



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

#### New beginnings

Our newsletter returns this week after a summer break and as we return there is lots of news to share. Firstly, this weekend we welcome our new Assistant Priest, Fr Matteo Di Giuseppe to the parishes. This is Fr Matteo's first appointment since his ordination to the priesthood in June and I am sure everyone will give him a warm welcome as he begins his ministry with us. It is a steep learning curve for a newly ordained priest to become accustomed to this role and I know that the support and prayers of our parishes will give Fr Matteo great strength and encouragement in the years ahead.

Fr Damian certainly found this support in our parishes and I would like to thank everyone who was involved in his Mass of thanksgiving for his 5 years serving our parishes on Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful occasion when our three parishes came together to celebrate Mass in the beautiful outdoor setting. Thank you particularly to all those who co-ordinated the set-up, the liturgy and the reception which all flowed so seamlessly. Hopefully, there will be many other joint ventures like this to look forward to in the future.

This is an exciting time for our parishes with lots of things going on and it really does feel like a time of renewal after the challenging years of covid. Over the next few weeks our GIFT family catechesis will be continuing to grow, where our families are growing together in their faith. This term our new youth choir will start to rehearse and over time sing at one Mass a month in Mill End and at Rickmansworth. Our Youth Ministry Leadership Team will also soon be publicising events for our young people over the coming months, for them to continue to be engaged with their faith and to grow within our community.

In these weeks we will also be starting a new season of the Prayer and Life Workshops, where we have the opportunity to grow in our prayer life. We will be starting a new programme of adult formation and our RCIA course will soon begin, welcoming and giving instruction to those who wish to become Catholics.

We will also begin to have day pilgrimages from our parish. The first of these is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September for our pilgrimage to Walsingham, where we will have the opportunity to join parishes from across the diocese led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in England's beautiful shrine to Our Lady. This will be followed by a visit to Stevenage in October, to visit the relics of St Bernadette, which begin their tour of the UK this weekend. My hope is that these two pilgrimages will be the start of regular opportunities for us to visit places of interest to our faith over the coming years.

This all of course takes place during a time of economic and social uncertainty. We all know that the next few months are going to be incredibly challenging for many in our community. We hope that over this time the Church will be a source of refuge and strength for all those who are struggling and are vulnerable. Over these next few months please do consider whether you could give time and resources to the initiatives we set up and advertise, so we can indeed show love for our neighbour and support the most vulnerable in our community.

May the Lord continue to bless our parishes and may the witness of our faith continue to shine in Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood so all may encounter Jesus through us serving others.

*Fr Andrew*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Coffee after Mass - 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 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	9.00am	Rosary before Mass	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	9.30am 11.30am 12 noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Coffee after Mass - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Family Picnic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher 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 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE &amp; DR.</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Lenie Huiskamp-Nujiens (Ints.)	<b>6.00pm</b> Josephine Ostrowska (Ints.)	
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> In Thanksgiving <b>11am (Family)</b> Genie Buscarini RIP <b>6pm</b> Moreno Torrini RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Maureen Carroll RIP & William Chambers RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Romek & Wladek Karys RIP		<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes
<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Beryl Selley RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
<b>THU 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
<b>SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</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 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> <i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Anna & Tilak Khurwal RIP <b>11am</b> Anne McNamara RIP <b>6pm</b> Bridget, James & Jim O'Brien RIP	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>9am</b> Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for the intentions of the Morrissey Family (Blessed Sacrament) and intentions of Fabby Montesdeoca (Our Lady's)	This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of Phyllis & Victor Smith	

### 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

### **FR DAMIAN**

Thank you again to all who came to give thanks to God at my leaving Mass and reception on Wednesday evening. A special thanks again to those who gave so generously of their time, and worked so hard to make it all happen. We had a great time. To all who wanted to come but were unable to be there: you were missed. Thank you also to everyone for your extremely kind and generous cheques and gifts (collective and individual). I am truly grateful and humbled. You are all very welcome to Kensal New Town once I settle in. My email remains the same. Every blessing for you and the parishes moving forward. Pray for me, as I will for you. Please, continue to be as loving and gracious to Fr Matteo too. Blessings, *Fr Damian*.

### **KATHLEEN TAGGART RIP**

The funeral of Kathleen Taggart will take place at St John the Evangelist at 12 noon on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS**

This weekend at all Masses 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 to ask for the Lord's blessing on their studies.

### **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.

### **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](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.**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## 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.

## 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 MORNING

There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations to support 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

### FAMILY PICNIC AT ST JOHN FISHER

Our family picnic will be on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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