



### St John The Evangelist

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### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

#### A visit from St Bernadette.

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will undertake a very special pilgrimage, journeying from Lourdes in France to cathedrals and churches across England, Scotland, and Wales.

For many of us, the opportunity to enrich our faith through the experience of pilgrimage has been difficult or impossible over the last two years, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. As we welcome the relics of St Bernadette we are reminded of the special significance of Lourdes as a place of pilgrimage and of love, where people of all ages serve and care for the sick and the most vulnerable in our society. At a time when many of us have been suffering sickness and become vulnerable ourselves, or have been caring for those who are, this visit is a great opportunity for us to be reminded of the important message Lourdes gives us.

The apparitions seen by St Bernadette in Lourdes took place over five months, and over the course of time, an intimate relationship of trust, obedience, and love developed between Our Lady and Bernadette. This once in a lifetime event of the relics of St. Bernadette coming to our country will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, providing people across our community of faith with a valuable opportunity for prayer, healing and renewal.

Such is the importance of this tour, and such are the gifts of grace that will flow from these days that I hope all will feel encouraged to visit one of the sites where the Relics will be. We will organise a coach from our parishes to go to the relics in Stevenage on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (further details inside this newsletter). If you are planning to go at any other time, to allow the venues taking part in the Relic Tour to prepare for large numbers who travel to them, individuals and groups are strongly encouraged to register their attendance using the booking system via the website.

We thank God for the faith of St Bernadette and for the many gifts and graces the relic tour will bring.

The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster for the following dates: -

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September - St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September - Westminster Cathedral
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes
- 6<sup>th</sup> September - St Mary's University, Twickenham
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September - St John Fisher, Shepperton
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October - St Joseph's, Stevenage
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October - Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden

For full details of the tour, visit [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	SVP Coffee - 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
<b>TUE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am 7.00pm	Rosary after Mass Life Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY</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 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b> <i>St BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Jack Crowley RIP	<b>6.00pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Tom, Agnes & Thomas Feely RIP <b>11am</b> John Finnegan RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> Jad Damouni RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Geri Pinnock (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>St JAMES, APOSTLE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>SS JOACHIM &amp; ANNE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Marcella & Giorgio Mazurkiewicz RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr David Wilson RIP	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>SS MARTHA, MARY &amp; LAZARUS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr David Wilson RIP <b>11.00am</b> Funeral - Maureen Palmer RIP		
<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6.00pm</b> Fr David Wilson RIP	
<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b> <i>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>11am</b> Bill Graham RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> Lyn Armstrong RIP	<b>9am</b> Malcolm Stacey RIP
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for the intentions of the Finnegan Family (Blessed Sacrament) and Rosemary Staddon (nee Townend) & Family (Our Lady's)	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for the intentions of Antoinette	

### 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, Leslie Edwards and Pauline Williams

**St John the Evangelist:** Rita Murray, Alfredo Rock, Paul O'Connor and Antoinette Moss.

**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 and Julian Harris

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### **FR DAMIAN'S LEAVING MASS**

Will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at Our Lady's Church Field (weather permitting!). The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. This is an event for all three of our parishes and we hope as many people as are able to will come and give thanks to God for Fr Damian's 5 years service to our community. We will need assistance with moving chairs and other items onto the field on that afternoon from 4pm. If you are able to assist with this please email the parish office so we can confirm the details closer to the time.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

Fr Andrew will be in Lourdes from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July on the diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45am (British Time) the Cardinal will celebrate Mass at the grotto of Lourdes and Fr Andrew will offer Mass for the intentions of all our parishes. If you wish, you may follow the pilgrimage on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

### **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will be organising a coach from the parishes with a cost of £28 per adult and £12 per child for the day with an 8am departure and returning around 7pm. Please contact the parish office to book your place and for further details.

### **RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE PILGRIMAGE**

We will be organising a coach to visit the relics of St Bernadette when they are in Stevenage on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an afternoon trip with a cost of £12 per adult. Please contact the parish office to book your place and for further details.

### **MAUREEN PALMER RIP**

The funeral of Maureen Palmer will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### **DOUGLAS KEEN RIP**

The funeral of Douglas Keen will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

**NEWSLETTER** - there will be no newsletter during the month of August.

### **YOUTH CHOIR**

In the autumn we will welcome to the parish Jaison Jeyaventhana as our new Youth Choir Director who will work with our young people aged 8-13. The Youth Choir will sing on a Sunday once a month at Our Lady's and once a month at St John's, Mill End. There will be a rehearsal for the choir one evening each week from 4.30-5.45pm. If your child is interested in joining the choir please could you contact the parish office and let us know what evenings your child will be free to rehearse each week. The rehearsal day will be set at the end of August based on these responses. If there are any adults willing to assist Jaison in supervising the children during the rehearsals then please also contact the parish office for more details.

### **BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS**

On the first weekend of September at Mass we will be offering a blessing of school bags marking the start of the new academic year. Please do encourage families to come and join us with their new or trusted old school bags on this weekend to ask for the Lord's blessing on their studies.

### **CAR PARK**

Due to Health and Safety concerns the car park at Our Lady's will be managed by Creative Car Parks from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. The camera and signage for this are now installed, with each building on the site having a touch pad for us to enter our car registrations when using the car park. This system will not be operated on Sundays or Monday - Saturday 9.15-10.15am to allow us to attend our scheduled Masses as usual without interruption. We encourage those parking in the car park outside those times Monday-Saturday to use the touch pads provided in the buildings so we can begin to get used to this new system. For further information about why this is necessary please do take a copy of the leaflet available in each of our churches. We thank you for your patience and understanding with this challenging but necessary change for our parishes.

### **SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE**

SVP members will be selling tickets for the SVP National Raffle at all Masses for the next few weekends. The National Raffle is the biggest annual fundraising event held by the SVP, and 50% of the proceeds will go to your local Chess Valley SVP Group. Books are just £5 each; please support us in helping the people who need it most.

### **PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS**

A new season of Prayer and Life Workshops will take place on Monday evenings at the Parish Hall of Our Lady Help of Christians. These workshops offer us a possibility of a deeper relationship with Christ in prayer, learning different models of prayer over a period of 15 weeks. A taster session will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm and 7pm. Do consider this life-changing and spiritually enriching workshop to help you grow in faith.

### **PRAY FOR DETONATE 2022**

There will be prayer at the Russell School, Chorleywood at 4pm this Sunday afternoon. We would greatly appreciate it if you could join us to pray over and around the site, for safety, for good weather, for the team, and the children. If you can't join us, then please pray at home. We are so excited at the great opportunity we have to greet these children with the love of Jesus, all in the context of the joint fellowship of our churches. So much to celebrate! Thank you all. We are very conscious of the great support you offer us, but we are ultimately totally reliant on the Holy Spirit, so we want to welcome Him onto the site. Please join us.

### **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)

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

Our new family catechesis for all those with children aged 5-11 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 Fr Andrew an email and to find out what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step.

### 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### CALVARY CROSS UPDATE

The restoration of the Calvary Cross is taking longer than we had hoped due to the difficulty in finding the right contractors to carry out this specialist work, at a time when they are in high demand. It is hoped that this restoration will be completed in the next few months so we can once again have this important image at the heart of our parish.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have one team of three people who have volunteered to lead Children's Liturgy at our 11am Mass on Sundays. To start with this will take place once a month starting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Children's Liturgy in a second group so that this can take place more regularly then please contact Fr Andrew.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July for our SVP Coffee Morning.

There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to the Catholic Worker Farm

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### FAMILY MASS

As part of our Family Mass that takes place on the third Sunday of the month, we would be looking for teenagers in the parish to become readers. If anyone is interested in this ministry then please talk to Fr Andrew or Geraldine.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### FAMILY PICNIC AT ST JOHN FISHER

We were very sorry to have had to cancel the planned Family Picnic last Sunday. However, with the extreme heat we were experiencing it was a health and safety risk as there was inadequate cover in the Church garden. We have now rescheduled the picnic for **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 12pm** and hope that many of you will be able to join us then. There will be a sign up sheet on the notice board in the entrance porch.

### MARY'S GARAGE IS STILL OPEN IN THE HEAT!

On Saturdays 10.30am - 12 noon and Thursdays 2-4pm. Many beautiful, interesting and useful items available.

**Breaking News** we will be holding a **Silent Auction** in the Church Lounge on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August all for **The Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless**. For any information or appointments phone Mary on 284975 . Thank you.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL** We are very pleased to announce that we are holding our Open Evening and Open Morning this October for prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2023. The Open Events will be held as follows:

- Open Evening to take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 6.00pm until 9.00pm
  - Open Morning to take place on the following morning, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 9.00am until 11.30am
- Details of our Open Events, together with our Admission Policy and Supplementary Form (SIF) can also be found on our school website.