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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (YEAR C) 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

Praying for our Parishes

In the past couple of months, the Parish Senior Leadership Team (SLT) have been meeting with some representatives of Divine Renovation, which provides support to parishes in ensuring we don't just concentrate our efforts on the maintenance of our Churches, but we give time to focus on fulfilling our mission of sharing the good news of God's saving love as we are called to do. In these meetings we have been particularly reflecting on something called 'Missional Prayer'.

The aim of 'Missional Prayer' is to ensure that all the decisions we make for the parishes are grounded in prayer and that the way in which we try to live out our parish vision is inspired by the Holy Spirit. So far it has been an interesting journey, where we have gained a better appreciation of the power of the Holy Spirit that is at our disposal and the importance of both personal and communal prayer when we seek to reach out and help people enter into a meaningful relationship with Christ. It has also reminded us that we need to involve the whole community in praying for the Holy Spirit to guide our parishes, to fulfil our mission of growing together in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and helping those around us to join us in that journey.

We have been encouraged to consider, as both parishioners and members of the SLT: How often do we pray for our parishes? Do we pray for our priests, and also for all those in positions of leadership in this community? Do we pray regularly for the initiatives that are taking place here such as Alpha, our RCIA or our GIFT Family Catechesis? Do we pray for those being helped by our Chess Valley SVP group, who have found themselves in need of their support? Do we pray for our prayer partners, not just during Mass, but throughout the week when we have promised to pray for them? Do we pray for people in the parishes who we know are struggling with their faith? Do we ask the Holy Spirit to help them to have their eyes opened to God, and to inspire us to live in way that will help them in that discovery? Do we pray for those who have died in our parishes and for those who mourn them?

We invite you to reflect on these questions, and we ask that you make a deliberate effort to add the mission of our parishes to your prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us to fulfil the will of God in Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood. And in particular at this time please do pray for the Parish Senior Leadership Team, that we may be open to the Holy Spirit guiding us, so that all the decisions we make for our parishes can help us all have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and with joy be eager to share the good news of God's saving love.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Catholic Parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood and Mill End aspire to share the Good News of God's saving love.

We are vibrant, welcoming communities, united in worshipping God and serving our neighbours.

We invite every person to join us in growing together in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experiencing and living through the power of the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 9TH NOVEMBER	11.30am 2.00pm 2.30pm	Tea & Coffee - Hall Rickmansworth Remembrance Sunday Parade Chorleywood Remembrance Sunday Parade	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Lady Ela Drive
MON 10TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Alpha - Hall Alpha Holy Hour - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 11TH NOVEMBER	12 noon 3.30pm - 4.45pm	Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Watford Deanery Youth Choir	Garston Parish St John the Evangelist
THU 13TH NOVEMBER	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
FRI 14TH NOVEMBER	7.00pm	The Chosen - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 15TH NOVEMBER	2.00pm	Blessing of Graves	Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery
SUN 16TH NOVEMBER	12.30pm 2.00pm	SVP Community Lunch Blessing of Graves	St John the Evangelist Woodcock Hill Cemetery

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER	11am For the Deceased Members of our Parishes	6pm Julia Rice & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)	
SUNDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER <i>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	8.30am Margaret Cook (Ints.) 11am For those who died in War 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am For those who died in War	9am Gregory McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER <i>ST LEO THE GREAT</i>	9.30am Michael Tetlow RIP		
TUESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER <i>ST MARTIN OF TOURS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		9.30am Holy Souls
WED 12 TH NOVEMBER <i>ST JOSAPHAT</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Eric Walsh RIP (5 th Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
SATURDAY 15 TH NOVEMBER	11am Holy Souls	6pm Josie Livingston RIP (Anniv.)	
SUNDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER <i>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Kathy Carter (Ints.) 11am Ann Mulholland RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am In Thanksgiving	9am John & Mary Harris RIP (Anniv.)
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for Joe Morrissey (Ints.) (Blessed Sacrament) and The Carroll & Morrissey Family (Ints.) (Our Lady's)		
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION	Sundays 5pm - 5.40pm	Saturdays 5pm - 5.40pm	Confessions on request and by appointment

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 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

JUSTIN QUINN RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Justin Quinn RIP. His funeral will be on 20th November in Waterlooville, further details including the live-streaming link to follow. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of **£1,270,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular donation and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Rickmansworth Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 9th 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.

Chorleywood Remembrance Sunday Parade

Sunday 9th November from 2.30pm starting from Lady Ela Drive (by the Lawn Cemetery) walking to Christ Church, Chorleywood where there will be a short Service of Remembrance.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The clergy of Watford deanery will be celebrating a Mass on Tuesday 11th November at 12 noon at Our Lady & St Michael's, Garston for all those priests who have served our parishes and died. All are welcome to join the deanery for this Mass.

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 16th November with your child's name and age.

NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETS TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM IN OUR LADYS HALL

Looking forward to seeing some new members - open to anyone in year 7 and above. Parents/guardians please let us know who is coming by messaging 07788 721222.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

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

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

PILGRIM MASS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL AT 2.00PM ON SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

This Mass is open to all, with its theme of pilgrimage appealing to those who have walked the Westminster Way during the year, but also completed other pilgrimages (walking and otherwise), and those who would have liked to have gone on a pilgrimage but have not been able to do so. Westminster Cathedral is itself one of our Jubilee Churches, so the journey there on 22 November could be considered a pilgrimage in itself.

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.



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

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 or feel free to turn up on the day.

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.

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

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.

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

Chess Valley SVP will host their Community lunch every 3rd 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

200 CLUB - OCTOBER DRAW

Congratulations to Theresa Jubber £40, Christina Mantle £24.00 and Mary Thomson £16.00

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Thank you for saving your stamps for the Missions, the box is in the church porch. Please remember to save your Christmas card and parcel stamps too! Thank you, *Sheila H*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S ADVENT FAIR

This year's Fair will be on Sunday 30th 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 15th 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: 9th, 23rd and 30th November, 7th December. 24th 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

Our work for this worthy cause reaches its peak next weekend. On Saturday 15 November, Mary's Garage will be open from 11 - 4 selling refreshments all day, as well as all your gifts and excess goods, raffle tickets, and silent auction bids. On Sunday 16th, at the Coffee morning, we will be finishing the raffle and announcing the winners of the Silent Auction. We are most grateful for your donations and excess or broken gold and silver and old coins. **Please remember!!** Every £1 we make is doubled by benefactors of The Big Give. Hope to see you next weekend. Love Mary 07795 276728.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 15th November 2.00pm - Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery

Sunday 16th November 2.00pm - Blessing of Graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery

Saturday 22nd November 2.00pm - Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Road Cemetery

Sunday 30th November 11.30am to 1.00pm - Advent Fair at St John the Evangelist

Sunday 30th November 6pm - Youth Mass at Our Lady's

Saturday 6th December 5pm - Chosen Christmas Special

Sunday 14th December 3pm - Joint Parishes Christmas Carol Service at St John the Evangelist