



### St John The Evangelist

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## TWENTY SEVENTH IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2022

### Saints leading us to the Eucharist

In our time of national mourning, we have witnessed the reverence and love with which the mortal remains of our departed Queen Elizabeth have been received on their last journey across this land. Her Majesty's mortal remains are a tangible connection with our late Monarch, recalling the memory of her dedicated life and inviting prayer among the many who have stood along the roadways or passed before them. These scenes might help us appreciate how the Church from the beginning treated the bodies of the Saints with great reverence, as those who had lived united with Christ who left for us the memory of their witness and are now forever united with Christ in Heaven. And while we pray for our beloved Queen, as we pray for each other in the hour of death, the Church has always invited us to ask the Saints in Heaven to pray for us. And so it is, with the pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette across our country, they provide for us a tangible connection with the heroic life of this young woman; and as we venerate them with reverence, we are invited to ask her prayers in Heaven as we continue our journey on earth.

Saint Bernadette comes to us as a witness to the Eucharist. In days when not a few have lost sight of the Sacrifice and Sacrament which is source and summit of our life, containing the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself. We recall that the 14-year-old Bernadette returned to Lourdes in the winter of 1858, with one purpose: to receive the Eucharist for the first time in her life. Bernadette left behind the relative comfort of the village of Bartres, where she had been sent to recover her health, in exchange for the harshness of life in an abandoned and overcrowded prison cell. This seemed to Bernadette, a small sacrifice for the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ her Lord in Holy Communion. And we can understand the subsequent encounters of prayer with the Holy Mother of God, as forming the preparation of this generous soul for the day when she would finally receive the Holy Eucharist.

As we gather at Mass in the centre of this ancient city the pilgrimage of Saint Bernadette's relics leads us to the very Source of Grace, Heaven on earth, the Mystery of the Eucharist. In the simple and memorable words of Saint John Paul II: *"In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have adoration, obedience and love of the Father. Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?"*. How can we hope to overcome our deficiencies, reach the goal of holiness which is the same thing as happiness, without the grace and gift of the Eucharist?

In our parishes we have known the upheaval of a pandemic and two years of lockdowns and restrictions and anxieties unknown for a century and more. These disruptive and unexpected events brought a challenge to us all to return to the Eucharist with joy. Yet, we are conscious of those still to return and many more of our contemporaries who are still to discover this greatest Gift, the miracle of love which is the Eucharist. By our frequent reception of Holy Communion, the Church teaches, our union with Christ is strengthened; our spiritual life abundantly sustained; we find the remedy to our weakness and defects; the antidote to daily faults and preservation from mortal sin; our souls are endowed with every virtue and the pledge of everlasting happiness is more securely given us. In the silence of the Eucharist, Saint John Vianney reflected, we find the greatest happiness we will ever find on earth.

*Extract from Homily of Bishop Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury at the Mass for the Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Bernadette, Saint Werburgh's Chester, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>	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
<b>MON 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.00pm	Prayer Workshop - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00am	Rosary before Mass	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</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 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN</i>	<b>9.30am</b> John O'Sullivan RIP	<b>6.00pm</b> Seamus Fagan RIP	
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Special Intention <b>11am</b> Hughie Sweeney RIP (Anniv.) & Barbara Freeman RIP <b>6pm</b> Marian Banas RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>TUE 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes
<b>WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
<b>THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Joan Harbird RIP (Anniv.)		
<b>FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6.00pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Mayden Family (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for the intentions of Fabby Montesdeoca (Our Lady's) and Private Intention MB (Blessed Sacrament)		

### 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

### WEEKDAY MASS

Next week St John's School (Year 5) will be attending 9.30am Mass at St John the Evangelist on Wednesday.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October Harvest – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

### CALLING ALL YOUTH

School years 7 and above. Come and join us for fun, games and snacks. Meet up with friends; make new friends; bring a friend. Our Lady's Parish Hall. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-8pm. Parents please text names and numbers attending to 07788 721222.

### FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH GROUP

The group will start meeting in Our Lady's hall on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2.15 - 4.00pm with time to socialise over a cup of tea, watch and discuss a video entitled 'Beloved Disciples', and end with a time of prayer. Future dates this year will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. **Everyone welcome.**

### GRAND DESIGNS

The episode of channel 4's Grand Designs on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September was based on a new development in the Chess Valley. As part of the episode they filmed an extract with the couple looking at the flint work on Our Lady Help of Christian's Church in Rickmansworth, wishing to imitate it on their home. Watch it on All-4 catch-up to see how they did!

### CHESS VALLEY SVP

Chess Valley SVP works across the three parishes of Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood. The Group exists to fulfil the vision of the St Vincent de Paul Society to love our neighbour as ourselves, to help any individuals or families who are in any form of need to have hope, together with a sense of dignity, worth, wellbeing and peace of mind. It's mission is to seek and find those in need, to help them in a spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can. If you wish to find out more information about the Chess Valley SVP or make a donation towards their work, please contact the parish office.

### 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 contact Fr Andrew via phone or email to find out what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step.

**PARISH OFFICE** - please note that Kerry will be working from home on a Wednesday but can still be contacted by email.

### ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Mass count continues over 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!

### 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. 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

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 has started at the Parish Hall of Our Lady's on Monday at 7pm. 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. 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. 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](http://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 and children's toothbrushes.**



### MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered, or you would like a Mass said for someone who is sick or for your own intention. For Mass to be offered it is the tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priests. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks.

## 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### RETURN OF THE REALLY GREAT QUIZ, SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 7PM

The famous OLHC quiz night is back! If you haven't experienced a Paul Burke Egghead style quiz night with us before, now is the time! Ticket includes chip supper (email [Laura.sharp@live.co.uk](mailto:Laura.sharp@live.co.uk) if you have any dietary requirements). Tables of 8, organise your own team or let us introduce you to a team on the night. Doors open 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Please bring cash for the bar! Tickets (£15 each) available after Mass or on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olhcs-really-great-quiz-night-tickets-426851914567>

### STALLS AVAILABLE AT THIS YEAR'S BOUTIQUE CHRISTMAS FAIR

If you own your own business and would like to hire a table at the Christmas Fair this year on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, please contact [Laura.sharp@live.co.uk](mailto:Laura.sharp@live.co.uk)

### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club begins again in October and if you are interested in joining (or cancelling your membership) please contact Kerry on 01923 773387 for further details. The membership fee is due by the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October for those who prefer to pay their annual subscription (£60) by cheque.

### 200 CLUB

Congratulations to Angela Steele (£30), Heather Kean (£22.50), Liz Waddington (£15), Collette Bridge Madden (£7.50).

### COFFEE MORNINGS

There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations for Our Lady's Building Fund.

## 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

### CARDINAL HUME CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS IN WESTMINSTER. Mary's Garage Sale.

In May we raised £400 and doubled that up on their BIG GIVE page to £800. In June to August it was £1,600 which we will double up again, making a grand total of £4,000. So many thanks, in particular to Rosemary who spent hours arranging the displays, and to the excellent and kind Chorleywood antique dealer Andy Roberts, and to Ginnie Jenkins who helped with all the pricing, to Jenny and Juliet who helped in selling, and to every one who supported the Sale and the Silent Auction so generously in bringing and buying (and usually both!). Much love till next time, Mary xx

### MISSIO/APF/RED BOX HOLDERS

Many thanks to our small band of faithful supporters for our hard pressed Missionaries. For this September quarter we have raised the sum of £118.47. New supporters would be very much appreciated. Mary 284975 xx

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### UK VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

In 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)

**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.