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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C) - 20th NOVEMBER 2022

Building prophets of the future

On this feast of Christ the King, we celebrate National Youth Sunday. This an opportunity to *recognise* young people as a gift in the Church, *enable* the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and *affirm* the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them. When I arrived in the parishes just over a year ago, I was delighted to see that on the front page of our newsletter we have a section of contacts for our Youth in our parishes. It is one of the greatest challenges in parish life to provide something for our young people, and often one of the first things that we would like to be done better in our Church.

This year the theme of National Youth Sunday is 'Together'. Since the emergence of Covid, the way we live, work, study, play and pray has all changed. The most significant change has been that we have not been able to do many of those things together. This year's theme recognises what it means to be 'together'; with ourselves, with others and with God. There is something special about being together – being a part of a community – it is our togetherness which tells us who we are.

Our young people have suffered in a significant way over the past three years, and we as a parish community have a responsibility to help them come together in a safe environment which will help them discover who God has made them to be. So what opportunities are there in our parishes for our young people to share their gifts and grow in faith together?

A growing number of our young people are becoming involved in ministries in our liturgy. Assisting as Altar Servers at Mass, or joining our new Youth Choir is a valuable way for our young people to contribute to our worship. Over the coming months we would also like to invite more of our teenagers to get involved with reading at some of our Sunday Masses. We are also trying to bring back our Children's Liturgy for the younger members of our congregation to have the scriptures explained to them in a more accessible way, and in Rickmansworth and Mill End, one Mass each month is a focused 'Family Mass', where the homily in particular is directed towards the children.

We are also trying to bring our families together through our GIFT family catechesis that takes place each month, and the parent catechesis which aims to support our parents in bringing up their children in the faith. Here we hope to build a community of our families who can journey together in their faith over the coming years.

Our Youth Ministry Team are working hard to organise events each month for all those in Year 7 or above, with the next being on 22nd November. We hope in the future to create a group from this that will get involved in events across the diocese and country, such as the Flame National Youth Event, World Youth Day, and Redcap helpers on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

There are a lot of opportunities for our young people to feel welcomed and as loved members of our community, but this does require all of our parish to support them. For our parents to encourage them to get involved, for all those with their own gifts in working with young people to offer their time and energy to support these opportunities, and for all of us to pray for our young people as they seek to grow in understanding God's love for them and to enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 20TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 11.30am 2.00pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist Chorleywood Road Cemetery Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 21ST NOVEMBER	7.00pm	Prayer Workshop - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 22ND NOVEMBER	4.30pm - 5.45pm 6.30pm - 8.00pm	Youth Choir Practice Youth Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 24TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH NOVEMBER	11.00am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SUN 27TH NOVEMBER	9.00am - 1.00pm 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Christmas Fair - 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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am Christopher, Margaret & Dora Conway RIP 11am James Harbird RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Jad Damouni RIP	10.30am Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	9am Special Intention DAC
MON 21ST NOVEMBER <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am Jackie Prior RIP (Anniv.)		
TUES 22ND NOVEMBER <i>ST CECILIA, VIRGIN</i>	9.30am Kathleen Fraher RIP		9.30am Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am Robert Gibson RIP	
THU 24TH NOVEMBER <i>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	9.30am Mark Antony Xavier RIP		
FRIDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Breda Ryan RIP 11am Funeral - Pietro Marioni RIP		
SATURDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Mark Antony Xavier RIP & Annaci Juati Pillai RIP	6.00pm Patrick Vaughan RIP (Anniv.)	
SUNDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30am Peggy & Roy Langdale RIP 11am Maura Malone (Ints.) 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am Catherine Ryan RIP (Anniv.)	9am Malcolm Stacey RIP
SANCTUARY LAMPS			This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for Janet Edwards RIP

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, Maureen Douglas, Michael Gaukroger, Molly Gray, Leslie Edwards, Pauline Williams, Gloria Warmington and Patrick Purtill

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

PIETRO MARIONI RIP

The funeral of Pietro Marioni will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Friday 25th November. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Andrew will be blessing graves at Chorleywood Road Cemetery on Sunday 20th November at 2pm.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG

Would like to express their gratitude for the generous support provided by our parishes. £2363.88 was raised last weekend. Please visit our online shop if you would like to place an order www.tbng.co.uk.

ALPHA

Alpha face to face begins again on Tuesday 17th January from 7.30-9.15pm and runs every week until 28th March at Our Lady's hall. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each session includes snacks and hot/cold drinks, an engaging video designed to generate conversation, and a discussion time where you can say whatever you like or nothing at all. Sessions include topics such as 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why did Jesus die?' and 'How can I have Faith?' Registrations are now open so please do contact us using the following email address; chessvalleyalpha@rcdow.org.uk to register your interest or you are welcome to phone Deidre Gilmore on 07941 931319. As before, places are being prioritised for those who have not previously tried Alpha, so please share the details and invite others to attend. If you are interested in attending Alpha but this isn't the right timing for you please do contact us as Alpha is an ongoing ministry within the Chess Valley Group of Parishes and we can hold your details for forthcoming Alphas. Please pass this invitation on to someone you know who might like to explore the meaning of life and have fun whilst doing so!

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Youth group meets on Tuesday 22nd November 6.30-8pm at Our Lady's. This is for anyone in school year 7 and above. Come and have fun, games, arts and crafts and snacks, meet up with friends, make new friends, bring a friend with you. Parents/guardians please text names and numbers 07788 721222 to let us know who will be coming.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS - the Advent booklets are now available (£1 per booklet).

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.

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.

VINNIE PACKS

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support.

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, 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

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.**

GIFT AID - ONE-OFF ENVELOPES / BANK TRANSFERS

If you do pay tax, would you please consider using the 'one-off' envelopes when requesting a Mass, towards baptism etc, or even for a donation towards a specific purpose. Completing the form attached to the envelope is vitally important to enable us to claim the tax. If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration in the past, we are currently only able to claim gift aid on your offertory donations (standing orders / offertory envelopes).

If you'd like to Gift Aid your bank transfer donations, please email giftaid@rcdow.org.uk with the following details:

- Your parish name
- Your title, first name and surname
- Your address and postcode
- The date of your gift
- The amount and what it is for (eg, Mass Intention, Baptism etc).
- Please add the line: 'Please Gift Aid my donations'

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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. 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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We're looking forward to our Boutique Christmas Fair on Sunday 27th November from 9am to 1pm and would appreciate donations of bottles of wine/spirits and unwanted gifts (in new condition) for our tombola and raffle. A box will be in the church porch. If you can help on the day please email Laura.sharp@live.co.uk. Please do come and support our parish by coming to the Fair.

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.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Thank you for saving your stamps for the Missions, the box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila H.*

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 11TH DECEMBER (after the 10.30am Mass)

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 are now on sale after every weekend Mass.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COFFEE AND TEA MORNING

Please stay for a cup of coffee or tea after Mass **today**.

THE REPOSITORY

After Mass on Sunday there will be a selection of cards for different occasions including Christmas cards. We can only take cash payments at present.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 10-12.30PM

In aid of The Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless in Westminster and Franciscan Missionary Nuns working for the poor and disabled in Africa. Thank you so much for all your gifts so far. Only 2 weeks to go!! Today, with our coffee, you will be able to see the start of the Silent Auction and Raffle, place some bids and buy some raffle tickets. Blessings to all, Mary 284975

APF/MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS

It's time for this quarter's collection. Please could you bring your boxes or envelopes to church or directly to me in the next few weeks. Many thanks, as always Mary

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WITNESS TO HOPE

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