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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 11th SEPTEMBER 2022

Queen Elizabeth II RIP

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster
8 September 2022

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II

For the happy repose of HM The Queen

Almighty God,

You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, forever and ever, **Amen.**

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, And let Perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. **Amen.**

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 11TH SEPTEMBER	11.30am 12 noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Family Picnic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 12TH SEPTEMBER	5.00pm & 7.00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop Taster Sessions - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 13TH SEPTEMBER	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 14TH SEPTEMBER	9.00am	Rosary before Mass	St John the Evangelist
THU 15TH SEPTEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 17TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	GIFT Family Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SUN 18TH SEPTEMBER	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
SATURDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER <i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Anna & Tilak Khurwal RIP 11am Anne McNamara RIP 6pm Bridget, James & Jim O'Brien RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parishes	9am Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP
MONDAY 12 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
TUE 13TH SEPTEMBER <i>ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes
WED 14TH SEPTEMBER <i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
THU 15TH SEPTEMBER <i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER <i>SS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
SATURDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30am David Cook RIP (Anniv.)	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER <i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mary & Patrick McCullagh RIP 11am Queen Elizabeth II RIP 6pm Jad Damouni RIP	10.30am Queen Elizabeth II RIP	9am Queen Elizabeth II RIP
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for Bridget, James & Jim O'Brien RIP (Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's).	This week our Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp burns In Thanksgiving (Haddad Family)	

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, Pauline Williams and Gloria Warmington

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, Pam Fitzpatrick and Julian Harris

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

REQUIEM MASSES FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II RIP

These will take place on Sunday 18th September at 9am in Chorleywood, 10.30am in Mill End and 11am in Rickmansworth when we will pray for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II and for those who mourn her.

KATHLEEN TAGGART RIP

The funeral of Kathleen Taggart will take place at St John the Evangelist at 12 noon on Wednesday 28th September, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

PADDY GOBLE RIP

The funeral of Paddy Goble will take place at St John Fisher at 11.00am on Thursday 29th September, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

WEEKDAY MASS

Next week St Joan of Arc School (Year 7) will be attending 9.30am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians on Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesday, St John's School will be attending the 9.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY - 18TH SEPTEMBER

The third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Please support the second collection next weekend which provides funding for the Bishops' national work of evangelisation. More information can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>

VESTMENT REPAIRS

We have several albs that need the zips and seams repaired so they can be used by our ever increasing team of Altar Servers. If there is anyone with the gift of sewing and would be willing to repair these for us please contact the parish office.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This year the Mass count will take place on the last two weekends in September and on the first two weekends in October (each parish is required by the Diocese to count the number of people attending Mass). The details are forwarded to the Diocese along with other parish statistics at the end of the year. So, if you see someone "clicking you in" at Mass you will know why!

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 24th 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 17th October. Fr Andrew has been invited to celebrate the 5.00pm Mass on that day. 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.

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 on a Tuesday evening each week from 4.30-5.45pm. If your child is interested in joining the choir please could you contact the parish office. 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.

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 12th September at 5pm and 7pm. Do consider this life-changing and spiritually enriching workshop to help you grow in faith.

DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give

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.**

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.

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) 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS – URGENT APPEAL

Would you be able to spare about two hours of your time about every 6-8 weeks to help to keep our beautiful and beloved Church looking its best? Then please consider joining our dedicated team of cleaning volunteers which urgently needs additional members. We clean in pairs and the cleaning day and time is flexible and decided by each pair. This may not seem a glamorous ministry but is fundamental to our community worship. If interested, please contact Cristina MacGillivray, cristinapersonal19@gmail.com; Mob 07470266284.

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 18th 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.

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

Our family picnic will be on **Sunday 11th September at 12pm** and we 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.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE

Mary's garage is now shut. Many thanks for all your support in bringing and buying (and very often both!!). It has been good to join together to support this good cause. I hope to have results for you by next weekend. Love from Mary x.

APF/MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS

The September quarter is now upon us. Can you please let me have your red boxes or envelopes with your donations either at Church or direct to my home. Our Missionaries will need us now more than ever. Thank you so much, Mary xx.

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

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 6th October 2022 from 6.00pm until 9.00pm
- Open Morning to take place on the following morning, Friday 7th 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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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