



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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## ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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### TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

#### October – the month of the Holy Rosary

In 1571, the Catholic League entered into battle against the Ottoman Empire to protect Italy from invasion. The Islamic Turks were on a warpath to overthrow all of Europe, having conquered the Middle East and Mediterranean islands of Cyprus and Crete. Italy was next. As the impending battle loomed, Pope Pius V called on various religious communities throughout Europe to join him in praying the rosary, including public recitations, to defeat the threat. Heading into battle, every man in the Catholic League's forces carried a rosary. Their fleet was no match for the competition, vastly outnumbered. Miraculously, the Catholic League returned victorious after a battle known as the Battle of Lepanto that took place off the coast of Greece. In thanksgiving for Mary's intercession and protection, Pope Pius V declared the day — October 7 — as a feast day for Our Lady of the Rosary. To celebrate, a rosary procession was held in Saint Peter's Square.

After the feast day was established, the entire month of October was dedicated to the rosary in 1884 by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Superiore Anno*:  
*"to win the help of Heaven for the Church in her trials, the great Mother of God should be honoured by the means of the most holy Rosary during the whole of the month of October. In this we follow both our own impulse and the example of our predecessors, who in times of difficulty were wont to have recourse with increased fervour to the Blessed Virgin, and to seek her aid with special prayers."*

Although the commitment to the rosary was formalized in 1571, it was an established prayer long before then. The rosary was first given to Saint Dominic by the Virgin Mary during an apparition in 1214 in Prouilhe of southern France. She presented it as a source of strength and grace to persevere in his efforts to convert Albigensian heretics.

We know it to be one of the most recited and celebrated Catholic prayers — used to implore our Mother Mary for her intercession and blessings. Saint John Paul II expanded on the rosary's power in his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, when he announced the Year of the Rosary and the addition of the Luminous Mysteries:

*"With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."*

As we journey through the month of October, let us renew our devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary — reflecting on its origins saving nations and individuals in times of conflict and despair.

*Extract from article by Christine Warner*  
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## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.00pm	Prayer Workshop - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00am 2.15pm 8.00pm	Rosary before Mass Friendship & Faith Group - Hall GIFT Parent's Session	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Via Zoom
<b>THU 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
<b>SAT 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For families of the parishes	<b>6.00pm</b> Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Special Intention <b>11am</b> Timothy Patrick Fogarty RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> W.H. (Bill) Osgood RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Wilfred Mitford RIP		
<b>TUE 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>ST LUKE, EVANGELIST</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Cecilia Netto RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Michael McMahon RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Adam & Ola Budzynska RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6.00pm</b> Dolores Vaughan RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER <i>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Maurice & Norah MacWilliam RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>6pm</b> Jad Damouni RIP	<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 the Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for the intentions of the Dumughn Family.		This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for Sidney Dommersen RIP (Our Lady's) and Moyra O'Donnell 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

### MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> November – 2pm Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 2pm Woodcock Hill Cemetery

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 2pm Chorleywood Road Cemetery

### 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 from this weekend. 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

### ROSEMARY STADDON RIP

The ashes of Rosemary Staddon RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### 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.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

A Certificate of Catholic Practice is exactly what it says - it confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that families are practising Catholics, i.e. attend Mass every weekend. The school form states that families practice the faith and are known to the priest signing the form. If you do not attend Mass every weekend and are not known to Fr Andrew, he is unfortunately unable to sign the form. If you have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. If you require a CCP to be signed by Fr Andrew, in the first instance, please see him after Mass.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:chessvalleysvp@gmail.com)

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please collect an envelope from church this week and give generously. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

### 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.

### 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. 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.



### 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 ([rickenmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickenmansworth@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.

## 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 — 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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

### 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.

### APF MISSIO

Would promoters please collect the Autumn Magazines from the church porch and start collecting monies. Please consider supporting this. If you would like a new box, contact Maurice Delaporte on 01923 774855. Thank you.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for our SVP Coffee Morning. There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

### 200 CLUB

Congratulations to Liz Waddington (£30), Theresa Jubber (£22.50), Annie Kent (£15) and John Steele (£7.50)

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information, or if you would like to be involved please [email coatdrivewd3@gmail.com](mailto:email_coatdrivewd3@gmail.com)

### RED MISSIO BOXES

If you have a box could you please bring it to church or contact me and I can collect from you. Many thanks for your continued support. Geraldine

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are delighted to announce the Fair will be returning this year on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, after the 10.30am Mass. Please make a note in your diaries and come and support the Fair. We will be asking shortly for donations. Raffle tickets will go on sale from the beginning of November after all weekend Masses.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### COFFEE AND TEA TODAY

Everyone is welcome to stay for a while after Mass for a cuppa and chat.

### LADIES' MEETING

We will be holding our first post-covid Ladies' Meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm at Rosemary's home. Regulars and new members most welcome. Please call Rosemary 282500 for more details.

## 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](mailto:admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk).

### MARCH FOR LIFE UK

March for Life UK are holding a solemn public witness in Parliament Square, London on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm - 2pm commemorating the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967. Since then 10 million have been aborted. Please attend if you can - wear black (or as dark as possible). Don't bring posters. Full details at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2022/10/07/join-us-on-the-27th-october/>