



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (YEAR C) - 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

### Give them something to eat

In our Gospel on this weekend of Corpus Christi we hear Jesus teaching the crowds and then instructing his disciples to give the people something to eat, and then in our second reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we hear of the account of the last supper where Jesus institutes the Eucharist, which continues to be given to us to be fed each time we gather around the Altar. Of course, central to this gift is the priesthood and our three parishes have been very blessed with the priests who have served us over the years.

As a priest of the diocese, we are always aware that we are in a parish temporarily and at any moment we could receive the call to ask us to move to another role. This weekend we announce the news that over the summer there will once again be a change here in the role of assistant priest. Fr Damian Ryan, who has served our parishes so faithfully over these past 5 years will be leaving us at the end of August. He is still waiting for confirmation about where his next appointment will be, but this will of course be announced as soon as we are able to publish it. We thank Fr Damian for his incredible commitment and vision for our parishes over these years, and in particular for his great strength and leadership during the years of the pandemic. We have been very blessed to have him. We also assure Fr Damian of our prayers as he takes this next step in serving God in his ministry. We know that whatever he is called to do, he will do a fantastic job! Further news about dates of Masses of thanksgiving for his time here will be announced shortly.

Fr Damian will be replaced by Fr Matteo Di Giuseppe, who will be ordained to the priesthood at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. (Currently Deacon) Matteo, is originally from Italy, but as a member of the Neocatechumenal Way, has been called on mission to serve as a priest in our diocese of Westminster. We encourage those who can to attend the Ordination either in person at Westminster Cathedral or via the Cathedral live-stream [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

Please keep Matteo in your prayers as he is ordained priest and as he begins his first appointment with us in the parishes of Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood. I am sure we will all make him most welcome when he joins us in September.

Let us continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, particularly in our diocese of Westminster, so that we can continue to celebrate Mass together and be nourished by the great gift of the Eucharist for years to come, giving us all strength in our own journeys towards holiness.

*Fr Andrew*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Tea and Coffee after Mass	St John Fisher
<b>THU 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</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>SATURDAY</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> For GIFT Families	<b>6.00pm</b> Patsy O'Shea (Ints.)	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>6pm</b> Alf Loose RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am (Family)</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>ST ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Joseph Netto RIP		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE <i>ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Jim Duffy RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE <i>SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP &amp; THOMAS MORE</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Adriano Da Cunha RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For those being ordained to the priesthood (Diocese of Westminster) and Fr Damian's Anniversary	<b>6.00pm</b> Mikie Mack RIP	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Jad Damouni RIP <b>11am</b> Joanne and Alex Kenny (Ints.) <b>6pm</b> Evie McNerney RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Sean O'Neill RIP	<b>9am</b> Jimmy & Gloria Flynn RIP
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>	This week our Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp burns for Rafferty James Forrest-Lines	This week our Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp burns for Seamus Fagan 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

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Fr Andrew is on his annual retreat from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Masses this week will take place each day at Our Lady's except on Wednesday which is the patronal feast of St John Fisher, Chorleywood where we will have Mass at 9.30am. Parishioners from all three parishes are invited to join the community at St John Fisher for Mass and for tea and coffee afterwards to celebrate their feast.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

During the pandemic we were very fortunate to be able to install live-stream at Our Lady's parish for those unable to join us for Mass. To support them we introduced the Act of Spiritual Communion being read. Now that the obligation has returned and the numbers joining us via live-stream are much lower, from this weekend this private prayer will no longer be read in the Church. Those who continue to join us via live-stream due to ill-health or frailty, are encouraged to continue praying this prayer, which is visible at the top of our live-stream and is also available on our websites, during Holy Communion.

### **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

### **SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June the Church celebrates the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. Masses across the three parishes will be as follows: St John Fisher - Vigil (Tuesday) 7.30pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 7.30pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am (to be joined by St John's School).

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE CONTACT**

Each of our parishes are in need of a Parish Contact for the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. This involves receiving communications relevant to peace and justice work from the diocese, and to encourage and support the involvement of the clergy and parishioners in prayer, action and reflection on peace and justice. If you would be interested in being the Parish Contact for this then please contact Fr Andrew.

### **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)**

Our new family catechesis for all those with children aged 5-11 begins has now begun. The sessions are engaging, spirit-filled and fun, and they are for all the family. We celebrate Mass, enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment before sharing catechesis and activities. As part of GIFT we will also hold Faith Formation for parents on one evening each month online (Zoom). These sessions are designed to help parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith. 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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.**

Please note that there will be no formal application process for First Holy Communion classes as in the past. Applications will now be discerned via the GIFT catechesis in our parishes over the coming years.

### **THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. *Fr Andrew*

### **COME AND SING!**

We are very blessed in each of our three parishes that we have adults who are willing to lead and support our singing in our choirs and music groups to enhance our Sunday worship. These are always open to new members. If you enjoy singing (even as a beginner!) then please do approach the groups or Fr Andrew to find out how you can get involved.

### **JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm**

We're pleased to confirm the new date. Join us for a traditional afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All welcome! It will be an outdoor event (weather permitting). Tickets £12 per adult and £6 per child are available again at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/326264585157> or by contacting Angela O'Donovan – [aodonovan@ntlworld.com](mailto:aodonovan@ntlworld.com). If you purchased a ticket before, it is valid on the new date. If you can't make the new date, please request a refund via Eventbrite or email Angela or the parish office. If you cannot make the new date and do not request a refund, all proceeds will be donated to the SVP.

### **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.

### **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.**

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### COLLECTION

The collection will take place again in the traditional place at the offertory from this weekend in our parish for those who do not contribute via standing order or via our contactless point. The bringing up of our financial offering at the offertory is a great symbol of us returning in thanksgiving what we have been given by God.

### CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June the 11am Mass will end with a Corpus Christi Procession led by those children of our parish who have recently made their First Holy Communion. All are welcome. At all Masses over this weekend those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be recommissioned at the Mass that they attend.

### ROSARY

We will now pray the rosary after the 9.30am Mass each Tuesday. All are welcome to join us.

### 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 H.*

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### MASS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI – FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the 10.30am Mass we will all come together for a celebration Mass and procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the grounds of the Church. It is hoped that the children will come dressed in their First Holy Communion dresses and suits and lead the procession. After the Procession we will have a little parish party. Everyone is invited to this parish event. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Could we please ask for donations of homemade cakes on the day. Please bring them to the Parish Centre before Mass. Thank you. *Geraldine and Claire*

At all Masses over this weekend those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be recommissioned at the Mass that they attend.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

**TEA AND COFFEE** will be served after Mass this Sunday. Everyone welcome, even for a short time.

### ST JOHN FISHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Would like to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to a **Family Picnic on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 12pm** in the church grounds. Please can each family bring their own picnic, squash for the children will be provided and tea and coffee for the adults following the picnic. If you are able to bake a cake to bring along this will be served with tea and coffee. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the entrance porch and please tick if you are able to bring a cake. This is simply for us to know how many parishioners to expect. We look forward to seeing you at our first social event after such a long time.

### ST JOHN FISHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE

In order to plan future social events at St John Fisher we need parishioners willing to join us on the Social Committee. If you would like to serve your Parish in this way please see Francis or Maureen (Fields) after Mass on Sunday, let Fr Andrew or Fr Damian know or email Kerry on [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) and we will be in touch.

### MARY'S GARAGE. PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE.

I have just had some wonderful sets of donations including Rye, Wedgwood, Royal Worcester, Spode ornaments; sets of Spurs programmes; a beautiful 60 year old hand made crocheted king size bedspread and so much more. Harrods has nothing on us. Check out the photos on our WEBSITE. **BREAKING NEWS:** we had made £400 and have just doubled it

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### UK VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

In September and October 2022 the relics of St Bernadette will be travelling across the UK for veneration and to help us focus on the message and mission of Lourdes. For more details and for the itinerary of the visit please go to [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). Please apply by 31 July 2022.

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