



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

### The Gospel of Life

The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture.

At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21). When he presents the heart of his redemptive mission, Jesus says: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). In truth, he is referring to that "new" and "eternal" life which consists in communion with the Father, to which every person is freely called in the Son by the power of the Sanctifying Spirit. It is precisely in this "life" that all the aspects and stages of human life achieve their full significance.

Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase. Life in time, in fact, is the fundamental condition, the initial stage and an integral part of the entire unified process of human existence. It is a process which, unexpectedly and undeservedly, is enlightened by the promise and renewed by the gift of divine life, which will reach its full realization in eternity (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-2). At the same time, it is precisely this supernatural calling which highlights the relative character of each individual's earthly life. After all, life on earth is not an "ultimate" but a "penultimate" reality; even so, it remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters.

The Church knows that this Gospel of life, which she has received from her Lord, has a profound and persuasive echo in the heart of every person-believer and non-believer alike-because it marvellously fulfils all the heart's expectations while infinitely surpassing them. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded.

In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being". This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person.

*Pope St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) 1-2*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<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
<b>TUE 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	4.30pm - 5.45pm	Youth Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist
<b>THU 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	St John Fisher Parish Celebration Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John Fisher 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
<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>MONDAY</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Carmen Buhagiar RIP (Anniv.)		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b> <i>ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Joseph & Jane Netto RIP	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b> <i>PATRONAL FEAST OF ST JOHN FISHER</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		<b>9.30am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> Alan & Virginia Johnson		
<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> John and Mary Gibbs RIP	
<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <i>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Nalene (Ints.) <b>11am</b> Marie Molloy RIP <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<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 our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Seamus Fagan RIP (Blessed Sacrament)	This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Jimmy & Gloria Flynn 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, 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

### WELCOME

We welcome Canon Michael Munnelly to our parishes as he celebrates the 9am Mass in St John Fisher, Chorleywood and 11am Mass at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth for us this weekend.

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Fr Andrew is on annual leave until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. There will be no 9.30am Mass in Chorleywood on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June or Mill End on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. On Thursday there will be no 9.30am Mass in Rickmansworth but Mass will be taking place at St John Fisher, Chorleywood, who will be celebrating the feast of their patron, St John Fisher. There will also not be a Mass on the morning of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June due to Ordinations to the Priesthood taking place at Westminster Cathedral. These can be watched from 10.30am on the livestream [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

### 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-abortive 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)

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the re-introduction of Holy Communion under both kinds, i.e. under the form of bread and under the form of wine can take place. We will be re-introducing this in our parishes regularly in the coming months. The reception of Holy Communion under both kinds is not obligatory, as our Catholic faith teaches that the totality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord is received in either or both kinds. Therefore, it will be for each person to choose whether she or he wishes to receive Holy Communion from the chalice. Please note that it is not permitted for anyone in the congregation to "intinct" or dip their Host into the chalice when they come to receive Holy Communion. The Precious Blood must be drunk directly from the chalice or Communion received in one kind only.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### **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.

### **FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

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

### **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 Jaison 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.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### **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 next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June for our SVP Coffee Morning. There will also be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

## 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 CELEBRATION**

Thank you to all those who contributed to our parish celebration on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June following our Corpus Christi Celebration. It was wonderful to come together as a parish and celebrate this feast together. Thank you especially to those who provided refreshments to supplement our picnics.

### **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!

### **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 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  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October - Pilgrimage to Florence, Siena and Assisi led by Fr Andrew