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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

### Laudato Si: 10 years on

The Encyclical *Laudato Si'* has greatly inspired the Catholic Church and many people of goodwill. Pope Francis' analysis of the situation, proposal of the paradigm of integral ecology, insistent call for dialogue, and the appeal to address the root causes of problems and to "bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (LS 13) have aroused widespread interest. The challenges identified in *Laudato Si'* are in fact even more relevant today than they were ten years ago. These challenges are of a social and political nature, but first and foremost of a spiritual nature: they call for conversion.

What must be done now to ensure that caring for our common home and listening to the cry of the earth and the poor do not appear as mere passing trends or, worse still, that they be seen and felt as divisive issues? In line with *Laudato Si'*, the Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, published two years ago, noted that "some have chosen to deride" the increasingly evident signs of climate change, to "ridicule those who speak of global warming" and even to blame the poor for the very thing that affects them the most.

Besides spreading the message of the Encyclical, it is now more important than ever to return to the heart. It is only by returning to the heart that a true ecological conversion can take place. We must shift from collecting data to caring; and from environmental discourse to an ecological conversion that transforms both personal and communal lifestyles. For believers, this conversion is in fact no different to the one that orients us towards the living God. We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures. Nor can we call ourselves disciples of Jesus Christ without participating in his outlook on creation and his care for all that is fragile and wounded.

Let us recall how Pope Francis described Saint Francis of Assisi: He "lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (LS 10). May each of us grow in these four relationships — with God, with others, with nature and with ourselves — through a constant attitude of conversion. Integral ecology thrives on all these relationships. Through our commitment to them, we can grow in hope by living out the interdisciplinary approach of *Laudato Si'* and the call to unity and collaboration that flows from it.

We are one family, with one Father, who makes the sun to rise and sends rain on everyone. We inhabit the same planet, and we must care for it together. Pope Francis emphasized that "the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international levels" (LD, 69). Everyone in society, through non-governmental organizations and advocacy groups, must put pressure on governments to develop and implement more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Citizens need to take an active role in political decision-making at national, regional and local levels. Only then will it be possible to mitigate the damage done to the environment. Local legislation will also be more effective if neighbouring communities support the same environmental policies.

It is my hope that the upcoming international summits of the United Nations will listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, families, indigenous peoples, involuntary migrants and believers throughout the world. At the same time, I encourage everyone to play their part in finding solutions for today's "cultural, spiritual and educational challenges" (LS 202), always striving tenaciously for the common good. There is no room for indifference or resignation.

I would like to conclude with a question that concerns each of us. God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created, for the benefit of all and for future generations, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters. What will be our answer?

*Extract from address of Pope Leo XIV on the  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Papal Encyclical Laudato Si  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2025*

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>CLOCKS GO BACK</b>			
<b>SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.30am 11.30am	SVP Coffee Morning - Hall Tea & Coffee - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	7.30pm	Catholic Women's League Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	2.00pm 8.00pm	SVP Warm Winter Space - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00am 7.00pm	Burial of Ashes - Pamela Fitzpatrick RIP The Chosen - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	9.30am	Coffee Morning - Hall	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> 25 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> For Vocations to the Priesthood	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER <i>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Special Intention <b>11am</b> Alfredo Patawaran 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>MONDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>11am</b> Funeral - Pauline Harrison RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>SS SIMON &amp; JUDE</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For Peace in the Middle East		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parishes
<b>WED 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> <i>BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI</i>	<b>11am</b> Funeral - Jeannine Simonds RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For Vocations to the Priesthood	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Sergio Coco RIP		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER	<b>9.30am</b> Pamela Fitzpatrick RIP		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER	<b>9.30am</b> John Willie Kilkenny RIP	<b>6pm</b> Kato & Hoffer Family Ints.	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Valerie MacDonnell RIP <b>11am</b> Genova D'Cruz RIP <b>6pm</b> Cecilia Guerreiro De Lima (80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	<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 both our Sanctuary Lamps (Our Lady's & Blessed Sacrament) burn for Valerie MacDonnell RIP		
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION</b>	<b>Sundays 5pm - 5.40pm</b>	<b>Saturdays 5pm - 5.40pm</b>	<b>Confessions on request and by appointment</b>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Kathleen Collins, Neville Mathews, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Maureen Douglas, Michael Gaukroger, Leslie Edwards, Pauline Williams, Gloria Warmington, Veronica Finnegan, Mark & Janet Kirwan, Ann Aldridge, Judy Gordon, Justin Quinn, and Sean.

**St John the Evangelist:** Paul O'Connor, Louise Borg, Sandie Tew, John Smith and Grace Haddad

**St John Fisher:** Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Julian Harris, Edith Moid and Derek Treanor.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### NEW BISHOP FOR PLYMOUTH

Please pray for Bishop Nicolas Hudson whom Pope Leo has appointed as the next Bishop of Plymouth. He will be installed on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface.

### PAULINE HARRISON RIP

The funeral of Pauline Harrison will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### JEANNINE SIMONDS RIP

The funeral of Jeannine Simonds will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

### PAMELA FITZPATRICK RIP

The ashes of Pamela Fitzpatrick will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GROUP

The next meeting of the new Catholic Women's league group will be this Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Hall. All women of the three parishes are welcome. We'll be having a craft session in readiness for Remembrance Sunday, so please come along to join in. The CWL offers a wonderful mixture of social, spiritual, charitable and educational opportunities. We meet once a month but recognise that some members cannot make every session.

### MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November we will have a Mass for all deceased members of our parishes at 11am in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. At this Mass we will particularly remember all those who have died over the past year so please do encourage those recently bereaved to attend. This Mass will be immediately followed by the blessing of graves at Our Lady's Garden of Rest and refreshments in Our Lady's Parish Hall

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (CofE), Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade beginning at Our Lady Help of Christians at 2.00pm. Parishioners are invited to join us to mark this solemn and historic occasion.

There will be no Remembrance Service at the Reach School this year.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Our annual competition to provide the picture for our Christmas Information Card is now open. We invite our young people to draw/paint/design an image to go on the front cover of this card. It must be linked to the Christmas Nativity Story and be in *portrait* layout. Please submit entries to the parish office by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November with your child's name and age.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Andrew and Fr Dom will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery; Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm Woodcock Hill Cemetery and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.00pm at Chorleywood Road Cemetery.

### 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 from this weekend. 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

### FUNERAL PLAN

November is a month where we should think about our own death and be helping the community to pray for us when that time comes. The Church encourages us to be prepared for the day when our lives are ended, and to support our family and friends by having a plan for our funeral written down. Sheets to help us with this will be available to take away throughout November. Full information on how to prepare our funerals can be found at the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/liturgy/preparing-for-a-funeral/>

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

### 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 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 a gateway to discerning with you the readiness of your children to begin preparation for the Sacraments.** One parent has recently fed back "*Participating in GIFT has been the best decision not only for my child but for me as a Catholic*". If your family would like to sign up for GIFT then please register via our parish website under 'Parish Life' or contact the parish office.



## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### OUR PARISHES' SEA SCOUT GROUP

The Group are always pleased to welcome young people to join in with the variety of activities offered by the various sections. We are also in need of adult volunteers for all age groups to help us continue with this provision within the Parish and wider community. For further information please contact: [info@6thRickySeaScouts.org.uk](mailto:info@6thRickySeaScouts.org.uk)

### FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Faith and Friendship group will meet at 2.15pm in the small hall on the following Wednesdays: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please join us to make new friends in the parish and to follow a DVD about getting to know the Bible.

### KAIROS ONLINE DISCUSSION GROUP

Kairos is an online discussion group that meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Sessions normally last about an hour and include a video presentation and then time for discussion on what we have seen and heard. The group is open to all people of any age and you can attend on an ad hoc basis. For further details contact Anne Lorrimer-Roberts at [anne@themessagemachine.com](mailto:anne@themessagemachine.com) or Paul Forrest at [pga.forrest@btinternet.com](mailto:pga.forrest@btinternet.com).

### THE CHOSEN SEASON 2

We invite you to join us for Season 2 of The Chosen, a compelling portrayal of the life of Jesus through the perspectives of those who encountered Him. The group will meet for eight sessions, every Friday evening between 7-9pm at Our Lady's Hall, to watch an episode followed by discussion. Please let us know if you would like to join by emailing [santoshialles@yahoo.com](mailto:santoshialles@yahoo.com) or feel free to turn up on the day.

### WARM WINTER SPACE

Chess Valley SVP will once again be providing a Warm Winter Space in the church hall at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, every Thursday afternoon between 2 to 4pm. 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](mailto:chessvalleysvp@gmail.com)

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

Chess Valley SVP will host their Community lunch every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30pm. This is now in the Church Hall at St John the Evangelist, Mill End. We look forward to welcoming our regular guests and parishioners from across the three parishes. If you know of someone who would benefit from this please let them know. We hope you can join us.

### URGENTLY NEEDED – MILL END FOOD BANK

There is a current shortage of tinned soup, tinned vegetables, tinned custard/rice pudding, tinned meat e.g. casseroles/ mince (not corned beef), baked beans, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, snacks e.g. cup of soup/pot noodles/cereal bars, long life juice/squash, tea, coffee. **Please ensure that food items donated are not out of date.** Non food items: shampoo, shower gel, laundry products, deodorant, toothpaste – adult and children's. Items can be placed in the boxes provided at the back of each church.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### 200 CLUB

Congratulations to Liz Waddington £40, Richard Dumughn £24 and Peter Waters £16.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S ADVENT FAIR

This year's Fair will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November after the 10.30am Mass from 11.30am-1pm in the church hall. There will be Sunday brunch available along with Christmas stalls and a visit from Father Christmas! Please make a note in your diaries to come along and support the Fair. Donations of bottles and sweets for the tombolas are greatly appreciated and can be left in the church porch from now on. Raffle tickets will go on sale from 15<sup>th</sup> November after all weekend Masses so please bring some cash to Mass! A reminder that the fair will also be cash only. Thank you for your support.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's liturgy this term will take place on the following dates: 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December. 24<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, Children are invited to participate in the Story of the Nativity (costumes provided, no speaking parts required).

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### MARY'S GARAGE SALE IN AID OF THE CARDINAL HUME CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS

Please come - open until the end of November! The **Raffle** and **Silent Auction** are being set up in the Church Lounge. Draw on 16<sup>th</sup> November at Coffee Morning. For info call Mary on 07795 276728. xxx

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am - Deceased Parishioners Mass and Blessing of Garden of Rest, Rickmansworth  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm - Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm - Blessing of Graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2.00pm - Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Road Cemetery  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am to 1.00pm - Advent Fair at St John the Evangelist  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6pm - Youth Mass at Our Lady's  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3pm - Joint Parishes Christmas Carol Service at St John the Evangelist