



### St John The Evangelist

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### Our Lady Help of Christians

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### His disciples came to him

Over the last few weeks in our Gospel we have been hearing parts of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. St Matthew tells us that Jesus was surrounded by crowds eager to hear his teaching and he was joined by his disciples. Gathering around the Lord is an essential part of our call to be his disciples, and we are especially blessed that he gives us the opportunity to do this through the act of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament in our churches and together at moments of exposition. This is especially important for us as we discern how our parishes will work together in the future, and as we pray for the mission of our church in Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood. This year in Lent we will have a chance to come into the Lord's presence in a very special way.

From the 6pm on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March to 12pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** we will have perpetual (constant) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament across our three parishes, giving us an opportunity to pray at all hours of the day before Jesus Christ, truly present at the Altar. In his book 'To be a pilgrim' Cardinal Basil Hume wrote:

*'The Eucharist is at the very centre of the whole Church. It should be at the centre of the life of each parish, and of every person in it. It is the Church's most precious treasure'.*

This 'Quarant'Ore' (Forty Hours) is a very special time for our parishes to remember this incredible treasure in our midst. It is a time when we encourage every single person in our parishes, and beyond, to come and stop and spend some time reflecting on the many graces we receive through the Eucharist and bring all our prayers before the Lord by spending time in his presence, whenever we can, whether during the day or night. During these days we will have much opportunity for silent adoration and prayer, and we will pray for the mission of our parishes guided by some of the different groups within the parishes.

The timetable for this Quarant'Ore will be:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 6pm Mass of Exposition in Mill End**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 12pm Benediction before transfer to Chorleywood**

**12.30pm Mass of Exposition in Chorleywood**

**5pm Vespers & Benediction before transfer to Rickmansworth**

**6pm Mass of Exposition in Rickmansworth**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 12pm Blessed Sacrament Procession & Benediction in Rickmansworth**

Over the next few weeks in our Church porch will be a sign-up sheet for those wishing to commit to being present for an hour during these 40 hours adoration. Our time with the Lord will conclude with a Blessed Sacrament Procession in Rickmansworth, led by our GIFT Families, ending with Benediction. In this way, like the disciples, having had Jesus in our midst we will then go out and proclaim the Good News that he has brought to us.

Please do put these dates in your diary and plan to attend some of this time of prayer, whether during the day or the night, and let others know about it. The full programme will be available in the coming weeks. We pray that these days of focus around the greatest treasure in our churches will bring great grace to our parishes in the years ahead.

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	11.30am 12.30pm 7.15pm	Tea & Coffee - Hall SVP Community Lunch The History of Salvation Talks - Hall	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>TUE 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.00pm	RCIA - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>THU 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</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 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.00pm	The Chosen - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	4.00pm	Merger Consultant Meeting	St John the Evangelist
<b>SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	9.30am 10.00am 4.00pm 7.15pm	SVP Coffee Morning - Hall Merger Consultant Meeting Merger Consultant Meeting The History of Salvation Talks - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher 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>SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>SS CYRIL, MONK &amp; METHODIUS, BISHOP</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Special Intention <b>11am</b> In Thanksgiving (Aga & Sara) <b>6pm</b> Brendan Mooney RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Archbishop Richard Moth (Ints.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Michael Shanahan RIP		
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Archbishop Richard Moth (Ints.)		<b>9.30am</b> Archbishop Richard Moth (Ints.) <b>7.00pm</b> For the People of the Parishes
<b>WED 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	<b>9.30am</b> For the People of the Parishes <b>7pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	<b>11.00am</b> Liam Pugmire (Ints.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls		
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Volunteers of the parishes		
<b>SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> For the Parishes RCIA Candidates	<b>6pm</b> For the People of the Parishes	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b> <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Special Intention <b>11am</b> Noreen Dillon RIP <b>6pm</b> Una & Patrick McHale RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Karen Hand RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parishes
<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, Alec Ray and Sean.

**St John the Evangelist:** Paul O'Connor, Louise Borg, Sandie Tew 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 Sue Treanor.

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### PARISH CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MERGER OF OUR PARISHES

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January a consultation was launched regarding the merging of our three parishes into one canonical parish, to ease the administrative burden on our clergy, staff and volunteers. Leaflets giving further details regarding this proposal are available in each of the parishes. Please do take one and read them carefully before giving your feedback via the QR code, our website or the paper feedback forms which can be left in the boxes provided. There will be meetings in each of the parishes to discuss this proposal on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February. 21<sup>st</sup> February at 4pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10am at St John Fisher and 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 4pm at Our Lady's Parish Hall

### YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group meets on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 6.30-8pm (for anyone in Secondary School) at Our Lady's Hall Rickmansworth. Make a New Years resolution to make new friends so come and join us. Parents/guardians please let us know who is coming send a message to 07788 721222.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the solemn season of Lent, is on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Masses (with the imposition of ashes) across the three parishes will be as follows: 7pm Vigil (17<sup>th</sup> February) at St John Fisher, 11am at St John the Evangelist; 9.30am and 7pm at Our Lady Help of Christians.

### DEANERY MASS OF WELCOME FOR ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH

Archbishop-elect Moth will be touring the diocese celebrating Mass and meeting everyone over the next couple of months. His Mass in the St Albans and Watford Deaneries takes place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm at Our Lady and St Michael's Church, Garston. All are welcome to join him for the celebration.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 6 MARCH 2026 – A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The WDP service for 2026 has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria, with the theme, 'I will give you rest, come'. The WDP service for the greater Rickmansworth area will take place at 2.00 pm on Friday, 6 March 2026 at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Berry Lane, Mill End, Rickmansworth WD3 7HG, and will be followed by refreshments. This is not only for women - all are most welcome to attend and we strongly encourage parishioners to support this short service. This is an opportunity to show solidarity with the Christians of Nigeria where so many face persecution, and also to meet with our local Christian communities in a spirit of prayerful and convivial fellowship. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Geraldine (07725 748490) or Cristina (07470 266284).

### COMBINED FIRE AWARENESS AND HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10am- 12.30pm

Training will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall, Rickmansworth for all volunteers across our parishes. If you are able to attend please let the parish office know via [rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk)

### LOVE IN ACTION

Over the next few months, we will be exploring the six guiding principles of Catholic Social Teaching – ways in which we can look at the reality of life in our community and the global community, and reflect on how we can put love into action and be a Caritas people. We will be reflecting on how our parishes already live out these principles, and what more we could do to put our love into action in our local and global communities. We will be exploring one principle each month, through literature, talks and workshops starting in March. If you would be interesting in supporting this parish project, please message Jo Rodrigues on 07751 915157. Thank you

### THE HISTORY OF SALVATION - TALKS

Sometimes life poses challenges which we don't know how to tackle. You may feel crushed or oppressed, and alone in it. But God sees the sufferings of his people, and comes to save them by his powerful Word. Come to a journey through the Bible, and find that it speaks about your life, too! The course is led by Fr Dom on Sundays at 7.15pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall.

### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND LED BY FR ANDREW GALLAGHER, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2026

Visiting Krakow, The Salt Mine in Wieliczka, Wadowice – the birthplace of Pope St John Paul II, The Divine Mercy Basilica in Lagiewniki, and the Marian Shrine in Czestochowa. The pilgrimage also includes a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau remembering those who died during the Holocaust including St Maximilian Kolbe. Price: £799 plus flights. For full details please contact the parish office.

### 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.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RICKMANSWORTH

St Joan of Arc is seeking to appoint a new Headteacher. Further details and application information can be found here: <https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1532216>

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 17<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026.

Registration is now open at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/> or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173. If you would like to sponsor or fundraise for an Assisted Pilgrim, member of the medical team or volunteer then please also contact the Pilgrimage Office for further details.

## 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: 25<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome to join us and share thoughts with other parishioners over a cup of tea.

### THE CHOSEN SEASON 3

We invite you to join us for Season 3 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 Help of Christians Church Hall to watch an episode followed by discussion.

### SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

Chess Valley SVP will host their Community lunch every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30pm in the hall of St John the Evangelist. 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.

### SVP VINNIE PACKS

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 . Thank you so much for your support."

### 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)

### MILL END FOOD BANK

There is a current shortage of the following items: Tinned vegetables in greatest need, long life milk, juice/squash, rice pudding and cereal. **Please ensure that food items donated are not out of date.** Non food items: shampoo, shower gel, laundry products, deodorant, toothpaste. Items can be placed in the boxes provided at the back of each church.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for our SVP Coffee Morning. There will be a Coffee Morning after Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

### 11AM CHOIR

Would you like to sing in the 11am choir? We practise from 10am most Sundays, and are now working towards Easter. It's a lovely way to contribute to the Mass - no experience needed, and you don't need to read music. See Cormac before or after Mass any Sunday, or just turn up!

### 200 CLUB

Congratulations to Michael Bridge-Madden (£40), Mary Thomson (£24) and Helen Nolan (£16).

### STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Thank you for saving your stamps for the Missions, the box is in the church porch. Thank you, Sheila H

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's liturgy will take place on the following dates: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday).

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you have any Safeguarding concerns in the parish whilst we await the appointment of our new Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact either Fr Andrew or the diocesan safeguarding team via [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

21<sup>st</sup> February 4pm Merger Consultation Meeting – St John the Evangelist Parish Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am Merger Consultation Meeting – St John Fisher

22<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm Merger Consultation Meeting – Our Lady's Parish Hall

6<sup>th</sup> March 2pm World Day of Prayer Service at St John the Evangelist.

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March Quarant-Ore Forty Hours Devotion

28<sup>th</sup> March 3pm CAFOD Lenten Walk (10km) - St John the Evangelist

17<sup>th</sup> May after 11am Mass Rickmansworth Marian Procession

7<sup>th</sup> June after 10.30am Mass Mill End Corpus Christi Procession

21<sup>st</sup> June after 9am Mass Chorleywood St John Fisher Procession

12<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm - 3pm Brass on the Grass Social Event