



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

#### Entrusted with faith

In our Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus exclaim *'I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children'*. Just over a year ago in our parishes we launched our Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Family Catechesis, seeking to journey with our families in a new way to help support parents to reveal our faith to their children, but in the process to help them rediscover or discover it for themselves.

This family catechesis has been available in two ways. Firstly, in a monthly Saturday Family Session, when our families come together for a special Mass, enjoy a time of fellowship before sharing catechesis and activities based on different topics such as the Saints, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week. We also have an opportunity each month for our parents to meet one evening online to explore their own faith and to enable them to live out their calling to pass that faith onto their children. This process is both flexible around the busy lives all our families have, but also practical, in a set-up where we have three parishes to run and a limited number of resources. A year into this process, we currently have 42 families signed up for GIFT, many of whom are participating regularly in the sessions, getting to know not only their faith but their parish community better. GIFT is for all our families with children in primary school and it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to grow in our faith together. In recent feedback one parent wrote: *'We enjoy the classes a lot. Pitched well for the children across the age groups and as a parent I really enjoy learning at the same time as my child, as well as broadening my Catholic community meeting other parents and their children'*.

Participation in GIFT is also a gateway for those who feel their children are ready to begin their preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Engaging with GIFT, alongside coming to Mass each week, gives us an opportunity to discern together the right time for the child to receive these important sacraments. The material for the preparation is then parent-led at home at the pace of the child, with the guidance of one of our catechist mentors. Again, this is more flexible than the traditional classes, and works around the child's readiness for the Sacraments rather than to a particular timetable. So far in the past year, 9 children have received their First Holy Communion in our parishes at their usual Sunday Parish Mass, but there are currently 15 others who are preparing for the Sacraments, and over the coming months others will also enter into this journey when they are ready to do so.

We thank those who have helped us take this bold but necessary step in our parishes and particularly those families who have been pioneers on this journey. We continue to pray that GIFT 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](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. If you would like to assist the team as a catechist or helper, then please also contact the parish office for further details.

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	12 noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	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
<b>WED 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	2.15pm	Faith & Friendship Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	11.30am 12.15pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Brass on the Grass - Field Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	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</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Fr Mark Leenane RIP <b>11am</b> Baby Jona Patrick Daly (Ints.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> Eve Clark RIP	<b>9am</b> Joy Cannon RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	<b>9.30am</b> Aleksandra & Leslie Budzynski (Ints.)		
<b>TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Adam & Ola Budzynski RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	<b>9.30am</b> Private Intention (MR) <b>1pm</b> Funeral - Patrick Sheehan RIP	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	<b>9.30am</b> Joy Cannon RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 14 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	<b>9.30am</b> Sarah Judge (Ints.)		
<b>SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>ST BONAVENTURE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the sick and housebound of the parishes	<b>6pm</b> Fr Mark Leenane RIP	
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b> <i>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Fr Mark Leenane RIP <b>11am</b> Francis Crowley RIP (Anniv.) <b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>10.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>9am</b> Fr John Darley RIP
<b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b>	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for the intentions of Mrs Joseph and Shon Thomas	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for the intentions of AC	

### 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, Gloria Warmington, Veronica Finnegan and Sean

**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 Munnely to our parishes as he celebrates the 9am Mass at St John Fisher, Chorleywood and 11am Mass at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth for us this weekend.

### PATRICK SHEEHAN RIP

The funeral of Patrick Sheehan will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

### JOY CANNON RIP

The funeral of Joy Cannon will take place at Chilterns Crematorium at 1pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### LOURDES PETITIONS

At the end of July Fr Andrew will be on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you would like him to take a petition to the grotto with your intentions then please drop them into the parish office by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

A Certificate of Catholic Practice is exactly what it says - it confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that families are practising Catholics, i.e. attend Mass every weekend. The school form states that families practice the faith and are known to the priest signing the form. If you do not attend Mass every weekend and are not known to Fr Andrew, he is unfortunately unable to sign the form. If you have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. If you require a CCP to be signed by Fr Andrew, in the first instance, please see him after Mass

### NEWSLETTER

Please note the last newsletter printed before the summer break will be on the weekend 22/23 July. It will resume again in September.

### PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

A new season of Prayer and Life Workshops will take place weekly from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at the Parish Hall of Our Lady Help of Christians Church. These workshops offer us a possibility of a deeper relationship with Christ in prayer, learning different models of prayer over a period of 15 weeks. You will also learn how to find spiritual freedom from life's conflicts. Do consider this life-changing and spiritually enriching workshop to help you grow in faith. A taster session of what is involved will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Parish Hall of Our Lady's Church. All are welcome.

### MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all your foreign coins/notes aside; we will be collecting all your foreign currency in September/October with special Mary's Meals envelopes available at the back of church. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. \*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

### SEA SUNDAY

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It supports more than one million seafarers arriving in our ports every year. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people, many of whom are Catholic. To donate online please visit <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

### 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.

### FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Faith and Friendship group will meet at 2.15pm on the following Wednesdays: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October to discuss a DVD on The Holy Spirit.

### BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Mass we will be offering a blessing of school bags marking the start of the new academic year. Please do encourage families to come and join us with their new or trusted old school bags on this weekend to ask for the Lord's blessing on their studies.

### 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.

### PREPARING FOR THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY.

We will need a team of volunteers to assist us on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July to help put up a marquee and prepare tables and chairs. If you are able to assist us with this from 10am please let Mike know on [Michael.Quinn@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk](mailto:Michael.Quinn@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk) If you are able to walk or park in the local area when coming to this event please do so, as there will not enough room in the car park for everyone who has indicated they are coming.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection figures for the month of May are below. Thank you for your generous donations.

	Envelopes	SO & Online	Loose & Contactless	TOTAL
Our Lady Help of Christians	£155	£4,551	£2,111.20	£6,817.20
St John the Evangelist	£285	£1,590	£604.99	£2,479.99
St John Fisher	£40	£1,760.83	£213.23	£2,014.06

## 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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### 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. Missio has collected £60 for the recent used Stamp collection from the Parish which will be donated to The White Fathers who are Missionaries to Africa. Please keep them coming! *Sheila H.*

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### 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

### THE REPOSITORY

After Mass on Sunday there will be a selection of cards for different occasions. We can now do contactless sales as well.

### APF/MISSIO/RED BOX HOLDERS

Our quarterly collection in June for Missionary Priests amounted to £147.08. Thank you very much for your generosity. Love, Mary 284975

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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