



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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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 6th NOVEMBER 2022

A life of serving our parishes

This weekend we have 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, hospitals and chaplaincies. Their support in our parishes is particularly important to ensure our active clergy are able to have some much-needed time off during the year, and we have witnessed this in our parishes recently through the generous ministry of Fr Tim Dean. During retirement, priests 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 a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests.

Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Catholic Parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood and Mill End
aspire to share the Good News of God's saving love.

We are vibrant, welcoming communities, united in worshipping God
and serving our neighbours.

We invite every person to join us in growing together
in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,
experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit.

SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

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
MON 7TH NOVEMBER	7.00pm	Prayer Workshop - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 8TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 4.30pm - 5.45pm	Rosary after Mass Youth Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
THU 10TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 11TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 12TH NOVEMBER	2.00pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Blessing of Graves Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Woodcock Hill Cemetery St John the Evangelist
SUN 13TH NOVEMBER	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
SATURDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	11.00am For all deceased members of our parishes	6.00pm Bridie Crumlsh	
SUNDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER <i>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mary & Aldo De Michiel RIP (Anniv.) 11am Frazer Bradshaw RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am John & Nora O'Driscoll RIP (Anniv.)	9am Greg McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Julia Rice & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)		
TUESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Rosita Valencia RIP (Anniv.)		9.30am Greg McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
WED 9TH NOVEMBER <i>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	9.30am Alexander & Carmen Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.)	NO MASS TODAY	
THU 10TH NOVEMBER <i>ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER <i>ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Melva Suarez RIP (Anniv.)		
SAT 12TH NOVEMBER <i>ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	6.00pm Fr Duncan Adamson RIP	
SUNDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER <i>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Mary & Patrick McCullagh 11am Ann Mulholland RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am For those who died in war	9am For those who died in war
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for the special intentions of Marina Joseph	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 Suzanne Ashworth RIP (Our Lady's) and Tressie Ashworth 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, 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

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

MILL END COMMUNITY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mill End Community Act of Remembrance will be held at the Reach Free School on Sunday 13th November at 2pm.

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.

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.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit Our Lady help of Christians & St John the Evangelist on the weekend 12th - 13th November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and 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 highly appreciated.

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

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.

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

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) 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

CAR PARK REMINDER

Please be careful to follow the one way system and to drive slowly around the car park to ensure all our parishioners are safe when coming to Church.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 27TH NOVEMBER

We're looking forward to our Boutique Christmas Fair 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

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

The Parish Christmas Fair is coming back to Church on Saturday 3rd December, 10-12.30 pm. All proceeds will go towards the Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless in Westminster and the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Africa. Please start searching out and bringing in your gifts for our stalls: bottles of wine and spirits and other gifts for the raffle; unwanted gifts, ornaments, candles and toiletries, etc, for the gift stalls; toys and jewellery and also items of greater value for the Silent Auction. Marguerite's cakes are baked and my bulbs are planted!! We hope you are happy that we are able to join together at SJF to help people in difficulties once again this Christmas. Love to all, Mary 284975 xx

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MEMORIES CAFÉ – bereavement and loss drop-in support sessions

Every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy. Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most. For more information please email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

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.