



### St John The Evangelist

Berry Lane, Rickmansworth, WD3 7HG  
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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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### St John Fisher

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### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (YEAR A) - 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

#### Behold the Lamb of God

What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament ... will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.

On the Cross Jesus said: 'I thirst.' From the Blessed Sacrament Jesus continues to say to each of us: 'I thirst.' He thirsts for our personal love, our intimacy, our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. His longing for us to be with Him in the Blessed Sacrament is infinitely greater than our longing to be with Him.

The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. If Jesus had not established the Eucharist we would have forgotten the crucifixion. It would have faded into the past and we would have forgotten that Jesus loved us. There is a saying that to be far away from the eyes is to be far away from the heart. To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love.

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.

Our lives must be woven around the Eucharist ... fix your eyes on Him Who is the light; bring your hearts close to His Divine Heart; ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him, the love of loving Him, the courage to serve Him. Seek Him fervently.

To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love-the tender love of our Father in Heaven.

All of us know that unless we believe and can see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing disguise of the poor. Therefore, these two loves are but one in Jesus. If we really understand the Eucharist, if we really centre our lives on Jesus' Body and Blood, if we nourish our lives with the Bread of the Eucharist, it will be easy for us to see Christ in that hungry one next door, the one lying in the gutter, the alcoholic man we shun, our husband or our wife, or our restless child. For in them, we will recognize the distressing disguises of the poor: Jesus in our midst.

Through Mary the cause of our joy you discover that no where on earth are you more welcomed, no where on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament ... He is really there in Person waiting just for you. Like Mary, let us never be ashamed to do humble work. Like her, let us always accept the cross in whatever way it comes. (We must) stand near Our Lady to listen to the thirst of Jesus and to answer with our whole heart.

*Reflections on the Eucharist from St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta*

*Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our parishes every  
Saturday 5-5.45pm at St John the Evangelist Church, Mill End  
and every Sunday 5-5.45pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth.*

*During Advent and Lent extra opportunities are also available in all three churches to  
come and pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

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## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Burial of Ashes - Elsa Kondys RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	11.30am 12 noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Celebration Corpus Christi Procession Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	4.30pm - 5.45pm	Youth Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
<b>WED 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	2.15pm	Faith & Friendship Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	2.30pm 8.00pm - 9.30pm	SJF Ladies Meeting Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Rosemary's House Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Edward Linney RIP Coffee Morning - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	1.00pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	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</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> Elsa Kondys RIP	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Tilak Khurwal RIP (Anniv.) <b>11am</b> Fr Richard Marriott RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> Edward Smith RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> Liam Mackin RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST ANTHONY OF PADUA</i>	<b>9.30am</b> John Netto RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 14 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 15 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> Luiza Teixeira Ints. (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)		
<b>FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Edward Linney RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> For GIFT Families	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Sr Florence Chacko RIP <b>11am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>6pm</b> Alf Loose RIP (Anniv.)	<b>10.30am</b> Kitty Murphy	<b>9am</b> Jimmy & Gloria Flynn RIP
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>			

### 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

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Fr Andrew is on annual leave from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. There will be no 9.30am Mass in Chorleywood on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June or in Mill End on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY PICNIC**

A big thank you to our Youth Ministry Leadership Team who co-ordinated a lovely afternoon picnic at Our Lady's field on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. There was lots of games and it was lovely to have so many young people with us with their families. The YMLT will be organising activities for us on 16<sup>th</sup> July, but also look out in the newsletter for further events organised for our young people.

### **THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED?**

Please be aware that if you are planning to get married it takes at least 6 months to prepare for this to take place in the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information.

### **DAY FOR LIFE - SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion with the theme "Listen to Her". The message is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. We were inspired towards this message from a number of experiences: the ever-rising number of abortions in these countries, the introduction and impact of 'telemedicine' after the COVID 19 pandemic, and the stories of post-abortion trauma which we have heard from Rachel's Vineyard, (based in Birmingham), ARCH (based in Scotland) and GiannaCare (based in Ireland). The message is also inspired by the Holy Father's own words in 2016 which underlined both the gravity of abortion and that nothing is beyond the mercy of God. Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church and the promise of hope and healing found in Christ Jesus. A Novena of Prayer will be available on the CBCEW website which will lead up to the Day for Life. All resources, including the full message can be accessed here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> If you wish to make a donation you can do this online at [www.dayforlife.org/donate](http://www.dayforlife.org/donate)

### **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 this weekend (Corpus Christi).

### **EDWARD LINNEY RIP**

The ashes of Edward Linney will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **ANN GARIBALDI RIP**

The ashes of Ann Garibaldi will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 12.30pm Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **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 12.15pm 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 provided in the church porch to assist us in our preparations.

### **PARISH GROUP FAYRE**

At the joint parishes event on 16th July we would like to offer groups working in our parish communities the opportunity to have a stall advertising their role and being available to answer any parishioners questions. If you are part of a group that would like to have a pitch, then please let Fr Andrew know.

### **FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

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

### **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@redow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@redow.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.

### **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

### **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.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER

You are warmly invited to join the Rosary Group at Our Lady's Monday to Friday after 9.30am Mass and at St John the Evangelist on Wednesday at 9am.

### YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir (aged 8-13) sing on a Sunday once a month at Our Lady's and once a month at St John's, Mill End. There are rehearsals 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 Jason in supervising the children during the rehearsals then please also contact the parish office for more details.

### 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.

### 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.**

## 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.

### 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

### PARISH WORKS DAY - 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

We are in need of some assistance in clearing up the parish site and some basic works around the grounds. We would invite parishioners to join us on that day from 9.30am - 12 noon as part of our investment in our own parish community. If you are ready and able to help then please see either Sandra Miller / Geraldine Page after Mass or email [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) with your contact details. Many thanks.

### 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

### 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.

### HYMN BOOK AMNESTY

Are there any Laudate (green) hymn books lurking on your bookshelves? Over the years 30% have disappeared from St John Fisher. Please bring them back - no questions will be asked!

### LADIES MEETING

This will be next Thursday afternoon, 2.30pm at Rosemary's house. Please ring Rosemary on 01923 282500 for directions. All are welcome for a cup of tea and a chat.

### 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, by 18<sup>th</sup> June 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