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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 25TH OCTOBER 2026

One in Christ, united in mission (Part 2)

2. United in mission – That the world may believe in Christ the Lord

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (*Jn* 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

From this perspective, it is worth recalling the motto of Blessed Paolo Manna, "The entire Church for the conversion of the whole world," which succinctly expresses the ideal that inspired the establishment of the *Pontifical Missionary Union* in 1916. On its 110th anniversary, I convey my gratitude and my blessing for its commitment to inspiring and forming the missionary spirit of priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful, promoting the unity of all evangelizing efforts. In fact, no baptized person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church. As Pope Francis repeatedly reminded us, proclaiming the Gospel is an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.

For this reason, unity in mission means safeguarding and nurturing the spirituality of communion and missionary cooperation. By daily fostering this attitude, divine grace gradually teaches us to see our brothers and sisters through the eyes of faith. We also learn to recognize joyfully the good that the Spirit inspires in each person, to embrace diversity as a treasure, to bear one another's burdens and always to seek the unity that comes from above. Indeed, we all share in one mission in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (*Eph* 4:5 -6). This spirituality constitutes the daily expression of missionary discipleship. It helps us to recover a universal vision of the Church's evangelizing mission, and to overcome a lack of coordinated efforts and the creation of factions among the followers of the one Lord — such as "I belong to Paul," "I to Apollos" (cf. *1 Cor* 1:10-12).

Needless to say, missionary unity should not be understood as uniformity, but rather as the convergence of different charisms for the same purpose, namely to make Christ's love visible and to invite everyone to encounter him. Evangelization is achieved when local communities cooperate with one another and when cultural, spiritual and liturgical differences are fully and harmoniously expressed in the same faith. I therefore encourage all institutions in the Church to strengthen their sense of ecclesial missionary communion and to develop creative and concrete ways of cooperating with one another for and in the mission.

In this regard, I would like to thank the *Pontifical Mission Societies* for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru. These Societies — *Propagation of the Faith, Holy Childhood, Saint Peter the Apostle, Saint Peter the Apostle* and *Pontifical Missionary Union* — continue to nurture and form missionary awareness for the faithful of all ages, and to promote a network of prayer and charity that connects communities throughout the world. Here, it is worth noting that the founder of the *Society of the Propagation of the Faith*, Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot, established the Living Rosary two hundred years ago. Even today it continues to bring together many of the faithful throughout the world to pray for every spiritual and missionary need. It is also worth remembering that, following a proposal from the *Society of the Propagation of the Faith*, Pius XI established World Mission Day in 1926. The annual offerings collected on this day are distributed by the Society, on behalf of the Pope, to support the various needs of the Church's mission. The four Societies, therefore, as a whole and each in its own specificity, still play a valuable role for the entire Church. They are a living sign of unity and ecclesial missionary communion. I invite everyone to work with them in a spirit of gratitude.

Extract from Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 100th World Mission Day, 18th October 2026.

From the Parish Diaries

Sun 25th October	9.30am 11.30am	SVP Coffee Morning - Hall Tea & Coffee after Mass - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
Mon 26th October	7.15pm	Christian Meditation - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
Tue 27th October	7.30pm	Catholic Women's League - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
Wed 28th October	2.15pm	Faith & Friendship - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
Thu 29th October	2.00pm 8.00pm	Warm Spaces - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
Sat 31st October	11.15am	Baptisms - Eliyanah & Elijah Blundell	St John the Evangelist
Sun 1st November	9.30am 11.30am 4.00pm	Coffee Morning - Hall Tea & Coffee after Mass - Hall GIFT Youth	Our Lady Help of Christians 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
Saturday 24th October	**9.30am** Patrick Conway (Ints.)	**6pm** Grace Haddad RIP	
Sunday 25th October ***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time***	**8.30am** Special Intention **11am** Frazer Bradshaw RIP **6pm** Glynn Johnson RIP	**10.30am** For the People of the Parishes	**9am** Niko Fischer RIP
Monday 26th October	**9.30am** Patrick Conway (Ints.)		
Tuesday 27th October	**9.30am** Special Intention		**9.30am** Robb Family (Ints.)
Wed 28th October ***SS Simon & Jude, Apostles***	**9.30am** Mary & Aldo De Michiel RIP	**9.30am** Annette Craft (Ints.)	
Thu 29th October ***Blessed Martyrs of Douai***	**9.30am** Pat Mullery RIP		
Friday 30th October	**9.30am** Domenyk Honey RIP		
Saturday 31st October	**9.30am** Genova D'Cruz RIP	**6pm** Natalio Borg RIP	
Sunday 1st November ***All Saints***	**8.30am** Special Intention **11am** Teresa Hukowski & Sean Prunty RIP **6pm** For the People of the Parishes	**10.30am** For the People of the Parishes	**9am** Molly O'Sullivan RIP
Sanctuary Lamps			This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for a Private Intention
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, Pauline Williams, Gloria Warmington, Veronica Finnegan, Mark & Janet Kirwan, Ann Aldridge and Sean.

St John the Evangelist: Paul O'Connor, Louise Borg and Sandie Tew.

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 and Edith Moid.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Laura Sheeran who was baptised at St John the Evangelist, Mill End on Saturday 24th October. Please keep Laura and her family in your prayers.

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS

We are very blessed that we now have 35 young Altar Servers across our parishes assisting our priests at Mass. However, with this increase we are in need of some new Albs for them to wear. One Alb costs at least £40. If anyone would like to make a donation to go towards the costs of these vestments we would be most grateful. Donations can be made via a BACs payment with a reference of 'servers albs' via the details on our parish website.

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 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/

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) are meeting on Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm at Our Lady's with a slide show presentation on the recent parish pilgrimage to Poland. Interested in finding out more about CWL and/or the trip to Poland, please come and join us. All are welcome.

GIFT YOUTH

GIFT Youth **will be throwing an All Saints party** and are encouraging everyone to come dressed as their favourite saint, this will be on 1st November at Our Lady's Parish Hall 4pm-5.30pm for all those in Year 7 and above. You can register your child for this via the QR Code. Please do encourage your children to come to **GIFT Youth** so they can be part of a community which will support them over the coming years in discovering God's plan for them.

KATE HARRISON RIP

The ashes of Kate Harrison RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 6th November.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

The next meeting of the Young Adults Group, for anyone aged 18 to roughly 35 in our parishes, will be on Friday 6th November at 7.00pm at the Coach & Horses. For further details contact Ben at +44 7704 049263.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Saturday 7th 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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Andrew and Fr Dom will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries: Saturday 14th November 2.00pm at Woodcock Hill Cemetery; Sunday 15th November 2.00pm Chorleywood Road Cemetery and Saturday 21st November at 2.00pm at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Rickmansworth Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 8th 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.

LOVE IN ACTION RESPONSE

Now that we have explored all 6 Catholic Social Teaching principles over the last few months, you are all warmly invited to help put together our Love in Action Response in the form of an action plan. We will be gathering ideas of how we can further support our local communities, including the most vulnerable within them and showing care for God's creation. Please join us on Thursday 12th November from 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Our Lady's parish hall to begin writing our plan. Many thanks.

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 15th November with your child's name and age.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm - 2.30pm; Thursday 10th December 9.30am - 10.30am, Tuesday 12th January 9.30am - 10.30am. Book your place by visiting stjohns705.eventbrite.co.uk

REGISTRATION

We encourage all parishioners to register for the parish using the Churchsuite system, available via the website under 'About - Register with the parish'. As part of the registration system you will also be sent an updated skills audit. Please do complete this to help us find a way that you can invest in your parish using your gifts and in the time available to you.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH 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

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Faith and Friendship group will meet at 2.15pm in the small hall on the following Wednesdays: 28th October, 11th & 25th November and 9th December where we are currently watching Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series. All welcome to join us and share thoughts with other parishioners over a cup of tea.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Meets every Monday evening from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start in the small hall for about an hour. We meditate together for 20 minutes and then reflect on a reading about Christian meditation. Please join us - you would be most welcome. For further information please contact Anne Jaxa-Chamiec annej_c@icloud.com or on 07810805900.

WARM WINTER SPACE
Chess Valley SVP provide 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

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

MILL END FOOD BANK
There is a current shortage of the following items: Jam, Pasta Sauce, Long life milk/squash, tinned fruit, biscuits and cereal. **Please ensure that food items donated are not out of date.** Non food items: shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, hand soap, toothpaste. **We have lots of pasta & baked beans so not these items please**. Items can be placed in the boxes provided at the back of each church.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

200 CLUB
The 200 Club begins again in October, with the first draw taking place beginning of November. 50% of the monthly draw income will be given out in three prizes, split 1st prize 50%, 2nd prize 30% and 3rd 20%. If anyone is interested in joining (or cancelling) please contact the parish office for further details. The membership fee is due by 30th October.

COFFEE MORNINGS
Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October for our SVP Coffee Morning. There will be a Coffee Morning after Mass on Sunday 1st November. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR-
St John's Christmas Fair, Mill End will take place on 6th December after the 10.30am Mass. Please make a note in your diaries and come and support the fair. Donations of bottles and sweets for the tombolas are needed, if you have any to spare. Please make sure they are unopened and in date! These can be brought in from now and left in the box at the back of the church. Raffle tickets will go on sale from the middle of November after all weekend Masses - please bring cash!

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS
Our Autumn Raffle, Silent Auction and Coffee and Cake morning will be on Sunday 22nd November. Please search out your spare bottles, toiletries, unloved gifts, items for the Silent Auction, broken (and whole) Jewellery, gold and silver items, old coins! Also, of course, your very generous donations are so much appreciated. The raffle table has started. Love Mary 07795 276728 xx

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7th November 11am – Mass for Deceased Parishioners
Saturday 14th November 2.00pm – Blessing of Graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery
Sunday 15th November 2.00pm – Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Road Cemetery
Saturday 21st November 2.00pm – Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery.
Sunday 6th December 11.30am to 1pm - Christmas Fair, St John the Evangelist, Mill End
Sunday 13th December 3pm Joint Parishes Christmas Carol Service