



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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### St John Fisher

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### PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A) - 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

### Come Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is practical, he is not an idealist. He wants us to concentrate on the *here and now*, because the time and place in which we find ourselves are themselves grace-filled. These are the concrete times and places of grace, here and now. That is where the Holy Spirit is leading us. The spirit of evil, however, would pull us away from the here and now, and put us somewhere else. Often he anchors us to the past: to our regrets, our nostalgia, our disappointments. Or else he points us to the future, fuelling our fears, illusions and false hopes. But not the Holy Spirit. The Spirit leads us to love, concretely, here and now, not an ideal world or an ideal Church, an ideal religious congregation, but the real ones, as they are, seen in broad light of day, with transparency and simplicity. How very different from the evil one, who foments gossip and idle chatter. Idle chatter is a nasty habit; it destroys a person's identity.

The Holy Spirit wants us to be together; he teaches the Church *how to walk*. The disciples were covering in the Upper Room; the Spirit then came down and made them go forth. Without the Spirit, they were alone, by themselves, huddled together. With the Spirit, they were open to all. In every age, the Spirit overturns our preconceived notions and opens us to his newness. God, the Spirit, is always new! He constantly teaches the Church the vital importance of going forth, impelled to proclaim the Gospel. The importance of our being, not a secure sheepfold, but an open pasture where all can graze on God's beauty. He teaches us to be an open house without walls of division. The worldly spirit drives us to concentrate on our own problems and interests, on our need to appear relevant, on our strenuous defense of the nation or group to which we belong. That is not the way of the Holy Spirit. He invites to forget ourselves and to open our hearts to all. In that way, he makes the Church grow young. We need to remember this: the Spirit rejuvenates the Church. Not us and our efforts to dress her up a bit. For the Church cannot be "programmed" and every effort at "modernization" is not enough. The Spirit liberates us from obsession with emergencies. He beckons us to walk his paths, ever ancient and ever new, the paths of witness, poverty and mission, and in this way, he sets us free from ourselves and sends us forth into the world.

Brothers and sisters, let us sit at the school of the Holy Spirit, so that he can teach us all things. Let us invoke him each day, so that he can remind us to make God's gaze upon us our starting point, to make decisions by listening to his voice, and to journey together as Church, docile to him and open to the world. Amen.

*Extract from homily of Pope Francis, Pentecost Sunday 2022*

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever

enjoy His consolations,

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	SVP Coffee Morning - 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>WED 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	2.15pm	Faith & Friendship Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b>	11.15am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	9.30am 11.30am 12pm-2pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Coffee Morning - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Youth Event - parish field Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians 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 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <i>St AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Fr Richard Marriott RIP	<b>6pm</b> Anne Gemmell RIP	
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>11am</b> Moira Finnegan RIP <b>6pm</b> Patrick Tarrant RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Mary Noble RIP	<b>9am</b> Tony McConway RIP (Anniv.)
<b>MON 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <i>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Elizabeth Hymes RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes
<b>WED 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b> <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Lazar RIP	<b>9.30am</b> Joan Harding RIP	
<b>THU 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b> <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</i>	<b>11am</b> Funeral - Mary Mountain RIP		
<b>FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Hugh Nolan RIP		
<b>SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b> <i>St CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Fr Richard Marriott RIP <b>11am</b> For those receiving their First Holy Communion <b>6pm</b> Hugh Nolan RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Romana (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>		This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for the intentions of Cathy Buer	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for Tressie Ashworth 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, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, 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, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Pam Fitzpatrick, Julian Harris, David Cottingham and Derek Treanor

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### MARY MOUNTAIN RIP

The funeral of Mary Mountain will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11am followed by burial 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.

### RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be the annual commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion in all three parishes at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> June (Corpus Christi).

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We will be organising a coach from the parishes with a cost of £30 per adult and £15 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.

### JOINT PARISHES SUMMER EVENT: 'BRASS ON THE GRASS'

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a Joint Parishes Summer Event from 12.30pm at Our Lady's. There will be a BBQ, a Bar, activities for children, and a live performance by Potters Bar Town Brass Band featuring Fr Andrew. Bishop Paul McAleenan will also be joining us for the day. Please put this in your diary and do come along for an afternoon of entertainment and a chance to get to know other members of our parishes. Please also register your attendance on the sheets to assist us in our preparations.

### YOUTH EVENT - SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Picnic on the lawn at Our Lady's after 11am Mass (12-2pm). Calling all young people bring your friends and family for fun and games (any children of primary age or younger must be accompanied by an adult). You bring your own food and picnic blanket and chair and we'll provide the drinks and cake. Please message 07788 721222 to let us know names and numbers coming. Look forward to seeing you.

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

Our family catechesis for all those with children aged 5-11 takes place once a month. 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 on a different theme each month.

**GIFT Parents** As part of GIFT we also hold Faith Formation for parents on one evening each month online (Zoom). These sessions are designed to help all our parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith.

In our parishes participation in GIFT is also a gateway to discerning with you the readiness of your children to begin preparation for the Sacraments.

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.

### ALTAR SERVERS

If there is anyone who would like to join our growing team of Altar Servers across our three parishes please could they email Fr Andrew for a registration form and details about training that will take place over the next couple of months. New servers must have received their First Holy Communion before they can begin this ministry.

### 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 me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. Fr Andrew

### PILGRIMAGE TO FLORENCE, SIENA & ASSISI LED BY FR ANDREW GALLAGHER, 22<sup>ND</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Full package price £1069 pp. (British Airways from London Heathrow). Accommodation will be 2 nights near Florence, 3 nights in the centre of Assisi on a Half Board basis. Also includes half day guided tours in Florence, Siena and Assisi and an English speaking courier for the whole tour. Further information and booking forms can be obtained from the Parish Office [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) or from Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666.

### MILL END FOOD BANK

Chess Valley SVP will be collecting specific items needed by the food bank to supplement their food boxes. 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. At present the Food bank are now short of: **Jam, custard, rice pudding, tea bags, coffee (both original and decaf), tinned fruit, fruit juice or squash, washing-up liquid, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, chocolates.**

### FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Faith and Friendship group will continue to meet at 2.15pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June (DVD of meditations on The Mass).

### SVP IN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to the recent civil unrest in Sudan emergency services and supplies of basic foodstuffs there are virtually non-existent and refugees are fleeing over the border to South Sudan and other neighbouring countries, exacerbating the already huge demand there for medical and other services provided by the SVP in these countries. Please help them by donating at <https://svp.org.uk/donate?project=Twinnage%20and%20Overseas%20Aid> You can donate to both the Sudans, thus giving the SVP the option to decide where best your donation can be used. Thank you and God bless.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please contact Kerry. Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2022/23 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax. We will also need to know if you have changed your address recently.

### VISIT OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS'S MOTHER

Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, is making a short visit to London. On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction presided over by Bishop Hudson, especially for young people of the diocese. During this time Antonia will talk about her son's trust and focus on the Lord in the Eucharist. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6.30pm in the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, there will be a Sung Mass after which Antonia will also talk about her son, his life and his relationship with the Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo. All are welcome to both these events.

### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI EXHIBITION

6 May – 30 July 2023 the National Gallery will be presenting the first major UK art exhibition to explore Saint Francis of Assisi's life and legacy. Presenting the art and imagery of Saint Francis from the 13th century to today, this exhibition looks at why this saint is a figure of enormous relevance to our time due to his spiritual radicalism, commitment to the poor, and love of God and nature, as well as his powerful appeals for peace, and openness to dialogue with other religions. It brings together paintings from the National Gallery Collection by Sassetta, Botticelli, and Zurbarán with international loans including works by Caravaggio, Josefa de Óbidos, Stanley Spencer, Antony Gormley, Giuseppe Penone, Andrea Büttner, and an exciting new commission from Richard Long. Free tickets for the exhibition can be booked via <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi>

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June a Corpus Christi Procession will follow the 11am Mass.

### HALL GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year a small team of volunteers have been working hard to create a beautiful garden space at the back of the hall. This space is almost ready to enjoy but we would like to buy some practical garden furniture to make it a friendly and welcoming space for all hall users to use. If you would like to make a donation towards this furniture, please contact the parish office.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May for our SVP Coffee Morning. There will also be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AND PARISH CELEBRATION

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June we will have a Corpus Christi Procession which will be followed by a Parish celebration in the Hall. Please bring a picnic for the celebration. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

### COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS

Tea and coffee is available in the parish hall after Mass each Sunday. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY

Our congratulations to our parishioner and Altar Server, Francis Holly, who was recently installed as the Deputy Mayor of Chesham.

### ST JOHN FISHER PARISH CELEBRATION

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June our 9am Mass will finish with special prayers for the intercession of St John Fisher, and this will be followed by refreshments and cake in the Parish Garden.

### MARY'S GARAGE SALE FOR THE CARDINAL HUME CENTRE IS NOW FINISHED

I hope the Open Days will have been successful. So far we have made just over £500. I will let you know the final total next week, which will be doubled up on their Big Give Page. Very many thanks to all our supporters. Mary 284975

### APF/MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS.

It is now time again for the June Quarter collection for our Missionaries. I can receive boxes of cash, or envelopes of cash or cheques made payable to MISSIO, either at Church or at home, in the next three weeks please. Very many thanks to you all. New donors very welcome. Mary 284975

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am St John the Evangelist Mass and Corpus Christi Procession and Parish Celebration

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June St John Fisher Parish Celebration following 9am Mass

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 12.15pm Joint Parish Barbecue & Social at Our Lady's

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham