



St John The Evangelist

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 30th OCTOBER 2022

May they rest in peace

November is traditionally the time when we pray for those who have died. In our liturgy we pray during the second Eucharistic Prayer *'remember our brothers and sisters, who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your face'*. This is a prayer we echo throughout this month, beginning on Tuesday 1st November when we celebrate those who are already in heaven in the celebration of All Saints Day. This is a holy day of obligation. Throughout November, beginning with the All Souls Day on Wednesday 2nd November, we then pray for the faithful departed who are in purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. The Church's need and duty of prayer for the departed souls continues the tradition of our Jewish ancestors. In the Old Testament we read: *"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins"* (2 Macc 12: 46). It is also one of the Corporal Acts of Mercy to pray for the dead. Traditionally in this month we like to remember those we have known and loved, but it is also a time when we pray for those who have no-one to pray for them. Over the coming weeks we will have a number of events in the parish which will aid us in our prayers.

Firstly, on Saturday 5th November we will have a Mass for those who have died in our parishes, particularly remembering those who have died over the past year. This is an opportunity for us to pray for deceased members of our community and to support those who mourn their passing. This will be followed by a series of blessings of graves where our priests will be available to say prayers and bless the graves of those who are buried in the area. This year we will also be hosting the annual Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery to which all are most welcome.

During the coming month we will also unite with our community in remembering those who have died in war, joining the Armistice Day Act of Remembrance, and the Remembrance Sunday Procession ending with prayers at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard. This is a chance for us to give thanks for those who have given their lives in service, but also to pray for peace in our world, so such a sacrifice does not have to be made again.

Full details of all these events can be found inside this newsletter.

We will of course also have the names of the Holy Souls we wish to be remembered at Mass placed before the Altars in each of our churches throughout this month, and we may remember our loved ones who have died in many other ways.

November is also a month where we should think about our own death and be helping the community to pray for us when that time comes. The Church encourages us to be prepared for the day when our lives are ended, and to support our family and friends by having a plan for our funeral written down. Sheets to help us with this will be available to take away throughout November. Full information on how to prepare our funerals can be found at the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/liturgy/preparing-for-a-funeral/>

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 30TH OCTOBER	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
MON 31ST OCTOBER	7.00pm	Prayer Workshop - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 1ST NOVEMBER	4.30pm - 5.45pm	Youth Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
WED 2ND NOVEMBER	2.15pm	Friendship & Faith Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 3RD NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 5TH NOVEMBER	12noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SUN 6TH NOVEMBER	9.30am 11.30am 2.00pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Coffee Morning - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SAT 29TH OCTOBER <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6.00pm Fr Duncan Adamson RIP	
SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER <i>THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Peggy & Roy Langdale RIP 11am Genova D'Cruz RIP 6pm Augustus Joachim RIP	10.30am Richard Taylor RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER	9.30am Private Intention		7.30pm Molly & Michael O'Sullivan RIP
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	9.30am Nila Hurtado RIP 7.30pm For the People of the Parishes	9.30am For the People of the Parishes	NO MASS TODAY
WED 2ND NOVEMBER <i>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	NO MASS TODAY		11.00am Funeral - Michael Draper RIP
FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER <i>ST CHARLES BORROMEIO</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	11.00am For all deceased members of our parishes	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER <i>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Frazer Bradshaw RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Fr Duncan Adamson RIP	10.30am Fr Duncan Adamson RIP	9am Greg McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for the intentions of the Ray Family	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns in thanks for the many favours of St Anthony (Phyllis & Victor Smith)	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for Mary Harris RIP (Our Lady's) and John Harris RIP (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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than 66 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in retirement is set to double. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve in our parishes, schools, hospices, and hospitals. At this time, they are dependent on the Diocese for their care – for essentials like housing, any health needs and other essentials. These priests have baptised us. They have welcomed us, and our families, into the Church. They have counselled us at times of crisis, sat with us through grief and sorrow, and shared in times of joy. They have given to us all and now, in their old age or sickness, they need us to give back. By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today. Please note that the envelopes and posters also feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, to make donating more succinct. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses across the three parishes will be as follows: St John Fisher, Chorleywood - Vigil (Monday) 7.30pm, Our Lady's, Rickmansworth – 9.30am and 7.30pm (*please note the car park camera will be switched off today*); St John the Evangelist, Mill End – 9.30am (attended by staff and students of St John's School).

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Saturday 5th November we will have a Mass for all deceased members of our parishes at 11am in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. At this Mass we will particularly remember all those who have died over the past year so please do encourage those recently bereaved to attend. This Mass will be immediately followed by the blessing of graves at Our Lady's Garden of Rest and refreshments in our Lady's Parish Hall.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Andrew and Fr Matteo will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries:

Sunday 6th November – 2pm Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery; Saturday 12th November – 2pm Woodcock Hill Cemetery and

Sunday 20th November – 2pm Chorleywood Road Cemetery

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The clergy of Watford deanery will be celebrating a Mass on Tuesday 15th November at 12.30pm at Our Lady's Church for all those priests who have served our parishes and died. All are welcome to join the deanery for this Mass.

ARMISTICE DAY – FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

10.45am - Gather at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard for the reading of the names on the War Memorial and in the Books of Remembrance in church. 11.00am - two Minute Silence

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 13th November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (CofE), Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

1.30pm Remembrance Sunday Parade musters at Our Lady, Help of Christians

2.00pm Remembrance Sunday Parade moves off, to walk along the High Street

2.30pm Remembrance Sunday Service begins in St Mary's

Parishioners are invited to join us to mark this solemn and historic occasion

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

MICHAEL DRAPER RIP

The funeral of Michael Draper will take place at St John Fisher on Thursday 3rd November at 11.00am, followed by committal at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

DORIS DALY RIP

The funeral of Doris Daly will take place at St John the Evangelist on Monday 14th November at 11.00am, followed by committal at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

ALAN GARRETT RIP

The funeral of Alan Garrett will take place at St John Fisher on Wednesday 16th November at 11.00am, followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

FRIENDSHIP & FAITH GROUP will be meeting in Our Lady's hall on Wednesday November 2nd from 2.15 - 4.00pm. Everyone welcome.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will be visiting Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth on Sunday 13th November to sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be much appreciated.

CHESS VALLEY SVP

Chess Valley SVP will be providing a Warm Winter Space in the church hall at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, every Thursday afternoon between 2 to 4pm, beginning on Thursday 3rd November and for the duration of the winter months. Hot drinks, cakes and biscuits will be provided. Please let those you feel would benefit from this know. For further information, please email

chessvalleysvp@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) 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.

CONFIRMATION

For those in Year 9 and above attending Mass who wish to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, please speak to Fr Andrew or Fr Matteo after Mass. Application forms will only be handed to prospective candidates after Mass and will not be available for collection from the Parish Office.

YOUTH CHOIR

We 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 starting from 1st November. 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MEMORIAL BOOK

The memorial book has not been updated for the last couple of years. If you would like to add a family member, or a parishioner to this book, please let Kerry know their name and date of death as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 27TH NOVEMBER

Our Parish Christmas Fair returns first weekend of Advent. Please save the date.

COFFEE MORNINGS

There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 6th November. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

WARM WINTER COATS WANTED

This November we are hoping to collect warm winter coats for the charity "Calling London" as we so successfully did last year. They distribute the coats to various charities helping the homeless, refugees, the elderly, and those in low income households. Any coats are welcome as long as they are clean and warm, but they particularly need children's and large adult sizes. This year the need is likely to be particularly acute so please help if you can. Donations should be left in the Church porch during November and they will be collected and sent to the charity. Last date for donations is Sunday 20th November.

For more information, or if you would like to be involved please email coatdrivewd3@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Fair will be on 11th December, after the 10.30am Mass. Please make a note in your diaries and come and support the Fair. Could we please ask for donations of bottles and sweets for the tombolas. These can be brought in from now and left in the box at the back of the church. Raffle tickets will go on sale from the beginning of November after all weekend Masses.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is coming back to Church on Saturday, 3rd December, 10am to 12.30pm. As in the past, all proceeds will be split between *The Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless* in Westminster and *The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary* looking after many poor and disabled children and young people in Africa. Please start to collect your offerings and bring them to the kitchen: bottles; unwanted gifts; jewellery; toiletries; toys; etc. watch for weekly news!! Thank you, love, Mary x 284975.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEEDED

There is a parent governor vacancy on the St John's school governing body. Please contact the Governors if you are interested in this position. In light of the school building developments, parents with a background in this area would be advantageous. In the first instance, please email admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk.

WITNESS TO HOPE

The Prayers and Readings of Advent. Talks by Fr John Deehan will be delivered via Zoom on the following dates: 17th & 24th November, 1st & 8th December. Contact Anna, annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk for more information and to register.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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