact [6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com](mailto:6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com)

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

We will be welcoming students from St Joan of Arc School to the 9.30am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the coming week at Our Lady's Church.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. The rehearsal will take place in the church on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm.

### SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Due to the First Holy Communion Mass there will be no 9.30am Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 200 CLUB

Congratulations to Patricia Kelly (£30), Mary Thomson (£22.50), Colette Williamson (£15.00) and John Steele (£7.50).

### 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

### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BUILDING WORKS

As you will be aware there are some major building works taking place at St John's School at this time and the back of the Church Car Park is being used to access the site. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May a modular school building will be delivered to the site to house the school for the coming months. This will arrive on each of those days from 7am-6pm. There will be no Mass on Wednesday morning at St John's Church to allow for this work to take place. If you are local to the area please do not park on Berry Lane to allow access to the site during those times. The school are very grateful to our parish for our support and prayers during this challenging time.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

### 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 has returned to the 10.30am Mass. 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.

### 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

### 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.